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The Gloucester, Middlesex, and Deltaville areas of the Southern Bay suffered loss of lives and major property damage from the severe storms and tornados that hit our area Saturday afternoon and evening. Our racing brethren at Fishing Bay Yacht Club postponed their opening weekend activities to spend time helping those in need to regain their balance. In some cases the personal devastation is incalculable.

This is the last week for **SBRW 2011 EARLY BIRD ENTRY** benefits. Save \$10 on your entry fee and receive 10 FREE regatta drink tickets. **Deadline for Early Bird entries is Monday, April 25th.** Regular entry fees kick in the next day, Tuesday. For entry forms and info click here www.blacksealcup.com Questions or concerns, call Lin at (757) 850-4225. SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK (June 3-5) - *Y'all come racing!*

SBRW Fleet Update: David Hughes' JAMMIN (C&C 34) is the **50th Early Bird Entry** for SBRW 2011. David is commodore of Broad Bay Sailing Association and will be racing in the newly revised SBRW Cruising Fleet for the first time. Joining all the Early Birds are: Two of the top boats in their class on the southern Bay - **Bob Fleck** racing *HORIZON* (S2 7.9) and **Brad Miller** racing *SCHIEHALLION*, Beneteau 305 - *HORIZON* and *SCHIEHALLION* finished 1st and 2nd respectively in PHRF C last year at SBRW. **Dave Bouchard** brings his *Santana 35*, *GANAR!* to the line in PHRF B. Dave, too, is a returnee to SBRW 2011. **Tom Hall** of Scarborough, Maine, will be bring his *Elliott 770*, *SEVEN*, to SBRW 2011 - this will be Tom's second SBRW.
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SEA STAR, WHAM BAM, ROUNDABOUT, and BLACK WIDOW win fleets in middle distance race of CCV Spring Series. It was a glorious day after a night of frightening weather on the southern Bay Sunday. In breezes of 15 at the start and finishing zephyrs around 10, the 27 boats got in a good day of racing which included a downwind start, power reaching, and upwind grinding. This was the 3rd of 5 races that comprise the CCV Spring Series. Races #4 and #5 will be sailed on May 1 (skipping this coming Easter weekend) and will complete the series. **RESULTS: PHRF A (8 boats): 1.Dave Eberwine, Sea Star; 2.Bob Mosby, Cyrano; 3.Phil Briggs, Feather.** **PHRF B (8 boats): 1.Dave Taylor, Wham Bam; 2.Rusty Burshell, Cool Change; 3.Graham Field, Independence.** **PHRF C (7 boats): 1.Alan Bomar, Roundabout; 2.Michael Klopf, Swamp Rat; 3.Justin Morris, The Hunter.** **PHRF Non-Spin (5 boats): 1.Leo Wardrup, Black Widow; 2.Andy Armstrong, Virginia H; 3.Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher.** PRO-John McCarthy, Official Scorer-John Ritter, RC Team-Dick Boykin, Buk Lawrence, Eric Matherne, and Lin McCarthy.

Media Watch: Hampton University sailing coach **Alessandro "Alex" Ambrosi** was featured in a lengthy article in Sunday's *Daily Press*. In it he covers the future hopes and plans for the rapidly growing Hampton U collegiate program.

Collegiate Sailing: Georgetown University won the prestigious **America's Trophy**, sailed this weekend at St Mary's College of Maryland. Among the 18 colleges who had won their way to the championship regatta, Old Dominion University finished 5th, University of Virginia, 13th, and Hampton University, 17th.

Charleston Race Week did not race on Saturday (severe weather): Southern Bay and beyond contingent results: **J24 fleet (21 boats)- 6.Bash, Ron Medlin (NC); 13.Quicky, Mike Veraldi (Va Beach).** **PHRF B (7 boats): 2.Velocity (J111), John Dodge-crew (Richmond); 3.Teamwork (J122), Robin Team (NC); 4.Jubilee (A40RC), Cal and Libussa Huge (SC)-2010 SBRW.** **PHRF Sport Boats (6 boats): 3.Wairere (Thompson 30), Pete Hunter (Kill Devil Hills, NC).** **PHRF D (10 boats): 5.Goin' (Tripp 26), Dennis Hannick (King George, VA).**

Fishing Bay Yacht Club is going all out in their revision and upgrading of a long time southern Bay Labor Day weekend event - **Stingray Point Regatta**. There all sorts of good changes and additions planned, major among them is the OPTIONAL distance race on Friday of the weekend. Registration for the event will open May 1. Check out their website, which is developing now, at www.stingraypointregatta.org.

Summer High Lights for Southern Bay Racers:

June Southern Bay Race Week - Opens evening of June 2, racing June 3-5 - www.blacksealcup.com
 July Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge - Opens afternoon of July 16, racing July 17-19 - www.screwpile.net
 Aug Cape Charles Cup - Opens evening of Aug 19, racing Aug 20-21 - www.CCCup.net
 Sept Stingray Point Regatta (newly upgraded) - Opens Sep 2 (optional distance race), racing Sep 3 & 4 - www.stingraypointregatta.org

Brook Smith, Captain of the *American Rover*, is the son of southern Bay long time racer, **Sonny Smith** (*Restless*). The *American Rover* is celebrating her 25th anniversary as a cruising delight in Tidewater; Norfolk Waterside is her homeport. *Rover* is a three masted topsail schooner. Sonny's *Restless* is an Irwin 38. That would be some match-up - *Restless VIII* and the *Rover* busting out the Elizabeth River some afternoon. Sonny would undoubtedly have the advantage at the turning mark!

Heading over to Willoughby Bay (Norfolk) to race? From the *racers who have the local knowledge*, The Willoughby Racers (BBSA), comes the following unofficial advice re entering Willoughby Bay: ". . . *nav note*: Drop mark "1A" at the north/east entrance to Willoughby Bay is in the wrong place. About 100yds NW of where the shoal is. Leave the red day mark close aboard about 20 feet when entering or departing the channel. Line up with 1ER when transiting the entrance."

ARC Europe Update: Four boats are set to depart Hampton on May 6 as part of the World Cruising Club's ARC Europe. Leaving to cross the "Pond" are **Michael Williams**, *Lady of Lorien*; **Nick Walker**, *Elsocare*; **Patricia Storbeck**, *Mojito*; and **Bill Peach**, *Kallandia*. And, the **Atlantic Cup** boats are expected to arrive in Hampton, the following week (tentatively May 9 or 10) are the boats coming up from the *Islands, Mon*, via Bermuda. For details on either event, please contact Trudy O'Reilly Public Relations at orpr@msn.com

LOOK HERE - SIGN UP AND PIPE UP! What follows is a communication from BOATUS listing links that will enable you to have a voice in this important debate of vital interest all sailors:

"The U.S. Environment Protection Agency (EPA) is developing future clean boating requirements for **all recreational boats** in the next few months, and they need to hear from you. During April, they are hosting weekly "webinars" to solicit boater input (April 6 - 6 pm, April 14 - 8 pm, **April 22 - 10 am, and April 25 - 12 pm**; all eastern time)." For more information on the webinars and to **register in advance** (which is required): <http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/lawsguidance/cwa/vessel/CBA/participate.cfm>. A specific list of proposed requirements is not yet available. We do know that sewage will not be discussed or covered - it's part of a different law. EPA is looking at several broad categories of vessel discharges: (1) Antifouling paints and zincs, (2) Graywater (from showers and sinks), (3) Bilge water (with concern about oil and grease, which is already illegal to discharge), (4) Cleaning products/maintenance practices, (5) Disposal of garbage and fishing waste, and (6) Transport of **invasive species**. (see *Murphy's comment below*)

Thanks to southern Bay sailor **George Burke**, who passed this information along to us all.

MURPHY'S LAW: Invasive species! *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, can speak to invasive species! If the EPA really wants to get a grip in invasive species (see item above), how about monitoring those bargers at the starting line! Ah-oooooooooooooh! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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