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

Today is VALENTINE'S DAY. . . so, don't forget your special someone(s)!

SEA STAR, the blue hull J36, won the very prestigious **2010 LaBrot Trophy**. There are a lot of folks who worked hard and sailed tough who are part of the *Sea Star* team. Here are the key players: **Dave Eberwine, Brian McCauley, Eddie Williams, Geoff Hummel, Michelle Garn, Chauncey Wu, Chris Choate, Bill Wheary, Tami McCauley, Jan Gamage, and Leanne Cranfield**. Congratulations to all as well as to those who, on occasion, filled in along the way.

CBYRA REGION 4 Division High Point Awards Winners. SOUTH DIVISION (Hampton Roads, York River area, North Carolina clubs): PHRF A-1. *Sea Star*. **Dave Eberwine**; 2. *Feather*, **Phil Briggs**; 3. *Cyrano*, **Bob Mosby**. PHRF B - 1. *Bad Habit*, **Bob Archer**; 2. *Gremlin*, **Greg Cutter**; 3. *Callinectes*, **Ben Cutter**. PHRF C - 1. *Roundabout*, **Alan Bomar**; 2. *The Hunter*, **Justin Morris**; 3. *Quicky*, **Veraldi/Godkin**. PHRF Non-Spin - 1. *Black Widow*, **Leo Wardrup**; 2. *Midnight Mistress*, **Jake Brodersen**; 3. *Faith*, **Jerry Lotz**. **NORTH DIVISION** (Fishing Bay, Rappahannock River area, and north to Maryland line): PHRF A-1. *She Crab Soup*, **Cyane Crump**; 2. *Corryvreckan*, **David Clark**; 3. *Nanuq*, **Glenn Doncaster**. PHRF B - 1. *Nereid*, **Eric Powers**; 2. *Goin'*, **Dennis Hannick**; 3. *Shenanigan*, **Miles Booth**. PHRF C - 1. *Schiehallion*, **Brad Miller**; 2. *Horizon*, **Bob Fleck**; 3. *Play It Again*, **Sam Marshall**. PHRF Non-Spin (no qualifiers). For info regarding awards presentation, please contact Randy Pugh (757) 301-2859

YES! There are rooms available for SBRW Out-of-Towner racers: The **Crowne Plaza** on the downtown Hampton waterfront (a stones throw from SBRW Regatta headquarters at Hampton Yacht Club) **does have rooms available to SBRW racers at a very special rate**. You must provide the special code when making reservations. Go to www.blacksealcup.com and click on "Accommodations, Docking and Directions" for details. It's important to make your reservations early, since SBRW weekend is a busy June weekend in Hampton. If you need additional assistance, please contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

US SAILING Race Management Seminar Saturday, Feb 19th. at Hampton Yacht Club.

COURSE IS SOLD OUT - registration is closed. If you wish to be on the waiting list, please contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

One more LaBrot note. **LaBrot boats from years past are still on southern Bay race courses. Leroi Lissenden's VooDoo 2** used to be **Sledd Shelhorse's Promises** when he won the 1992 Labrot. *VooDoo 2* competes in the PHRF A fleet and is still one of the prettiest boats out there. The 1977 winner, **Surfrider** (Jack Zanks), is still on the Bay racing as **Black Widow** (Leo Wardrup). She is always a force in the PHRF Non-Spin fleet on the southern Bay and beyond, including the annual Screwpile Regatta.

Richard Payne cannot stop smiling! Richard's beautiful J105, **Flying Colors**, arrived back at Ocean Marine (Portsmouth, VA) from her factory rebuild ahead of the mini-snowstorm last Wednesday night. The skipper and crew have been without their baby since spring in 2010. Even with a few pre-launch tasks to be completed, the skipper says, "We should be ready to go back in the water by the end of March." So, here we go! One more southern Bay racer back in the fold. Ya can't keep 'em off the race course!

One of the very best at capturing sailing in words is **Wendy Mitman Clarke**. Many southern Bay racers will remember stories she shared of her racing experiences on the Chesapeake Bay, mostly on Annapolis boats. Wendy has written a story titled "Little Big Boat" for *Cruising World* about a cruising family that sails out of **Deltaville, Virginia**. Click here to read it - it is well worth the moment it will take.

<http://www.cruisingworld.com/how-to/living-aboard/little-big-boat>

Owners and operators of boats with gasoline powered engines - BEWARE! Do NOT use the new 15%

Ethanol gasoline in your boat motor. The following information comes from BoatUS (Boat Owners Association of The United States), 880 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304 For detailed IMPORTANT information, see BoatUS Press Room - click here <http://www.BoatUS.com/pressroom> To see the warning label that will be posted on pumps click here <http://www.BoatUS.com/pressroom/prevlewing/hiRes/616.jpg> BoatUS says, "This little label on a gas pump could be all that separates boaters from dangerously misfueling their boat." BoatUS has been on top of the 15% ethanol gasoline and its danger to marine engines for some time. Here is part of what they have to say:

With E15, Boaters, Anglers Will Need Extra Vigilance When Filling up at the Gas Station. ALEXANDRIA, Va., February 7, 2011 - With the EPA's recent decision to allow the use of gasoline with up to 15% ethanol (E15) in 2001 and newer model cars and trucks, [Boat Owners Association of The United States \(BoatUS\)](#) says that trailerboaters will need to remain extra vigilant when filling up their truck and trailered boat at the local gas station. That's because while E15 could be fine for the tow vehicle, it's not good - nor authorized by the EPA - for use with boats. A strong solvent, ethanol has been known to degrade marine fuel systems, damage engines, add safety concerns, and lead to expensive repair bills.

So, operators of safety boats, coach boats, dinghies, pin boats, mark boats, signal boats, dive boats, those who fish, and everyone else with a gasoline boat engine, including sailboats, pay attention - **a mistake on your part in fueling with 15% ethanol gasoline could soil your summer big time!**

SBRW Fleet update: Another J105, **Strother Scott's Loose Cannon**, is now in the mix. And, the first Viper 640, **Mike Gravitt's Bitten** has entered. **Jerry Lotz, Faith** (Seahorse 34), no stranger to SBRW, has exercised his 2010 SBRW Returnee discount and entered early, too. www.blacksealcup.com

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has become aware of an award recently presented at Broad Bay Sailing Association of Virginia Beach. A trophy and the accompanying platitudes were served up to the human skipper, one Brendan "Little Drink" Drinkwater. So, here is the question: Where is the appropriate recognition for the co-skipper, my friend, **Boo Boo Wilkens**, a Jack Russell Terrier, who, everyone knows, is the brains of the outfit? The *Murphster* opines that unless restitution is made and made PDQ, my friend Boo Boo should be doggoned dog gone! At least until the first big regatta party! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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