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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 429**

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

**PUNXSUTAWNY PHIL** ... well, depending on where he sails on the southern Chesapeake Bay today, he may see his shadow (6 more weeks of winter weather) or he may not (early spring). It's another advantage of our area - we can take our pick. Early polls indicate most racers (99.9%) took the early spring option! **HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY!**

**SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK fleet is building:** The first Maryland boat is in - **Norman Dawley's** custom 48, **PURSUIT**, is entered. Norm sails out of Southern Maryland Sailing Association and makes his home in Lusby, Maryland. And, **Brad Miller's** Beneteau First, **SCHIEHALLION**, is the first PHRF C fleet boat to enter. Brad is returning to SBRW, sails out of Fishing Bay Yacht Club, and makes his home in Hanover, VA.

**More KWRW notes:** Southern Bay's **Kenny Saylor** (North Sails, Hampton) did the Lauderdale to Key West Race on *L'outrage* (Bruce Gardiner, Annapolis) and **L'outrage won the PHRF class and fleet, the Navigator Trophy, and best performance for a boat over 25 years old.** From there, *L'outrage* went on to finish second in PHRF 3 at KWRW. Also, **Travis Weisleder** from Fishing Bay Yacht Club sailed at Key West in his Melges 24; he finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the highly competitive 33 boat fleet.

**DOWN THE BAY RACE - Did you know...** The record for the fastest time was set in 1974 by *RUNNING TIDE*, a 60-foot Sparkman and Stevens design owned at the time by Alvan Metre (Annapolis). The exact time records have been lost, but those who were involved during the 1970's confirm that it was around 13 hours. For info in DTB 2009 (the 60th running of this race), go to [www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay](http://www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay) Hampton Yacht Club and Storm Trysail -Chesapeake Station are administering this event. Event Co-Chairmen are Vince Behm (757) 876-7778 and Wayne Bretsch (301) 332-6773.

**US SAILING RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR scheduled for February 14-15, 2009, (9am - 1:30pm) at Hampton Yacht Club in Hampton, VA.** OPEN TO ALL. Information in the course will be helpful to anyone involved or interested in running races. The effect the **"new" rules (RRS 2009-2012)** have on the race committee are covered in this course. Also, this seminar meets the course requirements for certification as a Club Race Officer. The certification test will be given for those who wish to take it. The seminar fee is \$50 for US SAILING members and \$60 for non-members. Lunch, both days, and materials are included in the fee. If you wish additional details concerning the seminar, you may go to the Hampton Yacht Club website at <http://hamptonyc.com> and click on the seminar icon, or contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or email at [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net)

**SBRW "BOAT OF THE DAY" AWARD SPONSORS:** Three Hampton Roads area sailmakers, **DAN WINTERS SAILMAKERS, Ltd.**, **NORTH SAILS-Hampton**, and **DOYLE SAILMAKERS VIRGINIA** are on board for 2009 as sponsors for the "Boat of the Day" Awards presented each day at SBRW. There is a BOTD chosen each day for each racing circle. The 2008 winners of Boat of the Day awards were: *Wairere* (**Pete Hunter**), *Rumble* (**Ben Weeks**); *Tenacious* (**Carl and Scott Gitchell**), *Midnight Mistress* (**Jake Brodersen**), *It's White* (**Winters, Batchelor, Piccillo**), and *Millennium Falcon* (**Paul Van Ravenswaay**).

**HAMPTON ONE-DESIGN sailors:** Remember, THIS COMING SATURDAY, Tidewater Boat Club (Norfolk) is hosting the **75<sup>th</sup> HOD Season Kick-Off Party Sat, Feb 7 at 5:30.** Reservations required; cost is \$25/person for a great home cooked meal by the giant fireplace at TBC. Send check for \$25/person to: Charles McCoy, 500 E. Plume St, Suite 105, Norfolk, VA 23510.

**Information on what is happening on the southern Bay:** Check out [www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm) It's an electronic Local Notice to Mariners, in addition to status of aids to navigation, etc. There's interesting stuff in here, and some of it is a little eye-popping. For instance, (**The BBSA Willoughby Racers** surely all know this, some have learned it first hand): Speaking on area Helicopter Airborne Mine Countermeasures Operations, LNM says, "All mariners are requested to remain well clear of helicopters, the towed devices, and the area behind the

*aircraft for four hundred yards.... An area of hurricane-force winds exists within 250-foot radius around these helicopters, sufficient to blow people and objects from exposed decks and capsize small craft." Yes, indeed, stay well away from them thar choppers! We're not talking normal lifts and headers around those suckers.*

**CBYRA REGION 4 HIGH POINT AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Awards will be presented **Tuesday, February 24**, at Hampton Yacht Club. The cash bar will open at 6:30pm and the awards presentation will begin promptly at 7:15pm. Cost is free, dress is casual, and event is open to all. For info contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net)

**MURPHY'S LAW:** What is a groundhog? A groundhog is a woodchuck, pure and simple. What in the world does a woodchuck know about racing? Nothing. So, who cares what some oversized, slumberous, lethargic, rodent fur-piece says about Spring's arrival? And, why is a special day devoted to this non-racing, underground dweller. Now, if it were Racing Beagle Day... that would be meaningful! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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