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**SBRNYCU** is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings. Founded in April, 2000.

**SBRW BOAT OF THE WEEK - TENACIOUS.** Carl and Scott Gitchell, from Annapolis, Maryland, swept the J/105 Fleet with 7 bullets to win the Black Seal Cup at SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK this past weekend. No other boat ran the table in the 10 fleet regatta. However, Ben Weeks' J/29, *Rumble*, sailing in PHRF B1, came through the regatta with only one blemish (Lance Ryley's Elliott 770, *RockIt*, won Race #6) and Richard Winters won all but one race; he suffered a second in Race #1, in *It's White*, a J/22 sailing in PHRF C. The regatta experienced every kind of weather the southern Bay has to offer. Light air on Friday made getting in two races a significant accomplishment. On Saturday, the winds blew holy Hannah, and the day turned into an official gear buster. The fleets got in three races in conditions where gusts topped out at 31 knots. On Sunday the fleet was faced with, say it isn't so, moderate and pleasant (a fairly steady 8-9 knots out of the SouthWest) and got in 2 races, except for the PHRF C fleet, which was unable to finish the last race of the day. This year SBRW presented a Boat of the Day award (one on each course each day) to a boat selected for it's overall performance. The awards were sponsored by three area sailmakers - Winters, North, and Doyle - and the recipients were selected by the courses race committees. **BOATS OF THE DAY:** Friday: *Tenacious* (Gitchell-Annapolis) and *Midnight Mistress* (Brodersen- Hampton); Saturday: *Wairere* (Hunter - Kill Devil Hills, NC) and *Millennium Falcon* (Van Ravenswaay - Annapolis). Sunday: *Rumble* (Weeks - Yorktown) and *It's White* (Hampton). **FLEET WINNERS:** South Course: PHRF A1 - *Meridian 2*, Farr 36, **Sledd Shelhorse**, Hampton, VA; PHRF A2 - *Sea Star*, J/36, **David Eberwine**, Suffolk, VA; J/105 - *Tenacious*, J/105, **Carl and Scott Gitchell**; PHRF B1 - *Rumble*, J/29, **Ben Weeks**, Yorktown, VA; PHRF B2 - *Cool Change*, J/30, **Rusty Burshell**, Yorktown, VA. North Course: J/24 - *Millennium Falcon*, J/24, **Paul Van Ravenswaay**, Annapolis, MD; PHRF C - *It's White*, J/22, **Richard Winters**, Hampton, VA; PHRF NS-A - *Virginia H*, Soverel 30, **Andy Armstrong**, Hampton, VA; PHRF NS-B - *Excelsior*, Cal 30-2, **Stephen Ritz**, Williamsburg, VA; *Cruising - Bay Dreamer II*, Catalina 36, **John Bergman**, Norfolk, VA. Regatta and South Course PRO - John McCarthy; North Course was run by Bob Williamson and Glenn Giles. Official Scorer - Carol Giles. Mark Boats: South Course, Bill Gibbings, Dave Hamilton, and Henry Hudgins; North Course, Tom and Jane Fowler and R. Samms. For detailed information on SBRW, individual races, overall standings, entry list, etc, go to [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com)

Stay in a racing groove - keep it all together at the **Harborfest Hometowne Regatta** or the **York River Cup** on this Saturday, June 7th. The **Harborfest Hometowne Regatta** is a sanctioned event run by Portsmouth Boat Club. Starts are offered for all PHRF classes as well as for a non-spinnaker cruising class. The race starts in the Elizabeth River; first signal is at 10:00AM. For info and entry contact Larry Bryant (757) 484-4966 or Dave Bennett (757) 676-1047. This year the **York River Cup** will be run for the first time from York River Yacht Club's new home at Crown Pointe Marina. The Skippers Meeting will be held at the Crown Pointe Marina, as will the pool-side, post-race cookout. Entry fee is \$25 for USSA members. For details, please contact Brian Gregory, YRYC Race Captain at (804) 642-9157. Meanwhile, the same Saturday, **Fishing Bay Yacht Club will be running their Long Distance June Race.** Mike Dale (804) 347-7409 is the point of contact

**Up-date on John Dodge:** John is in good spirits, undergoing expected treatment, and, most of all, looking "...to be on the water racing 12 meters in Newport soon." Good news all around.

### **SBRW 2008 BITS AND PIECES:**

\*There were 82 entries to Southern Bay Race Week, the most ever since the regatta moved to Hampton Roads.

\*The first out of town boat to reach SBRW headquarters, Hampton Yacht Club, on Thursday, was **Chuck Weaver's** Elliott 770, *Dream Weaver*, from Cumming, Georgia. The DW skipper and crew traveled the entire way (about 10 hours) mostly in rain. They won the unofficial "sartorial splendor award" for their plum colored crew shirts that matched the color of the boat's hull plum perfectly.

\*A special award, two 5-foot high, blow-up, Gosling's Rum bottles, were presented as a token of friendship by regatta officials to the visiting contingent of **US Naval Academy Midshipmen**, crew on the two Navy 44's *Renaissance* and *Integrity*. The Mids, dressed in summer whites, accepted the "awards" at the final

presentations party Sunday evening.

\*The very last boat to enter SBRW was *Rush Hour*, **Pat and Bill Fitzgerald's J/24**, which they towed through rush hours between Annapolis and Hampton to get to the regatta.

\***Leroi Lissenden** and his crew experienced a troublesome moment during one of the races, when they realized their mast on *Voodoo 2* (Tripp 38) was a bit shaky. Undaunted, they folded a copy of **SpinSheet Magazine** that was on board and used it as a wedge at the base of the stick! It worked just fine.

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**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, danced holes in my soles and set a new personal Dark 'n' Stormy rum drink record at Southern Bay Race Week. Heck, Harborfest this coming weekend will be a walk in the park! Now, I am officially in training for Screwpile at Solomons in July! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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