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Today *SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE* celebrates 9 years of weekly (except on an occasional holiday, or when Murphy had a snit) communication for the southern Bay racing community. This serves as a reminder that we, sailboat racers in fact and spirit, are a resilient bunch, tough as bulldogs and racing beagles, and bound to enjoy the endless pleasures and challenges of the southern Chesapeake Bay and beyond. Race on!

CASH FLOW, ROCKETTE, THE HUNTER, and KINGFISHER Take Top Spots in CCV Opener! With not a lot of wind shrinking to even less wind, the 2009 CCV Spring Series got underway yesterday. Determination was rewarded with one race, but conditions deteriorated to where it became apparent that no amount of pleading or homage was going to entice the wind gods to be more generous. Thirty-three (33) spring racers showed up on the course, just glad to be "out there". **RESULTS: PHRF A: 1.Cash Flow** (Hadley 40), **Lloyd Griffin**; 2.*Sea Star* (J36), **Dave Eberwine**; 3.*Cyrano* (Frers 36), **Bob Mosby**. **PHRF B: 1.Rockette** (J-29), **Chuck Monsees**; 2.*Gremlyn* (Elliott 770), **Greg Cutter**; 3.*Midnight Mistress* (C&C 35), **Jake and Pat Brodersen**. **PHRF C: 1.The Hunter** (Hunter 26.5), **Justin Morris**; 2.*Braker* (C&C 24), **Rick Griffin**; 3.*Daystar* (San Juan 24), **Paul Young**. **PHRF Non-Spin: 1.Kingfisher** (C&C 99) **Dixon Wilde**; 2.*Treaty of Ghent* (Hobie 33), *Jim Williams*; 3.*Fins Up* (Pearson 26), **Tom Connors**. Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy; Official Scorer - John Ritter; Mark Boats - Bill Gibbings and Tom Fowler.

CCV Spring Series (Day 2) - same time and same place this coming Sunday, April 26. This is a one-race day with a longer race over a fixed mark course. Warning signal for the first start will be at 1030. Starts are offered for all PHRF Classes. This is a sanctioned race and requires 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 25. 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. **SPECIAL NOTE: This race is part of the BBSA Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series for PHRF classes.**

Racers **Crash, aka Pete, and Jen Morrison** are coming back to Tidewater, specifically Hampton Roads. They will have with them their S2 9.1 named *Trespassers W* (check *Winnie the Pooh* for origin of name). Pete and Jen are the previous owners of *Liberty*, a pretty J109 that southern Bay racers will remember from a few years back. Look for *TW* on the course later in the season, once the family has settled in. Welcome home!

It must be noted that two of the four fleet winners in the CCV Spring Series racing yesterday hail from Elizabeth City, North Carolina, although their boats race out of Hampton. **Lloyd Griffin**, brought **Cash Flow** up Saturday and while making his way out of the Albemarle Sound, at times had as little as 4 inches of water to spare under the big green machine's keel. **Chuck Monsees** has less difficulty getting **Rockette** to Hampton; she usually travels and lives on a trailer!

The VIPERS are coming: Heads-up! Brian Bennett hopes to be in Hampton Roads with a VIPER and he plans to offer rides. Look for Brian around May 16 - stay tuned - definite info on date, time, and location as available.

Here comes the 2009 AZALEA FESTIVAL REGATTA - Saturday, April 25. The regatta offers racing for keelboats off Ocean View and for dinghies in Willoughby Bay (aka Little Bay). Avoid the late fee and get your entry complete by Wednesday, day after tomorrow. For info and entry contact: Chess Harris at chess.harris@norfolknavalesailing.org or Mike and Kathy Barber at sailcrusader@aol.com Sailing Instructions are available at www.norfolknavalesailing.org/azalea.htm NOTE: There is a skippers meeting on Friday at 6pm at Baxter's Sail Loft (Ocean View).

FBYC Spring Series Opens: Racers got in one short race Sunday to get the 2009 Spring Series underway.

RESULTS: PHRF A: 1. *She Crab Soup* (J105) **Cyane Crump**; 2. *Bladerunner* (J105), **Brad Davis**; 3. *Corryvreckan* (J105), **David Clark**. PHRF B/C (combined): 1. *Strokin*, **Robert Bowles**; 2. *Blue Moon*, **Walter Bundy**; 3. *Last Boat III*, **Frank Murphy**. PHRF Non-Spin: 1. *Checko*, **Don Barfield / Steve Smith**; 2. *Battlewagon*, **Paul Cross**; 3. *Scuba Kat*, **Michael Chesser**. Principal Race Officer - Brooks Zerkel. **Race Day 2 of this series is scheduled for Sunday, April 26** - for info contact Race Chairman Ric Bauer, Jr. at (804) 769-4293 - home, or (804) 644-0049

Chris Behm, 2008 United States Collegiate Sailor of the Year, will be a big part of this summer's **IDA LEWIS REGATTA**, to be hosted by Hampton Yacht Club the week after Independence Day Weekend in July. Chris has signed on to be responsible for briefing the elite young women sailing in Ida Lewis for the **US SAILING National Junior Women Double-Handed Championship** on local conditions, among other things. It'll be difficult duty for Chris, a recent graduate of Georgetown University, but somehow he'll manage!! (NOTE: Entries for IDA LEWIS max out at 40 teams of two young women each. Details for this prestigious event are available at www.ussailing.org)

The **Christopher Newport University sailing team** finished 5th out of 14 teams competing at The Buckeye International in Cleveland, a weekend ago. This was probably the last time the CNU sailors will make the long, long trek to Cleveland to sail against Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association teams. CNU is a member of the significantly stronger Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association. Distance and expenses make the trip out of region something that must be put on hold for now.

Southern Bay High School Teams doing great: VISA (Virginia Interscholastic Sailing Association) teams dominated MASSA fleet race championships this past weekend at Kings Point NY. Four teams from the southern Bay traveled to the USMA at Kings Point to compete against 16 other teams from MD, NJ, & NY. **Christ Church and Norfolk Collegiate finished 1st & 2nd respectively**. They both qualify for the Interscholastic Nationals in St Pete, FL, later this spring. Awesome! *Kudos* to our outstanding high school sailors.

Make your reservations now for a slip at the 33rd Annual Norfolk Harborfest on July 4th Holiday Weekend. The Rendezvous Fleet will be docked, following the Parade of Sail, on the waterfront of the Sheraton Hotel. **Deadline for slip resies is APRIL 30.** Limited space! First come, first served - For info contact James Scruggs at (757) 441-2345.

It's time to think about JUNIOR PROGRAM SAILING for our kids! This is a heads-up for those hopeful of encouraging youngsters to enjoy to the glorious, life-long benefits of sailing and racing. In the southern Bay there are three clubs who offer top-notch facilities and **Junior Sailing Programs - Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Hampton Yacht Club, and Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.** **Now is the time to check out available programs and get the "kiddo" signed up.** For developing independence, responsibility, problem-solving ability, competitive juices and social skills Junior Sailing is hard to beat. Ever seen an 8-year old take his Optimist out by himself? There is a special glow! Ever seen teenagers team up in a race dinghy and go for it? There is a special feeling of pride they get just because they know enough to be out there. Give your kids a chance to enjoy the sport! Points of Contact: **FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB** (Deltaville, VA) , Jay Buhl, Junior Division Commander, (804) 360-4031 - home, (804) 201-4227 - office, www.fbyc.com for various Racing Teams Coordinators and program description. **HAMPTON YACHT CLUB** (Hampton, VA), Dave Revill, Junior Program Coordinator, (757) 868-3457 - home, (757) 875-7481 - office, www.hamptonyc.com/juniors , for various deadlines and program details. **NORFOLK YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB**, www.norfolkyacht.com , (757) 423-4500 for program details and information.

Word is that a southern Bay sailing youngster, **BRETT BAKER**, son of Poquoson residents Joan and Charlie Baker and currently a cadet at Kings Point US Marine Academy, was in a special shown on TV's "20/20" this past week. ABC went to Kings Point to film the Academy's training program for cadets that simulates pirate attacks on the high seas. Given last week's events, seems like they are doing a good job!

MURPHY'S LAW: Racers in the southern Chesapeake are well aware of the pirate threat and most know the history of the reason today's pirates stay away. You'd get the message too, if your head had been chopped off and then displayed on a pole at the mouth of Hampton River - somewhere very near CCV Harbor Race Mark A. **ARRRRRRRRRRRRGH!** /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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