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Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, *SAILING Magazine*

SBRW EARLY BIRD ENTRIES deadline is Saturday, April 17th. Save at least \$10 on your entry fee and receive 10 FREE regatta drink tickets. And, you do NOT have to wait for your PHRF certificate to enter - enter now and send the PHRF rating certificate as soon as you receive it!

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TONIGHT! MONDAY, April 5th - CCV Rules Clinic and 2010 Racing Guide distribution. Monday, April 5 (6:30pm to 8:00pm) at The Mariners Museum, Newport News. OPEN TO ALL. CCV members can pick up their *2010 Racing Guide*, 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. **College basketball fans - you'll be able to get home in time to see the tip-off for the National Championship Game!**

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Get the rust off! CCV Tune-Up Races - This coming **Sunday, April 11th** - Hampton Roads Harbor - Warning signal for the first of two races is 1100. Two starts for PHRF Non-Spin and Cruising combined and for all PHRF spinnaker fleets combined. There is no entry fee, but you do need to submit a CBYRA Standard Entry Form to Race Committee Chairman, Jake Brodersen, 445 Mayfield Drive, Newport News, VA 23608 - (757) 875-9797. Wear your class flags if you have them. This is Tune-Up, so the only scoring will be the Order of Finish.

Vinegar is good to bust up corrosion, according to boat rig experts. So, douse that gunked up sheave at the top of the mast with some vinegar. Remember, now, vinegar NOT sugar, unless you want to attract a swarm of flies up there.

It's not Cape Horn, but rounding Factory Point is just as significant to race boats wintering at Belle Isle or Dandy Point (north of Hampton, near Langley AFB). *Wham Bam*, **Dave Taylor's** Adrews 27, splashed on Saturday and came around Factory Point on Sunday.

Dock Gossip - lots of it around this time of year. Be careful. The info started as "Skipper X bought a new main". By the time the rumor got back to Skipper X, he had "...bought a new BOAT!"

Lots of boat yard activity this past weekend. Among those scurrying around underneath fast bottoms were several at Wormley Creek Marina and Boat Yard. **Jim Bordeaux** has *Solstice*, J/40, very close to being shot and splashed. **David Eberwine's** J36, *Sea Star*, is gleaming in the spring sun and looks ready to make the trip down the York River to Hampton Roads, maybe in a few days. **Wally Parolari** has his Catalina 320, *Makaira*, almost ready to launch (hoping for a rigging part to arrive). After a little bit of boot stripe painting and annual prop maintenance, *Makaira* will be heading home to Willoughby. Two San Juan 24s, **Paul Young's** *Daystar* and **Cliff Porter's** *Scoundrel* are at Wormley getting ready. **Ben Weeks' and Michele Cochran's** J/29, *Rumble*, looks pretty close to splash and freedom from the jack stands. And, **Mike Austin** and the *Movin' On* crew are prepping her bottom and making sure the Beneteau FC8 will keep on goin' fast. Boat yards are like hospitals - great to be there while you need to be, but seeing them over the stern is even better!

Fleet unity is a good thing. *Gremlin's* (Elliott 770) skipper, **Greg Cutter, and Cari** are hosting a party this coming weekend for B Fleet skippers. No doubt they will hash out tactics and strategies while sharing some libations and nibbies.

North Sails in Hampton, Va. (804) 722-4000 has joined with North Sails Chesapeake (Annapolis) to be a drop-off point for sailors' donations of old sails to the people in Haiti. John and Linda Dodge have established **Project**

Sails to Save Haiti as 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 rainy season now upon them, time is of the essence. For more information, email or call John at dodger8385@aol.com or 804-334-6950.

2010 SPINSHEET Crew Listing Party - South - Skippers looking for crew and crew looking for a ride crammed the deck of Marker 20 in downtown Hampton, Saturday evening at the 2010 *SpinSheet* sponsored event. It was a great start to what hopefully will become an annual event. **Dave Wilbar from SailTime**, picked up the tab for the keg and got to meet a lot of southern Bay sailors face-to-face. **SpinSheet honchos Mary Ewenson, publisher, Molly Winans, editor, and Rachel Engle, advertising rep**, made the trip down from Annapolis to meet and hobnob with racers. The beer was cold and the decibels high!

Everybody says racers are a "little dinghy"; here's a way to prove it. The Colonial Sail and Power Squadron is holding the first ever **Dinghy Poker Run Event** to benefit **VIMS** on April 17, 2010 at Salt Ponds Marina. If you have a dinghy, kayak or a jet ski, you can participate in the water portion of the event. Check out this link for more information at http://www.vims.edu/newsandevents/events/2010/poker_run.php or call Bill Walsh at (757) 880-8820

Southern Bay Clubs' Series Opening this week include Hampton Yacht Club Wednesday, April 7th; BBSA Little Creek Wednesday, April 7th; BBSA Willoughby Racers Thursday, April 8th; Old Point Comfort Yacht Club Saturday, April 10th.

Collegiate scene: UVA, George Washington U, and Hampton U all qualified to compete for the America Trophy by finishing 1-2-3 at this past weekend regatta hosted by the College of William and Mary. That means these teams and 15 others will be sailing at Cornell University, April 17-18, for the MAISA Championship. The top eight teams from the MAISA Championship will compete for the national title.

If you find yourself already ready for **Sunday (April 11th) CCV TUNE-UP Races**, and want to till the matter of your fertile mind, give this a thought for Saturday, early afternoon. **THE MARINERS' MUSEUM** presents author **Michael Krondl (A Taste of Conquest: The Rise and Fall of the Three Great Cities of Spice)** who will focus on the Portuguese, their ships, and their explorations, and how spices played such a big role. One result was a global food exchange that accompanied the Cape Horn route to India and changed the way the world ate. Saturday, April 10, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Free for members and with paid Museum admission. Huntington Room - Brown Bag Lunch Lecture

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, being a connoisseur of all things good to eat, noticed with interest the upcoming presentation at The Mariners' Museum on Saturday at lunch time (see item above). The Portuguese may have changed the way we eat, but . . . and *The Murphster* speaks from experience. . . **POST-RACE PARTIES** have changed the way we drink! Race ready and ready to boogie! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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