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The VIPERS are coming this weekend! This is a HOT, as in sizzling, boat and Brian Bennett will have one here in Hampton Roads this coming weekend (May 16-17). He is offering rides to interested parties on Sunday. He will be over at Hampton Yacht Club (Victoria Boulevard on Hampton River in Hampton). So, if you are looking for a raceboat that is "all up" for around \$30K, for heavens sake, go look and ride! Contact **Brian Bennett at (401) 683-8260** or email brian@rondarboats.com

Cape Henry Cup Race THIS Saturday, May 16. The Cape Henry Cup offers starts for all PHRF Fleets (PHRF NS is limited to single headsail only) as well as a non-sanctioned Cruising Fleet. This is a great race that has been around for a number of years. For details and entry info, please contact [Scott Almond at \(757\) 471-2663](tel:757-471-2663) or check out the Broad Bay Sailing Association website at www.broadbaysailing.org. And, *this race is part of the 2009 Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series.*

HYC TRAPEZE REGATTA THIS Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17 505's (both days), J/24s, and Hampton One-Designs, oh, my! The HODs and the J24s will be out there on Sunday only, but the 505s are expected both days. All happening on in Hampton Roads harbor! Take a look-see! Also on tap for this coming weekend is the **Rappahannock River YC Spring Regatta on Saturday, May 16.**

So, while **Anna Tunnicliff** was tooling around Boston Harbor as one of the Volvo boats was finishing the leg, her boat stopped - i.e. stacked. The interesting thing is that she was sailing one of the FOILING MOTHS that our very own southern Bay racer and president of the Foiling Moth Class **Joe Bousquet** has been ga-ga over for a couple of years now. Hey, Anna, Joe is another addicted Mothie available for sharing experiences. [NOTE: Definition of "stacked" - when the foils ventilate and the boat suddenly goes from 30 inches above the water at speed to on (in) the water at no speed. Usually accompanied by a sudden impression of the shroud on the stackee's thigh.]

The **last two weekends of this month** are jam-packed with top flight racing on the southern Bay. **Two events** dominate the action: **May 29-31 is SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK for the BLACK SEAL CUP.** Racing takes place at two venues, the Ocean View Course and the Buckroe Course, event headquarters is at Hampton Yacht Club, where all social activities (food, drink, music, awards, and more) will happen. The event opens at the Welcome Party and Check-in on Thursday evening, May 28, and racing begins on Friday, May 29. Hampton Yacht Club, Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, and Cruising Club of Virginia coordinate on this premier southern Bay event - 3 days of great racing and 4 nights of great parties. Info and entry forms: contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225, or email at mcbear@earthlink.net or check out the event website at www.blacksealcup.org. Save the \$50 late entry fee - get your entry in now! Leading into SBRW is the **60th DOWN THE BAY RACE for the VIRGINIA CRUISING CUP, May 22-23.** This is a non-stop, 120 mile dash from Annapolis to Hampton that starts on Friday, May 22. The event is organized and administered by Hampton Yacht Club (Hampton) and the Storm Trysail Club, Chesapeake Station (Annapolis). Be part of racing history! For info and details contact either co-chairman, Vince Behm (Hampton - 757-876-7778) or Wayne Bretsch (Annapolis - 301-332-6773) or go to the event website at www.hamptonyc.com and click on the DTB logo.

PHOTOBOAT and **CORAL REEF SAILING APPAREL** will be on site at regatta headquarters throughout **SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK** for racers' convenience. So, get your regatta gear from CORAL REEF, so you'll look good when PHOTOBOAT snaps YOUR PICTURE in the action on the race courses!

The **J24 World Championships** have been struggling (light air problems in Annapolis) for the better part of the event, but on the last day (Friday), they found enough breeze to get in three races which allowed for a throw-out in the final standings and a general good feeling all around. When all was said and done, the Brazil team won the World J24 title with 41 points and **Chris Larsen, sailing for the National Sailing Hall of Fame, finished second overall (47 points) and was the first USA boat.**

LEARN HOW TO CREW ON A RACING SAILBOAT at the CCV course. Classroom Sessions on 5

consecutive Tuesdays beginning May 26, and 4 On-the-Water Sessions on consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning June 7. Contact Dave Taylor at (757) 344-5292. Cost is \$75 and includes all 9 sessions, course materials, a 2009 CCV membership, and the *2009 CCV Racing Guide*. Learn how to move from the sofa to the rail (and beyond) - get registered.

MURPHY'S LAW: Yesterday was Mothers Day - bright sunshine, perfect temperature, and awesome sailing breezes. Just goes to show that Moms *do* stick together. This time it was all the Mothers Day Moms teamed up with Mother Nature! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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