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Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, [SAILING Magazine](#)

GROUNDHOG DAY IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd. THINK SPRING!

As Murphy, the Racing Beagle says, "To the sailing spirit in us all!". **Dave Baxter** embodies that spirit and this year he will mark 40 years in the sailmaking business, most of it on the southside of Hampton Roads and a bunch of it in Ocean View and on Willoughby Spit. Dave is **Baxter Sails** over in West Ocean View (Norfolk) in the lavender and yellow building just beyond the KFC-Taco Bell on the main drag. Dave said, "When will I get a real job and wear long pants in the winter? Never!" He won't reach the actual 40-year mark until May, but he'll probably be OK with beginning to celebrate early.

IF you are a Laser Racer, mark May 14-15, 2011 on your calendar. That weekend Fishing Bay Yacht Club will host the **Laser District 11 Championship and the US Singlehanded Championship Area C Elimination**.

For SBRW 2011: The 2010 Boat of the Week, **RUMBLE**, **Ben Weeks' and Michele Cochran's J29** is back for 2011. **RUMBLE** sails out of Yorktown and is entered in PHRF B. **BZING**, **Ken and Lisa Karsten's J35**, and **WINDEPENDENT**, **J35 entered by Karen Masci and Mark McGonigle** are all set for J35 one-design racing at SBRW 2011. Both J35s homeport in Annapolis. **BLACK WIDOW**, **Leo Wardrup's Irwin 38**, has declared for PHRF Non-Spin-2 (double headsail), and **Tom Pantelides' MAZI** (Sabre 34) is entered in the SBRW Cruising Fleet. **Ben Cuker's Cal 3-30**, **CALLINECTES**, **Dave Taylor's WHAM BAM (Andrews 27)** and **Don DeLoatch's STINGRAY** (Soverel 27) all are entered in PHRF B. *The fleet is gathering!*

2011 Down the Bay Race website is up and taking entries: go to www.hamptonyc.com

Hampton One-Design Class plans Hot Stove gathering. The class welcomes those affiliated with the HOD past and present, spouses and families, as well as those interested in racing or crewing in this historic boat. **Dave and Leigh Chapman** are hosting at their home in Hampton on, **February 19, 2011**, at 6:00 with dinner served at 7:00. A \$10 per person donation to the Class Mold Fund, which supports preservation of the hull molds to continue building glass Hamptons, will be appreciated. Reservations are required; email Leigh at leigh.morgan2@verizon.net to let her know you're coming, whether you need housing, and to get directions.

Southern Bay racers continue to seek warmer temps. Among the latest looking for higher chill factors are **Jim and Barbara Williams**. Jim races *Treaty of Ghent* (Hobie 33) with his co-skipper, Will Roberts, in the PHRF fleet. Jim and Barb are in St Pete Beach enjoying 70 degrees, but fearing lows of 60. Ok, Everyone - a collective, totally insincere, "Awwwwwwwwww. . .," from those of us suffering at home!

Sailmakers are strong supporters of Southern Bay Race Week - **DOYLE** (Jim Miller and Eddie Williams), **NORTH** (Kenny Saylor), and **WINTERS** (Dan, Sam, and Bret Winters) lofts have sponsored the SBRW Boat of the Day awards for a number of years, and will again in 2011. SBRW welcomes aboard another sailmaker regatta sponsor for 2011 - **ULLMAN** (Jerry Latell) is located in Deltaville and also serves Irvington, the Northern Neck, and beyond.

MURPHY'S LAW: Everyone knows the coming of the Ground Hog is an important harbinger of Spring. The legend is that, when The Groundhog emerges from his hole on Wednesday, IF he stays out, we will have an early Spring. HOWEVER, if on Wednesday, he is frightened by his shadow when he reaches the surface, he will go back underground and we will suffer another six weeks of Winter. So, here's the deal - as much as you would rather not, hope for CLOUDS on Wednesday. We do not want Mr. G seeing his shadow and returning to his den for a six week nap! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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