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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #524**

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**It's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! It's opening day at Key West Race Week! And, there are only 62 more days 'til Spring!**

**MIRAGE wins PHRF Division Overall in Lauderdale to Key West Race.** The southern Bay's gray Hobie 33, *MIRAGE*, skippered by **Christian Schaumloffel** (Hampton/Virginia Beach), won the PHRF B fleet (7 boats) in the 160 mile Lauderdale to Key West Race and corrected on all the other 22 PHRF Division boats to take first in the Division. **Glenn Doncaster** (Fishing Bay/Raleigh, NC), who raced his Sabre 426, *NANUQ*, finished second in the 9 boat PHRF A fleet. Richard Oland's *VELA VELOCE* (Southern Cross 52) with southern Bay racer **Mark Wheeler** (Hampton/Virginia Beach) aboard took second in the IRC A fleet and 2nd overall in the IRC 14 boat division. **Graham Garrenton** (Hampton/Virginia Beach) crewed on John Evans' Little Harbor, *JASMINE* and she finished 6th in the PHRF B. Not a bad showing for southern Chesapeake Bay racers! (see following items - *MIRAGE* and *NANUQ* reports)

**Christian Schaumloffel and the crew of MIRAGE** had an adventure that began on the way to Lauderdale with a 90 minute delay on the highway outside of Florence, SC, due to a snowstorm. And, the unusual and strange continued on the race course. Christian said that battling boats in the dark, seaweed, and fish made the race a significant challenge. He said, *"After the seaweed was gone we felt like a race boat again. Later at night it looked like we overtook the other Hobie33 again but we weren't certain. We sailed many times more than 16 knots over ground against the Gulf Stream. A rattle in the cockpit proved to be a sizable flying fish wanting back into the drink."* But, all's well that ends well, and *Mirage* won the PHRF fleet.

**From Jerry Latell, crew member on NANUQ:** *"It started out light (10ish) and became quite windy - out of the north the whole time. We saw 33 knots top wind speed. We started with light runner and went to heavy reaching chute at nightfall and then to #2 genoa around midnight as we came around the bottom. Last leg was a beat up the shipping channel into Key West with gusts in the high 20s. We had an incredible sail on Nanuq! And we are pleased with result. It is a good day to be a southern bay racer! And the rum is flowing!"* The *Nanuq* crew certainly deserved the rum!

Southern Bay racer, **John Dodge**, has been selected **Chairman of the 2011 Leukemia Cup Regatta (Annapolis)**. John, who is very active on the big boat circuits, says the Cup is a cause near and dear to his heart. His organizational skills are well know to southern Bay racers who remember when he used them to establish the Stingray Point Regatta (FBYC) and when he was, long ago, CBYRA vice-president for our Region.

Southern Bay homie **Steve Hunt coached his team to the top in the High School Division at the 2011 Rose Bowl Regatta** a weekend ago. Steve's **Point Loma (California) High School** varsity team won the division over 26 teams in the Gold Fleet (and 28 teams in the Silver Fleet), one of his JV teams finished 3rd and the other JV team 6th. Not a bad job! Steve spent his kidhood in Hampton sailing all kinds of boats, including his dad Billy's J24, was an All American at the College of Charleston, and came within a hair of representing the USA in the Olympics after he graduated from COC.

Hampton Yacht Club announces the inaugural **HYC MATCH RACING CHALLENGE**, set for Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31, 2011. Here comes an exciting and growing in popularity racing format: head-to-head, mano-a-mano, boat-for-boat, the dance, on-the-water umpires. Let's get it on! Details on the event will be forthcoming by early March on the HYC website, [www.hamptonyc.com](http://www.hamptonyc.com) PRO is John McCarthy.

**Who is that coming into Hampton Roads on a wintry day?** **Beau Geste, Farr 80**, was spotted meandering past the Navy carrier piers in Norfolk and on up the Elizabeth River to, reportedly, Ocean Marine in downtown Portsmouth. The distinctive 80 foot hull with gray, white, and red dragon graphics was seen this past Wednesday by eagle-eye Brendan Drinkwater, who tracked down her story. She had been iced in in Baltimore, hence missed the Lauderdale to Key West Race. During her eventual trip down the Bay last week, *BG* was forced into Hampton Roads when the rigging (which is composite) got frozen during the night. Word is *BG* is on

her way south to, you guessed it, R-A-C-E! Look for *Beau Geste* in the 2011 Pineapple Cup.

**Key West Race Week cranks up today. January 17-21, 2011.** Keep an eye on southern Bay and beyond boats *LUCKY DOG*, **Travis Weislander** (Richmond, VA) with **Jon Deutch**, well known as a Laser guy, among the crew, in the J/105 one-design fleet, and *JUBILEE*, **Carl Huge's** (Summerville, SC) A40RC who finished 2nd in the PHRF A1 fleet at SBRW 2010. Former J29 owners **John and Linda Edwards** (California, MD) will race *RHUMB PUNCH*, their Farr 30, in the KWRW one-design fleet and **Mark Wheeler** will be on board *VELA VELOCE* (Richard Oland's Southern Cross 52) racing in the IRC 2 fleet. You can follow the racing at [www.Premiere-Racing.com](http://www.Premiere-Racing.com).

**Murphy's Racing Rules Made Easy travels to Carolina.** The *Racing Rules Made Easy* one day seminar, presented by John McCarthy, will be hosted at the Blackbeard Sailing Club in New Bern, North Carolina, February 5, 2011. Blackbeard Sailing Club is located at 1215 Barkentine Drive, New Bern. Neuse Yacht Racing Association is sponsoring the seminar. For info and to register, contact Clare Brock at [commodore@nyra.com](mailto:commodore@nyra.com)

**DIVERS, lookee here.** SBRW sponsor "*Rite in the Rain*" has a special for underwater work product called DuraRite. It is designed to last underwater for as long as you need it to. Check out [www.RiteintheRain.com](http://www.RiteintheRain.com) and pull down "underwater work" in the "what you do" product finder.

#### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

**February 17 - Strictly Sail show opens in Miami**

**February 19 - US SAILING Race Management Seminar in Hampton (HYC is host)**

**March 13 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** kicks in at 2am - spring forward!

**March 26 - MURPHY RULES** hosted by Rappahannock River Yacht Club, Irvington

**March 29 - Distribution of 2011 CCV Racing Guide and Clinic** at The Mariners' Museum, March 29th, 6:30 - 8:30.

**April 2 - SPINSHEET SOCK BURNING AND CREW LISTING PARTY - SOUTH**, Saturday, April 2, 2011, 5-7pm, at Marker 20 in downtown Hampton (one block off the waterfront). *SpinSheet* is back - same time and place as last year. Marker 20 has set aside even more room for the annual gathering of sailboat racers. Nob some hobs and get to know skippers, crewbies, and those who want to be! It's a fun time. More info as the time draws near - for now, save the date.

**Racers passing by the Somalia part of the world are concerned, and they should be, about pirates.** In *Scuttlebutt* #3257 (Thursday, Jan 13, 2011) there is discussion of the pirates boarding race boats (and others) issues. The article includes the following developing solution to the problem: ". . . perhaps technology will intercede . . . now the London-based BAE Systems says it has successfully demonstrated a non-lethal prototype device that sends a laser beam capable of providing a visual warning to pirates at distances greater than 2km, and [emphasis added] **of disorientating attackers sufficiently at lesser distances so that weapons cannot be targeted effectively.** "

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Ah, so, there is a device (see above item) that will confuse and discombobulate the other boat's crew? A device that will send them spinning off in another direction from the mark? A gizmo that will confound their electronic range-finding, waypoint-setting gadgets? Well, now . . . *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, not only wants, but *needs* one of those dandies!! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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