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SEA STAR WINS THE LABROT TROPHY

The LaBrot Trophy is very possibly the most coveted trophy among keel boat racers competing in the Handicap Division on the Chesapeake Bay. Each year, since 1940, CBYRA awards the LaBrot to one boat among more than a thousand who race through the season. The LaBrot trophy is based on Bay-wide competition. **Sea Star**, **David Eberwine**, became only the 8th racer from the Southern Bay (CBYRA Region 4) to win the honor. The most recent previous winner was Dave's dad, **Vernon "Bumps" Eberwine** in 2000. The first southern Bay winner of the LaBrot, **Fred Swink**, hailed from Norfolk Yacht and Country Club; the seven who have won it since Fred all are out of Hampton Yacht Club.

2010	SEA STAR	David Eberwine
2000	SEA STAR	Vernon "Bumps" Eberwine
1995	REVENGE	William Peach
1994	REVENGE	William Peach
1986	REVENGE	William Peach
1992	PROMISES	Sledd Shelhorse
1987	THE SHADOW	Richard Lane
1977	SURFRIDER	Jack Zanks
1965	FLEETWIND	Raymond Brown
1964	FLEETWIND	Raymond Brown
1963	FLEETWIND	Raymond Brown
1961	FLEETWIND	Raymond Brown
1947	TRIVET	Fred Swink

The LaBrot is decided among the High Point Champions of each Fleet/Class (over the entire Chesapeake Bay), including regional and sectional winners, comparing them in a intricate formula that boils all the racing down to the one with the highest ratio of boats beaten over the possible number of boats beaten. **Tom Roberts**, our [Official Region 4 Scorer](#), toiled with all the results reports, gnashed the numbers and was delighted to see one of own southern Bay racers on top. *Kudos* to Tom for his hard work and effort.

SOUTHERN BAY RACER ON US SAILING 2011 YOUTH WORLD TEAM. One of the twelve youth sailors who have qualified for US SAILING's 2011 Youth World Team, hails from the southern Chesapeake Bay, specifically Norfolk. **Ian Stokes** will compete for the US in the RS:X (windsurfer) class. Ian is the best in the USA in his class and will represent our country at the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Youth World Championship in Zadar, Croatia, from July 7-11, 2011. KUDOS!

Silver Fox , 1974 C&C 27, is available for SALE and sail. Ralph and Brigitte Godkin have been racing her in the (BBSA) Little Creek Sailing Association Wednesday Night Series, but have gone to a bigger boat. You can contact Ralph at (757) 470-2711.

Craig Wright (Raleigh, NC), skipper of *Afterthought*, J109, a regular at SBRW, will be staying over for a summer of racing on the Chesapeake this coming season. Last year *Afterthought* took a bullet in the final race to capture a spot on the podium, 3rd in a very competitive SBRW PHRF A2 fleet.

In April, US SAILING will convene their Yacht Club Summit in Chicago. Among speakers at the gathering will be the southern Bay's own **Lud Kimbrough**. Lud is currently Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee of Fishing Bay Yacht Club. He will be sharing ideas on planning with Summit attendees.

SBRW 2011 Fleet Update: Three well known members of the PHRF A Fleet, *MERIDIAN 2*, Farr 36, **Sledd Shelhorse** (VA Beach, VA), *KINGFISHER*, C&C 99, **Dixon Wilde** (Williamsburg, VA), and *VOODOO 2*, Tripp

38, **Leroi Lissenden** and **Scott Birch** (Richmond, VA) all are coming to the party. Two J/105s have thrown their hats in the ring - **CORRYVRECKAN**, **David Clark** (Mechanicsville, VA) and **FLYING COLORS**, **Richard Payne** (Hampton, VA). And, **BAD HABIT**, Pearson Flyer, **Bob Archer** (Norfolk, VA), will be racing PHRF B.
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Saturday, not everybody was in Dallas at pre-Super Bowl parties. Well over 100 eastern **North Carolina racers** spent the day at a Murphy Seminar, "*Racing Rules Made Easy*", presented by John McCarthy, in New Bern. *Neuse Yacht Racing Association* organized the seminar and Blackbeard Sailing Club provided their lovely facility for the gathering. NYRA commodore, **Clare Brock**, organized the event, which drew folks from nearby Oriental, more distant Harkers Island and places in between. Southern Bay expatriate racers **Dan and Holly Bornarth** were at the gathering. Dan is with Hatteras Yachts in New Bern.

MURPHY'S LAW: What a week! Super Bowl 45 is in the books. The *Murphster* is sure Packer fans will be saying *cheeeeeeeeeese* all week long! And, the Groundhog did not see his shadow, so only 41 more days 'til the first day of Spring, when racers get to say *ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhh* all week long. It's all good. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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