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THIS AIN'T NO BLARNEY!
TOMORROW 'TIS THE DAY OF THE WEARIN' OF THE GREEN
HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

Congratulations to MITCH BRINDLEY - US SAILING Sailor of the Week. Mitch, head sailing coach at national power Old Dominion University, is in his 14th year at the Norfolk school. His accomplishments fill more than a page (see www.ussailing.org) on the US SAILING website and he is known world wide for those accomplishments. Those of us on the southern Chesapeake also know Mitch as one who is always willing to give a helping hand to the sailing community. We are so fortunate to have him here with us.

It's a "rum bunch" that supports our racing! Make that **Mount Gay Rum** - they are a key sponsor for the 14th year at **SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE** - and **Gosling's Rum** - key sponsors of **SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK** and for whom the Black Seal Cup is named. The Black Seal Cup is awarded to the top boat at SBRW. Every time you drink their rum anywhere, you are supporting sponsors of sailboat racing! Now, those post-race party drinks should taste twice as good.

CNU takes 3rd in 2009 Icefree Invitational. Eight collegiate teams showed up at the Icefree Invite hosted by Christopher Newport University this past weekend. CNU finished third behind winner Delaware and second place Virginia. Other finishes were: William and Mary, 4th; Hampton U, 5th; Maryland, 6th; Salisbury, 7th; and, Webb, 8th.

DO NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT challenging a Rappahannock River racer at a mark rounding. Saturday, thirty-six (36) Rapp River racers gathered at RRYC to explore and conquer the mysteries of the mark rounding rules. **John McCarthy** led the three hour seminar that addressed mark roundings and other rules issues. **Ron Mihills** of RRYC pulled together the seminar and coupled it with an opportunity for skippers and "wannabe" crew to mix and meet.

Don't push the envelope - mail it! By now most racers have gotten their application for their **2009 Valid PHRF Rating Certificate** off to PHRF. As diligent as PHRF is, they have a lot of paper to process and they cannot do it all in the short time left between now and the beginning of the race season. More than one thousand racers race on PHRF of the Chesapeake certificates each year. Get your paperwork in today. Don't create a "crisis" - MAIL THAT ENVELOPE TO PHRF NOW! Time is flying.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK for the BLACK SEAL CUP: **David Eberwine** and the **SEA STAR** team have joined the Early Bird entries for SBRW 2009. **SEA STAR**, a J/36, returns to SBRW as the defending champion of the 2008 PHRF A2 fleet.

RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: TRUE or FALSE - Unless the Sailing Instruction says otherwise, a boat can always throw-out its worse score of a series. (Answer follows in this issue of **SBRNYCU**.)

DOWN THE BAY RACE for the VIRGINIA CRUISING CUP: Three more have decided to race non-stop from Annapolis to Hampton in hopes of winning the Virginia Cruising Cup. **Paul Kaplan** (Annapolis Yacht Club) will bring his Baltic 42, **INCESSANT**, to the starting line on Friday, May 22, and so will **Mike Nestor** (Hampton Yacht Club) bring his Tayana 55, **TELL TALES** and **Jim Forrester** (Norfolk Yacht & Country Club) his Catalina 38, **ANJALEI**. Mike, Paul, and Jim plan to use the entire Chesapeake Bay as they race in the **60th running of the DTB**.

Answer to RR Quiz Question: TRUE (AND FALSE) ! Huh? As noted in the **SBRNYCU** quiz last week, unless the S.I. says otherwise, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. So, race committee, if you don't want to allow any "throw-outs" or if you don't want to have more than one, you

must say so in the Sailing Instructions. HOWEVER, even if one or more throw-outs are allowed, you cannot always throw-out your worst score. Some scores are not excludable. These include being DSQ'd for breaking Rule 2 (Fair Sailing), Rule 30.3 (Black Flag), Rule 42 (Propulsion), or Rule 69 (Gross Misconduct). If you break one of these rules, you are stuck with it. (Be aware that there are additional "what ifs" in the referenced rules, but space does not allow coverage of all the details of this topic. Check the appropriate rules for details.)

CCV Rules Clinic and 2009 Racing Guide Distribution - On **Tuesday, March 31, 6:30pm**, CCV will hold their annual Rules Clinic at the Mariners Museum (Newport News, Virginia). At this gathering, CCV members will receive the *2009 CCV Racing Guide*. The *Guide* is included in the price of the membership. CCV will take membership applications at this clinic. The clinic is **OPEN TO ALL** and it is **FREE!** For information contact: Tom Peddy at (757)638-3358

APRIL SOUTHERN BAY RACERS CALENDAR: April is when it all starts ON THE WATER!

March 31	Tuesday	CCV annual Rules Clinic and distribution of <i>2009 CCV Racing Guide</i> , Tom Peddy (757) 368-3358
April 1	Wednesday	APRIL FOOLS DAY - Racing Sailors National Holiday!
April 1	Wednesday	Hampton YC Wednesday Night Racing Series begins, Tom Ryan (757) 635-6702
April 4	Saturday	Old Point Comfort YC Saturday Races begin, Dennis Miner (757) 867-1028)
April 8	Wednesday	BBSA / Little Creek SA Wednesday Night Races begin , John Bergman (757) 362-3775
April 9	Thursday	BBSA / Willoughby Racers Thursday Night Races begin, Scott Almond (757) 471-2663
April 11	Saturday	CCV Tune-Up Races, John McCarthy (757) 850-4225
April 17	Friday	Deadline for EARLY BIRD ENTRY INCENTIVES for SBRW , Lin McCarthy, (757) 850-4225
April 17	Friday	Portsmouth Boat Club Barnacle races begin, Jonathan Romero
April 19	Sunday	CCV Spring Series Races #1 and #2, John McCarthy (757) 850-4225
April 19	Sunday	Fishing Bay YC Spring Series Race Day 1, Brooks Zerkel (804) 266-2494
April 22	Wednesday	York River YC Wednesday Night Races begin, Brian Gregory
April 24	Friday	Norfolk Yacht & CC Friday Night Races begin, Carlton Bryant
April 25	Saturday	Norfolk Naval SA Azalea Festival Regatta, www.Norfolknavalsailing.org
April 26	Sunday	CCV Spring Series Race #3, John McCarthy (757) 850-4225
April 26	Sunday	Fishing Bay YC Spring Series Race Day 2, Ric Bauer, (804) 769-4293
May 2	Saturday	Fishing Bay YC Spring Series Race Day 3, Mike Chesser
May 3	Sunday	CCV Spring Series Races #4 and #5, John McCarthy (757) 850-4225

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 **Enter no later than April 17, to take advantage of "Early Bird" entry incentives!**

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). Finish Line Headquarters and Awards Presentation is at Hampton Yacht Club on Saturday, May 23.

MURPHY'S LAW: Tattoos , aka body art, are very popular these days. *Yrs truly, the Racing Beagle*, has one. It was originally applied to protect the Murphster from those dastardly beagle-nappers. Yep, my tat is a shamrock.... and it'll be proudly displayed tomorrow to honor St. Pat! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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