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'Tis the Ides of March. More importantly, Wednesday, March 17th, is St Patrick's Day!

You weren't late for work, were you?! **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** began yesterday, Sunday, March 14 at 0200 (2am). **SPRING AHEAD!** And, remember to **BURN YOUR SOCKS!** Be sure to get to a club sock burning and/or the SpinSheet Crew Listing (and Sock Burning)-South Party (see item below).

Do you fit the pit? Can you wrangle the winches? Can you haul on the halyards? Can you trim, hike hard, help jibe, or pack the chute? You must be racing crew, so get yourself to the SpinSheet Crew Listing Party - South, on Saturday, April 3, (5pm - 7pm) at Marker 20, a racers' restaurant/bar/grill, in downtown Hampton. This event is OPEN TO ALL. Here is a golden opportunity for crewbies to find skippers and vice versa. Find your ride or find your crew for the 2010 season. Check out crew and check out skippers! Racers, experienced and newbie, also will be able to look at offerings of various southern Bay yacht clubs and sailing organizations which will have representatives at the party. All you have to do is show up - no sign-up required. OH, and wear socks you can burn! **SpinSheet Magazine is the organizer of this event.** For specific information please contact event liaison Dave Taylor at (757) 344-5292.

The **SBRW EARLY BIRD** flock is building. Racers are a frugal group, so not adverse to saying money. Racers are a fun group, so not adverse to receiving 10 free SBRW regatta drink tickets. To do both, get at least \$10 off your entry free and get the 10 free drink ticks, be sure to enter SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK no later than April 17th. The sooner you enter the better it is for organizers who are busy making plans for "tender, loving care" of the racers at SBRW 2010. For entry forms and info go to www.blacksealcup.com or contact Lin McCarthy at mcbear@earthlink.net or (757) 850-4225.

Leo Wardrup's BLACK WIDOW is the first SBRW Early Bird entry in the PHRF Non-Spin-2 fleet (double headsail allowed). The *Widow* returns to SBRW 2010 for a run at the fleet title; she finished 2nd in 2009 to Louie Lewis' *Incentive+*.

ARRRRRRRRRRGH! Attention, all BUCCANEER 18 racers - Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) will be hosting the 40th Annual Buccaneer 18 North American Championships June 21-25. The event is open to all Buccaneer owners and associates. All pirates are welcome! Registration is open and forms are available at www.BuccSOMD.org This event will be hosted by the same organization, SMSA, that hosts the Screwpile Challenge Regatta, in Solomons, MD, every July.

Pasquotank River Yacht Club, Elizabeth City, NC, hosted a Race Management Clinic for Sound area clubs Saturday. The clinic was organized and honcho-ed by **Greg Duncan**; **John McCarthy** led the clinic. A special coffee was provided by Greg for the clinic participants - Deadman's Reach High Speed Blend Dark Roast Coffee. The bag looks like a NOAA chart and the message on it says, "Served in bed, raises the dead!" The bag itself is worth having for the fun reading and the coffee was good too. Available by calling Raven's Brew Coffee, Alaska, 1-800-917-2836 or going to www.ravensbrew.com

Bermuda Bound: Newport to Bermuda Race regular *Shearwater*, out of NYCC, **Conrad Hall's** Morris 40, is entered in the 2010 race. So far, in addition to Conrad, the crew will include **Mark Shaw** (NYCC), **Don Patterson (Jr.)** and **Bill Wheary**. Others to be named. Check out Newport to Bermuda Race info on the event website at <http://www.bermudarace.com>

Hampton University took 2nd overall in the Icefree Invitational hosted by Christopher Newport University. Eight (8) college teams raced in the Icefree this past weekend. Final Overall Team Standings: 1. Fordham; 2.Hampton; 3.UVA; 4.Webb; 5.CNU 1; 6. CNU 2; 7.William and Mary; 8.Maryland.

Spring FROSTBITE INVITE for dinghy racers. March 14 and 21 and April 11 and 18. Open to Sunfish, Force 5s, FJs/420s, etc. Launch at the ODU Sailing Center. For information and entry, contact Robert Suhay at

robsuhay@cox.net or Leon Garber at leongarber@aol.com or (757) 615-7154. Wear your dry and warm stuff. PFD and wet suit or dry suit are required. Organizers ask for a \$5 donation; college and high school sailors sail for free.

DOWN THE BAY update: Racers in the **Down the Bay (DTB) Race** for the Virginia Cruising Cup are queuing up for the May 28th start off Annapolis. The check-in and pre-race party is likely to be at Severn Sailing Association (SSA) in Eastport; plans should be finalized soon. To date there are 14 boats entered in DTB and three of those are also entered in Southern Bay Race Week - **Bob Howell's CYMRU**, **Sledd Shelhorse's Meridian**, and **Leo Wardrup's Black Widow**. To enter the 61st running of the DTB, a 120+ mile dash from Annapolis to Hampton, go to www.hamptonyc.com, click on the DTB logo, and follow the clicks for electronic entry via www.YachtScoring.com

LEARN TO CREW on a Race Boat: Two great programs in the southern Bay for folks who want to learn to crew on a race boat. Fishing Bay Yacht Club cranks up with their first classroom meeting on Tuesday, March 23, in Richmond at the Retreat Hospital Board Room (6:30 - 9:30pm). For detail contact Jim Snowa at (804) 323-1510 OR go to www.fbyc.net and click on "Crew Training Registration". Later in the Spring, the Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV) begins their Racing Crew Training course with the first classroom session on Tuesday, May 25, and the first on water session on Wednesday, May 26, all in Hampton. For info contact Dave Taylor (757) 344-5292. Both of these programs are OPEN TO ALL and do require registration and fees.

MURPHY 2010 " RULES AROUND THE RACE COURSE " is set for March 27, hosted by Dangerfield Island Sailing Association at Mount Vernon Yacht Club in Alexandria, Virginia. For information and reservations, please contact Gary Hauptman at comments@discsailing.org, no later than March 20. John McCarthy will give his unique presentation of the rules from the racers' perspective - **what** you can do to **whom** and **when** you can do it! There are a limited number of spaces available, so get on it today.

CCV Rules Clinic and distribution of the 2010 CCV Racing Guide, Monday evening, April 5, at The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA. Get together with fellow racers, enjoy a quick rules "brush up", and pick up your *2010 Racing Guide*. OPEN TO ALL. Distribution of the *Guide* begins at 6:30pm and the clinic begins at 7:00pm.

MURPHY'S LAW: St. Paddy's Day is Wednesday! In honor of me racing cousin Shamus McMurphy, *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has tinted me fur shamrock green. The Murphster will be 100% green through and through (we're not referring to the global environment, here) after me celebratory visit to a me favorite pub where green beer will flow. Happy St Patrick's Day! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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