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To Fiddler's Green - Joseph Michael Hallissy, 88, passed from among us quietly, unexpectedly, and peacefully while at his home Tuesday. Joe is known best to racers for his dedicated involvement in southern Bay race management. Joe and his dear friend Clyde Winters were for years known affectionately as the "A Team" when it came to running sailboat races. His expertise, his charm and his Irish twinkle will long be remembered by all who knew him. Joe was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Katherine.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK (May 29, 30, & 31) - EARLY BIRD ENTRIES are due no later than Friday, April 17 (this Friday)! ALL EARLY BIRDS will receive 6 free regatta drink tickets in their skippers welcome bag at check-in. In addition, each Early Bird boat will be entered in a special drawing for a set (8) of SBRW regatta polo shirts. Only Early Bird skippers will be eligible for the drawing. Official NOR, Sailing Instructions, preliminary scratch sheet (entries list), entry forms, and other details are available at the event website: www.blacksealcup.com. **For info and/or entry forms, please contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net** SBRW Event Chairman - Jack Pope; Event Principal Race Officer and PRO Ocean View Course - John McCarthy; Race Officer Buckroe Course - Glenn Giles. Any entries received after May 22, will require an additional \$50 late fee.

The Notice of Race for the **Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series** has been revised to correct the number of races and eligibility requirements for the Cruising Class. A link to the revised Notice is shown in the lower right hand corner of the Broad Bay Sailing Association website: www.broadbaysailing.org.

CCV SPRING SERIES 2009 OPENS SUNDAY, APRIL 19. OPEN TO ALL. Races #1 & #2 of this series will be held in Hampton Roads harbor. Warning signal for the first start of the first race will be at 1030. Starts are offered for all PHRF Classes. These are sanctioned races and require a valid PHRF rating certificate. Those who are **2009 Racing Members of CCV** are automatically entered in the Series and need no additional entry forms or fees. All others, CCV Club members and non-CCV members must file an entry form and race fee no later than 1300 hours on Saturday, April 18. Entry forms and fees should be submitted to Race Chairman John McCarthy, 4401 Chesapeake Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669-4639. For information contact John at (757) 850-4225. Awards will be presented at the post-race social at Hampton Yacht Club - FREE hotdogs, soda, and beer will be available for racers and friends.

Momma Mallard gets a few hours off - A Momma Mallard duck got a bit of a holiday Saturday, when her nest, built in a cutty in **Graham Field's** Islander 36, *Independence*, cockpit, went racing. Graham reported that all went well, no eggs were damaged, and Momma Mallard met the boat and crew as they returned to the dock. Racing Mallards - what next?

Craig Olsen is moving up to an Olson 34. Craig found the boat in Rochester NY, says it has never seen salt water and has never been raced. He plans to race in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Race Series (BBSA), but other than that, Craig and his wife plan to use the boat for cruising. Craig will put his current boat, *Namesake*, Olson 30, on the sale block and get his racing fix by crewing on the Blais Beneteau, *Stardancer*.

Water fowl help with racing Saturday: As the Tune-Up Race finishers approached the finish line, they were greeted by the honks of two Canada geese, who stood exactly at the pin end on the shore of Hampton University. Could this be a cost saving measure that will eliminate the need for air horns? The geese maintained their position through the finish period.

Eleven (11) southern Bay racers got the jump on their fellow racers Saturday, when they snuck in a **Tune-Up Race** in Hampton Roads harbor between weather fronts. In the tradition of Tune-Up Races, only the order of finish (no corrected scores computed) was recorded. Nine (9) spinnaker boats and two (2) non-spin boats raced on two separate courses. **Racing were:** *Feather (Phil Briggs); Spray (Bumps Eberwine); Fins Up (Tom Connors); Cool Change (Rusty Burshell); Bad Habit (Bob Archer); Independence (Graham Field); Valkyrie*

(**Karl Petersen**); *Strega* (**Neal Garnett**); *Old School* (**Mitch Doughtie**); *Surprise* (**Bob Thomas**); and, *Stardancer* (**John Blais**) - dnf. Race committee members - John McCarthy (pro), John Ritter, Dick Boykin, Buk Lawrence, and Lin McCarthy.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, received a packed-to-the-gunwales Easter basket Sunday morning. And, as soon as the dentist removes the green cellophane that is wrapped around my canines, I'll be able to smile again!! However, all of this inconvenience is certainly worth the Godiva chocolate rabbits! /S/
Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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