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April Fool's Day - Wednesday of this week - a special day for sailboat racers too!

TOMORROW, Tuesday - CCV Rules Clinic and 2009 Racing Guide Distribution - The annual CCV spring gathering is **Tuesday, March 31**, 6:30pm. CCV will hold their annual Rules Clinic at the Mariners Museum (Newport News, Virginia). Old Dominion University assistant coach, **Charles Higgins**, will conduct the rules clinic emphasizing the new rules that kicked in on January 1st. Charles is an avid team racer and an experienced big boat racer. He has served as an umpire at College National Championships. Also, 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

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK (May 28 - 31, 2009) - Looking for regatta drink tickets and snazzy crew attire? Take advantage of the **SBRW Early Bird Entry incentives** - you receive 6 free regatta drink tickets in your skippers welcome bag and a chance in the drawing for 8 embroidered SBRW regatta polo shirts. The drawing is limited to Early Bird Entry skipper's, so the odds are in your favor! Look good (regatta polo shirts) and feel good (regatta drink tickets)! **Deadline for Early Bird Entries is Friday, April 17**. For entry forms and info go to www.blacksealcup.com or contact Lin McCarthy, mcbear@earthlink.net or (757) 850-4225.

Quieter fogs. Word is the **fog horn at Thimble Shoal Lighthouse** will be officially silenced as of April 21. The decision was made in favor of spending the available power to power the light itself. So, there you have it - Hampton Roads area folk can sleep more soundly when fog hits the Bay, although, some will miss the comforting (to them) sound.

Three Behms want to do DOWN THE BAY RACE - National Collegiate Sailor of the Year, **Chris Behm**, and his brother, **Tripp**, a well know J24 racer in his own right, want to do **DOWN THE BAY** with their granddad, **Irvin V. Behm**. Tripp said, "We would like to sail with my grandfather in the DTB race because of all the stories we heard about it growing up." The Behms are looking to charter a boat comfortable enough for the three to make the trip down the Bay; collegiate dinghies and J/24s have been ruled out! Tripp's number is (757)876-7788, if you have such a craft.

The ELDA song by Barry August: From a *SBRNYCU* reader comes an inquiry about a song Barry August wrote. It was about the sinking of the *ELDA*, a Gibson Island boat in the 1956 Newport-Bermuda Race. Any sailor would appreciate some of the lines, like "*The lookout in the pulpit, white water did he see...good God, hardalee!*" and "*There was no time to save the whiskey or the gin...white water rushing in.*" We're looking for the words to the entire song - share if ya can! Send 'em to *SBRNYCU* at mcbear@earthlink.net.

COYOTE, Richard Griner's C&C 115, and **L'OUTRAGE, Bruce Gardner's** Bene FC10, are the 4th and 5th northern Bay boats to pick up the **DOWN THE BAY RACE** challenge. Richard, who hails from Tracys Landing, Maryland, will skipper **COYOTE** with **Greg Coffey**. **Jim Bordeaux** (Yorktown, VA) will have his J40, **SOLSTICE**, on the starting line May 22nd. This isn't Jim's first rodeo; he did DTB back in the day with **Marty Steffens**. For info and/or entry forms, go to www.hamptonyc.com and click on the DTB logo.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle* called in sick this morning - Spring Fever. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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