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This Thursday is APRIL Fools' DAY. Have some fun - call your best sailing friend and say in an urgent tone, "I'm at your boat. Where do you keep your big sump pump!?!?" After all, that's what friends do on April Fool's Day.

THIS COMING SATURDAY - 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! If you have attended a sock burning already, it's ok; racers may attend multiple sock burnings and make numerous sacrifices to the "Racing Gods"! **SpinSheet Magazine is the organizer of this event.** For specific information please contact event liaison Dave Taylor at (757) 344-5292.

NEXT MONDAY - CCV Rules Clinic and 2010 Racing Guide distribution. Monday, April 5 (6:30 pm) at The Mariners Museum, Newport News. OPEN TO ALL. CCV members can pick up their *2010 Racing Guides*, non-members may join (\$25 annual) and receive the *Guide* as part of the membership package. Brush up on the rules and see your fellow racers in "real clothes" one last time before the season gets underway. For additional info contact Jake Brodersen at (757) 875-9797.

John and Linda Dodge have organized **Project Sails to Save Haiti**, a donation program designed to get as many used sails (the bigger the better but they will take anything) as well as spinnaker poles, lines, and anything else one might think of **to construct shelter in an effort to help the over 600,000 Haitians** who have no cover due to the January 12th earthquake that killed over 230,000. With the rain season now upon them, time is of the essence. The Dodge's focus is to involve fellow sailors of the Chesapeake Bay in the effort. All donations will be shipped to Haiti for distribution to the homeless. North Sails Chesapeake in Annapolis has agreed to act as a drop off point for local sailors in that area. **For more information email or call John at dodger8385@aol.com or 804-334-6950.** A great time to clean out sail lockers, trailers, storage sheds, and help thousands of men, women, and children in the process.

Vela Veloce (Southern Bay racer **Mark Wheeler** is navigator) won the IRC St Thomas Rolex Regatta. Moving right along, the *Vela* crew, including Mark, head for the BVIs next week. Well, someone has to do it!

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK update: Get out your dancin' flip-flops and your race party T-shirts. Entertainment at SBRW 2010 will be live and lively! Friday night's band is PHOEBUS RIO - A Rock, Folk, Jazz, Celtic, Blues, Polka, Irish, Pop, Band! Recipient of the 2009 MEONA award for Best Americana Band. Six versatile and talented musicians on fiddle, mandolin, accordion, washboard, harp, guitar, upright bass, and drums. They play anything and everything and get everyone movin' to the beat! And, on Saturday night racer and friends will listen and boogie to L F Edwards Band. At the Thursday night check-in and skippers meeting racers will be entertained by DJ Eric Emerson and on Sunday night DJ Dino Seretis will dish tunes during the regatta wrap-up and awards presentation.

Walter Boatwright of Newport News will be returning to **SBRW 2010** with his Tartan 37, *Puff Card*, to race in the PHRF Non-Spin 1. The PHRF Non-Spin 1 fleet is designed for racers who prefer not to fly spinnakers or double headsails, but still want to do some real handicap racing. There is also a non-spinnaker fleet for PHRF double-headsail racers and one for Cruisers (non-PHRF Cruising, single headsail only). Plus, of course all the PHRF spinnaker fleets as well as one-design fleets with 5 or more entries.

If you are a racer, ya gotta have a current Rule Book. **The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 - 2012** is available at retail locations, at www.Amazon.com books, and at www.ussailing.org (click on store). You can download the whole thing, if you do not want to buy the book itself, from the US SAILING website. And, now, US SAILING offers the rules for your **iPhone** or **iPod Touch** - this is the only app approved by US SAILING. Getting the book is not magic - actually reading and understanding it will do the most good.

DONNYBROOK, Jim Muldoon's winner of the 2009 **Down the Bay Race for the Virginia Cruising Cup**, has entered the 2010 dash down the Bay. *Donnybrook* will defend her title in the 120+ mile dash non-stop from Annapolis to Hampton. Southern Bay racers entered in the 2010 DTB include: **Jim Forrester**, *Anjalei*; **Leo Wardrup**, *Black Widow*; **Martin Casey**, *Bowmovement*; **Hank Giffin**, *Coeur d'Alene*; **Robert Howell**, *CYMRU*; **Stefan Leader**, *Diva II*; **Dixon Wilde**, *Kingfisher*; **Joe Laun**, *Lady Grey*; **Sledd Shelhorse**, *Meridian 2*; **John Blais**, *Stardancer*; and **Christian Schaumlöffel**, *Mirage*. The start is Friday, May 28th. For additional info and to enter go to www.hamptonyc.com and click on the Down the Bay logo. Graham Garrenton is co-chairman of the 2010 DTB and may be contacted at (757) 478-2994.

A number of southern Bay and beyond boats will be racing in **Charleston Race Week (April 9-11)**. Familiar names include: Ron Medlin, *BASH* (J/24); Martin Casey, *BOWMOVEMENT* (Catalina 27); Travis Weisleder, *LAYLINE* (Melges 24); Jim Baldwin, *PTEROBYTE* (Evelyn 32-2); Tim Savage, *TANTRUM* (T10); Dennis Hannick, *GOIN'* (*Tripp* 26), and Chris Jankowski, *#2918* (J/24).

Seventy (70) racing skippers and crew from sailing clubs in the Alexandria/Fairfax area of Virginia spent Saturday twisting and untwisting their brains at MURPHY 2010 "Rules Around the Race Course". Daingerfield Island Sailing Club hosted the seminar in cooperation with Mount Vernon Yacht Club. **Patrick Williams and Richard Knab** from DISC and **Gary Rehe** from Mount Vernon did the heavy lifting making arrangements for the event. **John McCarthy** led the seminar, which included emphasis on rules related to special circumstances which occur in the Potomac racing areas; e.g. race areas between narrow river shores, tour boats, etc.

A PLETHORA OF CLUB MID-WEEK SERIES OPEN IN APRIL: Starting with Wednesday, April 7, when the granddaddy of Wednesday night series opens at Hampton Yacht Club, and continuing until there is mid-week and Saturday morning racing going full steam in every part of the southern Bay. These series are always fun and especially great for crew development, skill-wise and team-wise. Get those boats out of the slips during the week, too. Here's keelboat racing that's available - call the organizing club for details:

April 7	Hampton Yacht Club	Wednesday Night Series	Hampton Roads Harbor
April 7	BBSA Little Creek SA	Wednesday Night Series	Mouth of Little Creek - East Beach
April 8	BBSA Willoughby Racers	Thursday Night Series	Willoughby Bay (Norfolk) - Willoughby Spit
April 10	Old Point Comfort YC	Saturday Yankee Station Series	Off Buckroe Beach Area
April 14	York River Yacht Club	Wednesday Night Series	York River below Coleman Bridge
April 16	Portsmouth Boat Club	Friday Night Barnacle Series	Elizabeth River
April 23	Norfolk Yacht & CC	Friday Night Races	Elizabeth River

Collegiate Notes: Eleven (11) teams competed this past blustery weekend at the MAISA/SAISA Intersectional Regatta hosted by Hampton University. Charleston dominated the regatta, followed by Old Dominion, South Florida, and US Naval Academy, all tied for the second place spot. HU finished 7th and CNU 10th.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is multi-faceted when it comes to interests, although none surpasses sailboat racing. The current March Madness National Collegiate Basketball Tournament has caught the *Murphster's* eye. In the Final Four there are some Blue Devils (Duke), some Mountaineers (West Virginia), some Spartans (Michigan State), and, the obvious sure winners, some BULLDOGS (Butler). The *Murphster* dated a bulldog once. . . . /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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