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HAPPY 2010!!! May you race well, race often, and race happy!

Dana Dillon New Year's Madness Race: "If you are sailing on the first day of the new year, it's bound to be a good year," Bill Gibbings said Friday on his way to crew on one of 14 race boats, the crews of which subscribed to the same belief. A downhill start out Hampton River and a nice breeze, although chilly, carried the racers around the harbor and then to the finish line at Mill Creek. Doing that qualified everyone for hot "Buck's Chili" and plenty of champagne at the post-race gathering at Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, co-host of the event with Hampton Yacht Club. **RESULTS by fleet ; [overall place] :** Spin A (4 boats): 1.**John Blais**, *Stardancer* [1] ; 2.**Dixon Wilde**, *Kingfisher* [2]; 3.**Phil Briggs**, *Feather* [3]; 4.**Richard Payne**, *Flying Colors* [6]. Spin B (2 boats): 1.**David Taylor**, *Wham Bam* [4]; 2.**Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes* [8]. Spin C (2 boats): 1.**Brendan Drinkwater**, *Number Two* [5]; 2.**Steve Ritz**, *Excelsior* [10]. Non-Spin(2 boats): 1.**Jerry Lotz**, *Faith* [9]; 2.**Dave Lively**, *Lively Lady* [11] 3.**Craig Olsen**, *Loki* [dnf]. Cruising (3 boats): 1.**Jim Forrester**, *Anjalei* [7]; 2.**Roy Tate**, *Aquarius* [12]; 3. **Bob Gumpwright**, *Molly Rose* [dnf]. Event Chairman: Dennis Miner. Starting Line: John McCarthy; Finish Line: Bob Williamson.

The 2010 Southern Bay Big Boat Schedule is available now. You can get a copy by email from *Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use* by hitting your **reply** button, putting "**Yes, I want my 2010 Schedule**" on the **subj:** line and clicking on **send**. Schedule will come to you by email.

MURPHY RACING SEMINAR 2010 - Rules Around the Race Course February 20, 2010. The seminar will be a tour of the course, looking at key rules concepts that come up along the way. You do not need to bring your rule book (*RRS*), since we'll be talking concepts, not rule numbers! MURPHY 2010 will be an entertaining and informative examination of how the rules apply at key points during the race. We'll have a good time and understand why knowing the rules concepts makes you a better racer. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 20, 2010, 9am-3:30pm**, for the annual MURPHY RACING SEMINAR. MURPHY 2010 will be **hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club**. The MURPHY 2010 registration fee remains the same as 2009 - \$40 per person (\$35 for immediate family member of attendee). The fee will include coffee and pastries at registration, lunch, and break refreshments, and all seminar materials. MURPHY 2010 is great for skippers AND crew.

To **PRE-REGISTER BY E-MAIL**, send your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address to **mcbear@earthlink.net** Be sure to put MURPHY RACING-2010 on the subject line of your email. You can also **PRE-REGISTER BY PHONE** by calling (757) 850-4225. Questions? Call (757) 850-4225. Smarter racers race smart - that's a good thing!

The Laser Guys know why you go to Florida in January ! Here's Sunday's notice to Laser Frostbiters in Maryland: "The gale warning has been extended to late this evening. The sustained winds are around 30kts, with gusts to 40. Wind chill is 4 degrees. I think everyone agrees that when the wind speed exceeds the air temperature it is not a safe day for Laser sailing...." Dorian Haldeman

Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race (January 13 start) - This is the 35th running of this dash down the East coast of Florida. *Meridian 2*, **Sledd Shelhorse's** Farr 36 and *Mirage*, **Christian Schaumloffel's** Hobie 33, both of whom make their homes in Virginia Beach and sail out of Hampton, are in this one. Sailing on *Meridian 2* are skipper **Sledd Shelhorse**, **Ron McLean**, **Jahn Tihansky**, **Jim Miller** (of Doyle Sails, Hampton), **Beau Warren**, **Graham Garrenton**, **Jimmy Haines**, and **Ric Bushey**. The *Mirage* team will include skipper **Christian Schaumloffel** and **Matt Smith**, **Mark Kawa**, **Whitney Bates**, **Jorge Ortiz**, and **Christoph Leeman**. Neither *Meridian* nor *Mirage* plan to stay for Key West Race Week. **Robin Team's** J/122, *Teamwork* will be in this race. *Teamwork's* home port is Lexington, North Carolina. Entries close Friday, January 8th.

Key West Race Week (KWRW) (Jan 18-22, 2010) - The fleet is building and one of the first from the southern Bay to enter is **Travis Weisleder's** J105, *Lucky Dog*. *LD* sails out of Fishing Bay and will compete in the J105 one-design class. The *Lucky Dog* team is skipper **Travis Weisleder** and **John and Sharon Wake**, **Rob Whittemore** and **Clark Dennison**. *Teamwork*, **Robin Team's** J/122 comes to KWRW out of Beaufort, North Carolina, and will sail in the IRC class. Also, from North Carolina, **Ken Mitchell's** (Bald Head Island) Cape Fear 38, *My Velocity*, is entered in the PHRF Class. **Ken Saylor** of North Sails Hampton will be tactician on *L'Outrage* (Bruce Gardner, Annapolis). *L'Outrage* will be doing both Fort Lauderdale to Key West and KWRW. *Vela Veloce* (Richard Orland, Saint John, Canada- IRC class) will have **Mark Wheeler** aboard as tactician in both Fort Lauderdale to Key West and KWRW. From Beaufort, NC, a well known and appreciated southern Bay expatriate, **Steve Hunt**, will be at KWRW racing in the Melges 24 class as tactician on Alan Field's *WTF* from Marina del Rey, California.

DON'T MISS GARY JOBSON!

Sailing: Speed and Passion - An Evening with Gary Jobson January 21, 2010 7:30 P.M. Huntington Room at **The Mariners' Museum** \$15 for Mariners' Museum Members, \$20 for non-members. Gary Jobson, President of US SAILING, world class sailor, television commentator and author, has written 16 sailing books and is Editor at Large of *Sailing World* and *Cruising World* magazines. He has won many championships in one design classes, the America's Cup with Ted Turner in 1977, the infamous Fastnet Race and many of the world's ocean races. This award-winning sailor has been ESPN's sailing commentator since 1985. Gary is also the National Chairman of The Leukemia Cup Regatta, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's sailing program. Doors open at 6:30 P.M., light reception to follow lecture. For more information contact Bryan Hill at bhill@MarinersMuseum.org or 757-591-7749. **FOR TICKETS CALL TMM Gift Shop (Wed - Sun) at 757-591-7792.** Better get your tickets now - there is a finite number of seats.

For those who **visit Annapolis by boat**, the following December press announcement was not good news: "Fawcett Boat Supplies announced today that it will be moving from its downtown Annapolis Store to a new location at 919 Bay Ridge Road, Annapolis." The move happens this month, January 2010. To quote southern Bay racer Buddy DeRyder (*SurfRyder*), "BUMMER!"

LASER RACERS - Jon Deutsch appointed "Leader of the Pack" - Jon, whose home club is Fishing Bay Yacht Club, is the new US Singlehanded Championships Area C Committee Representative. The committee consists of the 14 area reps plus a member at large. The committee makes decisions and ensures that the US Singlehanded Championships are held each year and that each of the areas holds elimination events and qualifies a sailor for the Championship. Jon will serve a 3-year term. Jon said, " *We'll be having our Area C elimination event on April 24-25 at Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis. The event is open to any US Sailing member in Area C over the age of 16 who wants a chance to be among the 24 sailors competing for the championship in Pensacola Florida in late July. This will also be the first year there will be separate men's and women's events. The elimination will be held in Laser standards for the men, and radials for the women. Hopefully we'll have some good participation and represent the southern Chesapeake Bay well!*" CONGRATULATIONS! to Jon.

About that boat, *Spray*, that Bumps Eberwine races in the PHRF C fleet in the southern Bay: You can read why the Olson 25 is such a good boat to race in the January issue of *SAILING Magazine*. Please note: There is no chicken or the egg question here - Bumps knew about the Olson 25 long before *SAILING* picked up on it!!

Three generations of Tates sail in the Dana Dillon Memorial New Years Madness Race: Racing *Aquarius*, their restored Pearson 22, **Roy Tate**, Roy's son **Michael Tate**, and Mike's son **Liam Tate**, finished 2nd in their fleet. The Tate-ers had a great day to start 2010!

Don't do a YUPPIE 911! It is becoming all too common for rescue people to be put at risk by someone who is "just uncomfortable or didn't plan or prepare properly" according to **Matt Scharper**, the head of California's search and rescue operations. There are horror stories of hikers pushing their GPS panic button (which initiates a full scale rescue op with helicopters, search teams, etc.) to get someone to let family know they would be late for dinner, or, in another case, because the water "tasted salty". A Yuppie 911 caller is usually incompetent and/or lazy. The Yuppie 911 caller says, "If I push the "Save Me" button, someone will arrive and eliminate my discomfort." **Bill Schanen, *SAILING Magazine* Editor and Publisher**, writes a monthly column entitled "Full and BY". In his January column Mr. Schanen addresses the dearth of self-reliance in our society brought on in part by massive dependence on personal electronic devices. He tells about YUPPIE 911 calls and says, to our credit, most sailors are not of that mindset. Bill Schanen thinks sailing is inhabited by people who seek to be self-reliant and independent, and that we need to preserve that characteristic. At the end of the piece the sailor-author says, speaking to sailors who want to see the sport grow, " Maybe our slogan should be, *Try sailing - it's not easy.*"

MURPHY'S LAW: It's true; Santa Claus brought one of my cousins a set (i.e. 2 pair) of RUFF WEAR BARK'N BOOTS@ for Christmas. Seems she is of the cruising persuasion and the teak decks were scuffin' up her nails. *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, still favors the sockless style employed by real racers! Think Spring! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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