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PRESIDENT'S DAY – To honor George W. and Abe L. Happy Birthday, Mr. Presidents!

IT'S A GOOD JOB IF YOU CAN GET IT, AND . . . **Bill McClure** and **Mike Chesser** delivered Joe Mele's *Triple Lindy*, a Swan 44, to Antigua where they readied it for the RORC which began today. **Jeff Davis** and **Percy Montigue**, both from Charlottesville, helped with the delivery as far as St Thomas. Bill said the four left Fishing Bay on the 21st of Jan. and after 4 days of up to 40 knot winds and 15 ft seas, finally reached the trades and made a fast passage to St Thomas. **Nancy Chesser** (Mike's wife) and **Hanne Lassen** helped get the boat from St Thomas to Antigua where it was prepped for the race. Bill said they rebuilt the boom gooseneck, resolved electric and plumbing problems, took the cruising sails off, and cleaned the bottom. After turning the boat over to the owner and the race crew, the delivery folks returned home to await the finish of the race. Then, Bill will go get the boat again and bring her home.

Mardi Gras Race Week - Christian Schaumlöffel and the *MIRAGE* crew have been there, done that, collected the beads, and are at this moment on their way home to Tidewater – ETA in Hampton for boat and trailer is around mid-day today. The trip to New Orleans Yacht Club was the last for this year of the *Miragewinter* travels. The southern Bay Hobie 33 finished 4th in a one design class of 9, racing over three days. Christian said the first day and the third day were light-ish air, but the middle day was windy and choppy, choppy, choppy. Fifty-five (55) boats registered at MGRW with an additional Opti Class for junior racers. One design classes included the Hobie 33, Easterly 30, Finn, J22, Rhodes 19, VX One, Vanguard 15, and Viper 640. Southern Bay expat **Joel Berry** raced *Rambunctious* in the 8 boat PHRF fleet.

WEST MARINE has joined an early list of generous **Southern Bay Race Week 2013** sponsors which already includes GOSLING'S BLACK SEAL RUM, SPINSHEET MAGAZINE, PHOTOBOT, NORTH SAILS (Hampton – Ken Saylor), DOYLE SAILS (Hampton – Jim Miller and Eddie Williams), WINTERS SAILS (Hampton – Dan, Sam and Bret Winters), ULLMAN SAILS (Virginia – Jerry Latell), BAXTER SAILMAKERS, LTD (Norfolk-Ocean View – Dave Baxter), CROWNE PLAZA (Hampton), and, of course, *SBRNYCU*. Stay tuned and whenever possible support SBRW sponsors – they help support your regatta!

For links go to www.blacksealcup.com

Collegiate Update: The Old Dominion University coed sailing team placed seventh at the Charleston Spring Coed Invitational over the weekend in their season opener. Out of 18 teams, ODU took seventh overall with the A-team finishing fifth and the B-team 10th. Conditions for most of the weekend in Charleston were less than ideal with unseasonably cold temperatures and a steady breeze. Host College of Charleston won the event. In A-Division senior skipper **Zachary Runci** and sophomore crew **Colin Voigt** took fifth while junior

skipper [Corina Radtke](#) along with senior crew [Shannon Wilkins](#) and sophomore crew [Jaclyn Hollander](#) were 10th in the B-Division.

LASERS (on the Lafayette) Update: Since January, on Sundays, a group of hearty, and maybe slightly crazy, Laser racers have been frostbiting on the Lafayette/Elizabeth Rivers off the ODU Sailing Center.

Robert Suhay honchos the effort for the group that includes some darned good Laser sailors. After 5 Sundays of racing, **Neil Ford** leads the pack, followed by **David Tunnicliffe** and, in 3rd, **Mike Moore**. One of the concerns Robert has each weekend is the *wind prediction*. He pays very close attention to what the services are saying for each weekend. Recently he emailed that while some had been more or less off the mark, he had found that "... Wind Alerts and WeatherUnderground are proving to be more accurate predictors of wind conditions." Robert would welcome info from anyone who is using the various services and carefully tracking accuracy of the wind predictions of the area on a day or two out. And, if you want more info on the Laser racing, please contact Robert Suhay at robert.suhay@pilotonline.com.

LAST CHANCE – HAPPENING THIS COMING WEEKEND! BOTH ARE OPEN TO ALL!

****** SATURDAY, February 23rd, 0900-1230, MURPHY RULES hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association at the ODU Sailing Center (Norfolk) – proceeds go to the support of the Cape Charles Cup. What you need to know about the NEW Racing Rules (2013-2016) and more.** Presented by John McCarthy in his "Rules Made Easy" style. For information and/or to register contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663. Cost is \$19 per person, includes refreshments during breaks. There is a discount for on-line registration at <http://www.broadbaysailing.org> **BRING YOUR NEW RULE BOOK WITH YOU!!!**

****** SATURDAY (Adults) and SUNDAY (Junior Sailors), February 23rd and 24th, SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR at The Mariners' Museum (Newport News).** Presented with Landfall Navigation & Storm Trysail Foundation. Adult Program – 0830-1600 Sat., \$75. Juniors Program – age 12 and older – 1200-1700 Sun., \$35. For details and registration, please go to www.marinersmuseum.org/safety-at-sea OR call Bryan Hill at (757) 591-7749 or email bhill@MarinersMuseum.org. These are both great hands-on seminars (rescue, survival, navigation, etc. equipment and techniques), moderated by renowned sailor and instructor, Capt. Henry Marx. Each day is geared to the particular audience, adult or junior.

Time MARCH [es] on – Here are the racing events coming up in MARCH+:

****March 10 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME kicks in

****March 16 MURPHY RULES– the new rules changes and more, hosted by NRYRA, New Bern, NC, at the Blackbeard Sailing Club. Check the Neuse River YRA website to registration info.

****March 17 ST PATRICK'S DAY

****March 20 SPRING begins

****March 23 MURPHY RULES– the new rules changes and more, hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. For information and/or to register contact Lin Mc at (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net. Cost is \$19 per person, includes refreshments during breaks. OPEN TO ALL (0900-1230)

****March 26 *CCV Racing Guide* distribution at HYC (evening)

****March 30 *SPINSHEET MAGAZINE CREW LISTING* –SOUTH party, hosted by MARKER 20 (downtown Hampton, 5pm-7pm) OPEN TO ALL (no resses required)

****March 30 NUTS & BOLTS RACE COMMITTEE SEMINAR - Hampton Yacht Club. OPEN TO ALL This half-day seminar will cover rules changes (2013-2016) of particular importance to race committees, i.e. Appropriate for RC Chairmen as well as all RC team volunteers (newbies too). The emphasis is on the “how to” of RC duties. Presented by John McCarthy. Low fee - \$19 – includes coffee, pastries, and refreshments at breaks. To sign up, email mcbear@earthlink.net and ask for Nuts & Bolts info, or call Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225.

****March 31 EASTER

****April 3 HYC Wednesday Night racing begins

****April 3 Little Creek SA (BBSA) Wednesday Night racing begins

****April 4 BBSA Thursday Night Willoughby racing begins

****April 7 CCV Tune-Up Races

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is impressed with *Mirage's* willingness to travel to a major party event, Mardi Gras Race Week, given the distance from the southern Bay. *The Murphster* suspects that the entire trip involved 3 days of racing and 8 days of party-ing. After all, it IS Mardi Gras! Ahooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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