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You weren't late for work this morning were you? DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME began yesterday at 2am.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK UPDATE: One newcomer and one returnee have their entries complete.

John Wandling returns to SBRW with his Capri 22, *REBECCA*. John will be racing in PHRF C in 2009.

Newcomer **Tim Dull**, sailing out of BBSA and NNSA, will bring his Santana 25, *DART*, into the fray. Tim has entered the PHRF Non-Spin 1 (single headsail only) fleet for its inaugural year at SBRW.

The IDITAROD TRAIL SLED DOG RACE is underway! The mushers and their dog teams will race over 1,150 miles under impossible conditions, frozen tundra, whiteouts, sub-zero temperatures, etc. from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. This is the 37th Iditarod and there are 73 competitors. They'll take 10 to 17 days to complete the race. It's racing for sure; the question is... why?!

"RACERS AND THE RULES" QUIZ: Unless the Sailing Instruction states otherwise, how many throw-outs does a boat get in a regatta? (NOTE: Answer follows in this issue of *SBRNYCU*.)

GREAT REGATTA POSSIBILITIES are strategically positioned throughout the 2009 schedule. These are all within reach of southern Bay racers and present the ideal racing plan that tops the fun meter. All or any of these events are racing *coups* on a season schedule:

* **MAY - SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK (May 29-31)** is the largest, fully sanctioned regatta for racers of all levels on the southern Bay. There are two racing venues to provide for one-design classes, all PHRF spinnaker classes and the newly instituted PHRF Non-Spinnaker-1 (single headsail only) fleet along with PHRF Non-Spin-2 (double headsail allowed) and the Cruising Fleet. And, there are three (3) days of great racing and four (4) great parties. Southern Hospitality is the main theme of this event. The Goslings **Black Seal Cup** goes to the overall winner of SBRW. Check-in, welcome party, and skippers meeting is Thursday, May 28. Event headquarters: Hampton Yacht Club, Hampton, VA. For info and entry forms, contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net or www.blacksealcup.com. The week before SBRW, the 60th running of the **DOWN THE BAY RACE for the VIRGINIA CRUISING CUP** starts at Annapolis and goes non-stop to Hampton. The start is on Friday, May 22, of Memorial Day Weekend. For entry and info on this event (back after a 10 year hiatus), go to www.hamptonyc.com or call either event co-chairman Vince Behm (757) 876-7778 or Wayne Bretsch (301) 332-6773. Organizing Authority = Storm Trysail Club, Chesapeake Station (start - Annapolis) and Hampton Yacht Club (finish-Hampton).

* **JULY - SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE (July 19-21)** This long time favorite of racers from the entire Chesapeake Bay has special meaning to southern Bay competitors. This event is the friendly-but-intense showdown between northern Bay and southern Bay boats. SCREWPILE is held in Solomons, Maryland, and is hosted by Southern Maryland Sailing Association. SMSA and event chairman LG Raley are the masters of racing event management. There is something for every racer (three venues) and the race parties are the prototype of what a race party should be. July is the time to "saddle up" and head for the season adventure - join the Southern Bay Brigade and head for Solomons in July. For info contact event chairman LG Raley (301) 862-3100 or www.splc.us, www.screwpile.net

* **AUGUST - CAPE CHARLES CUP (Aug 22-23)** "THE cruising event for serious racers and THE racing event for serious cruisers!" This event crosses the mouth of the Bay, from Norfolk's Little Creek, to Cape Charles on the first day. Then, on Sunday, the fleet races from Cape Charles to a finish line off Buckroe Beach (Hampton). This race is a favorite of PHRF racers as well as Cruisers and offers each group a chance to win their own Cape Charles Cup. Festivities begin on Friday, August 21, at the welcome and skippers meeting gathering at Little Creek, continue through the evening at Cape Charles after Saturday's race, and finish off with a trophy presentation party back at Little Creek on Sunday evening. This is a regatta that features mid-distance racing - a chance to include the family and friends who look for a "kick-back" opportunity, even if hiking out on the rail! For

info and entry forms contact Scott Almond (757) 471-2663 or www.CCCup.net

* **SEPTEMBER - STINGRAY POINT REGATTA (Sept 5-6)** Hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club, this event has been around for a number of years. The flavor of Stingray is what makes it unique. Racers gather at FBYC near Deltaville, soak up the almost rural atmosphere, and enjoy post-race parties, including a catered dinner on Saturday evening, and the super-friendly atmosphere. Stingray is always on Labor Day Weekend and the event officials keep that in mind. Racing is on Saturday and Sunday with Monday left open for deliveries home. For information and entry forms, contact event chairman Dave Hinckle (804) 370-7650 or www.fbyc.net

Answer to RR Quiz Question: The answer is one (1). RRS Appendix A - Scoring, says each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with the worst excluded. More on this one next week. Stay tuned.

Boat Taxes: The Hampton City Finance Committee voted to recommend to the City Council not to change (raise) the Hampton Boat Tax. The formal recommendation from this committee should be presented to the City Council at the March 11 Council meeting. [This applies mainly to power boats... but the slope is slippery.]

MURPHY'S LAW: Uncle Big Foot Murphy is in the Iditarod Race this year. Of course, Big Foot is lead dog on the team. His paws are big as snow shoes and twice as strong. Like the Polar Bears, he can swim to an iceberg, but then, on top of that, he can dog paddle the berg to shore. He is an Alaskan legend! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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