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Two New Year's Day Racing Opportunities on the Southern Chesapeake Bay. Start the year off right - go racing!

* **DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE - Saturday, January 1, 2011** - Hampton YC and Old Point Comfort YC join forces to sponsor this event, OPEN TO ALL. This is a staggered start, aka pursuit, race. Mandatory Skippers Meeting at 1000 (10 am) New Year's Day at HYC, where times and course description will be announced. Breakfast will be available for a nominal charge (breakfast for each skipper is included in the entry fee). HYC will open at 0900 (9 am). Classes are PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and Cruising Class. Cruising Class ratings will be assigned by the OPCYC rep. All boats must meet the PHRF 4P safety requirements. The starting line will be off the HYC docks and the Finish Line will be off the OPC Marina Pier. There will be a post-race party and awards presentation at 1530 (3:30 pm) at the OPCYC clubhouse on Ft. Monroe. Food and libations for all crew and skippers are included in the entry fee. **Entry fee is \$25 if received by (1700) 5 pm, Wednesday, December 29th; otherwise \$35.** Entries may be dropped off at the OPCYC Drop Box or the HYC outside Drop Box or mailed to OPCYC, c/o Mark Wolfe, 111 West Woodland Road, Yorktown, VA 23692. For information, please contact Mark Wolfe at (757) 989-5064.

* **SEAFORD YACHT CLUB ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY GATHERING AND RACE, Saturday, January 1, 2011.** This event has been around for a long, long time, many a new year - check it out. For information and details, please contact Chuck Eldred at c_geldred@cox.net.

Another Multifaceted Racer Wins Lighted Boat Parade! Mike Austin's *Movin' On*, is the overall winner of the Yorktown event! There was even a photo in the *Daily Press* of *Movin' On* towing a "sleigh" and sporting ample number of reindeer up in it's rigging.

THE TALL SHIPS ARE COMING! THE TALL SHIPS ARE COMING! Bill Magann, chairman of **OpSail 2012**, has announced the Tall Ship fleet (40-50 ships) has been invited to stop at Norfolk and Portsmouth, June 6 - June 12, 2012. OpSail 2012 will commemorate the War of 1812 and the celebration will begin in May in New Orleans. Plenty of the War of 1812 action took place in our Chesapeake Bay. The last time OpSail was in Hampton Roads was in 2000. It will be good to have it back!

Hot Stove Reading. The PHRF of the Chesapeake Annual Meeting Minutes are posted at <http://www.phrfchesbay.com> (click here and go there). Some significant decisions were made by PHRF delegates (some of whom are also handicappers) at this meeting. For instance, PHRF of the Chesapeake is now offering at no extra charge, **dual ratings - spinnaker and non-spinnaker**; there is a **\$5 reduction** in charge for membership dues and rating certificate and you can **save another \$5** if you get your rating renewed before April 1, 2011; **mizzen staysails** are ok *IF* . . . ; and, there is more. So, read the minutes, which are detailed, and note that which is actually the approved/final decision. NOTE: Southern Bay PHRF Fleet splits remain the same as in 2010.

2011 SAILSTICE DELMARVA RALLY - June 18 - 25, 2011. Here's the return of an rally with some inviting modifications that southern Bay sailors may find very interesting. The Rally starts in Annapolis (with a kick off party), stops in the Bohemia River, goes through the C&D Canal and sails (on the "outside") along the DelMarVa Peninsula, turning into the Chesapeake via the Virginia Capes, stops in Hampton (to party), stops in Solomons (to party), and then sails to Annapolis or your home port. For additional info, please contact *SpinSheet Magazine* publisher Mary Ewenson at mary@spinsheet.com

Lasers, Sunfish, 420s and other dinghies: Here's what **Leon Garber** and **Robert Suhay** the Hampton Roads plan for the winter frostbite series, which kicked off yesterday with the first of 2 warm-up regattas, the second on

this coming Sunday, Dec. 19. After a Christmas break, the scored series begins on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011. Organizers plan to tighten up the racing, so it is not an all-day affair. Skippers meeting at 11:30. First race at noon, and last race at about 2:00 to 2:30 depending on the weather and the fleet. For info please contact Robert Suhay at robert.suhay@pilotonline.com

HEADS-UP - mark the date (stay tuned to *SBRNYCU* for details).

* **US SAILING Race Management One Day Seminar** at Hampton Yacht Club, February 19, 2011. Click on www.hamptonyc.com and then on the event logo, or go to US Sailing website, race management seminars and register there. OPEN TO ALL. Includes certification option for USSA Club Race Officer.

* **MURPHY RULES** - one day clinic at Rappahannock River Yacht Club, March 26, 2011. OPEN TO ALL.

Dear Readers,

The Beagle and cohorts will be on Christmas break for two weeks. *SBRNYCU* Issue #522 will come to you on Monday, January 3, 2011. May your fittings jingle and your halyards glide freely with holiday cheer. Best wishes for you and yours and sailboat racers everywhere for the coming holiday season!
Murphy the Racing Beagle and the SBRNYCU staff

MURPHY'S LAW: 'Tis the holiday season. Southern Bay sailing groups have issued a ***Racing Beagle BOLO*** (BOLO = Be On Look Out for). *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, aka *Murphy*, is described as approximately 16 inches tall, wearing a plaid down vest layered over an argyle cashmere sweater with a stretch fleece tail cover and two pair of UGG booties. The subject is known to frequent holiday parties, lingers near the shrimp bowl, and favors hi-test eggnog. Expect exuberant expressions of good cheer! Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Best Wishes for 2011! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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