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

This is the time of year when event planners get down to the nitty-gritty while skippers and crew get down and get gritty prepping boat bottoms!

**Here's some early, gritty info for racers planning for 2009 SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK
3 days of great racing and 4 nights of great parties!**

- Check-in and Welcome Party, Thursday evening, May 28, at Regatta Headquarters, Hampton Yacht Club Hampton, Virginia;
- Racing Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31- multiple races each day;
- Racing for PHRF Classes A, B, C, Non-Spin 1 (single headsail), Non-Spin 2 (double headsail), One-Design classes, and a special Cruising Class;
- 2 racing venues - Ocean View and Buckroe circles;
- City of Hampton's Blackbeard Festival happening simultaneously in historic downtown Hampton during SBRW;
- New, streamlined scoring process - scores posted FAST;
- Morning breakfast buffets and carry aboard lunches available at HYC (regatta headquarters site);
- PHOTO BOAT will be on the course and in the post-race party tents throughout the regatta;
- "The Morning Buzz" will be published at race headquarters each morning of racing (courtesy of **SBRNYCU**);
- BOAT of the DAY recognition and awards each night and presentation of the BLACK SEAL CUP to overall regatta winner;
- Early Bird entry incentives available;
- Awards, entertainment, shirts, vendors, food, drink, and more available each night under the regatta tents;
- And, of course, good, old fashioned Southern Bay Hospitality!!

Look for the event website to be updated soon with entry form, points of contact, etc.

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LEFT FOR DEAD, by Nick Ward with Sinead O'Brien, is on your favorite book dealer's shelves in paperback and is a compelling recount of the famous and tragic **1979 Fastnet Race**. It is a personal account of Nick Ward, a crew on one of the entries, *GRIMALKIN*, who, in fact was "left for dead" and until the publication of this book in 2007 had not fully told his story. There is a southern Bay connection - **Christian Schaumlöffel** was on one of two boats that spotted *Grimalkin* and stood by during Nick's rescue. Nick mentions Christian and in fact the paperback includes a couple of photos of the rescue taken by Christian. Set aside a stormy weekend for this one and read it from beginning to end. The detail of the ordeal is spellbinding.

Celebrity Ship - when southern Bay racer **Greg Cutter** (Elliott 770, *Gremlyn*) puts to sea wearing his oceanographer's hat this Spring, he and his team will be on the *KNORR* again, the National Science Foundation research ship that Bob Ballard used to find the *Titanic*.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs truly, the Racing Beagle*, has one piece of advice before you settle in to read Nick Ward's *LEFT for DEAD* - sink an eyebolt in the floor in front of your recliner and clip on your safety tether before you read even one page! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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