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FIRST or LAST? A lot of southern Bay racers see the **New Year Day Madness Race** as the *last* of the season. Those who do well see it as the *first* of the year and a great start on what they are sure will be an exemplary season in 2014! However, you look at it, it is a fun event and a way to start 2014 or end 2013.

DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR MADNESS RACE, January 1, 2014. This is a pursuit race, slower boats start first and faster boats last. PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF Non-Spinnaker boats as well as Cruising Class boats are welcome. Here's the plan: Skippers Meeting (10:00AM) and breakfast (opens at 9:00AM) in Hampton Yacht Club Dockside Lounge. Skipper's breakfast is included in the boat entry fee and crew, friends, and families may partake for a nominal fee when breakfast-ing. Visiting boats are welcome to raft at the HYC docks in order to attend the Skippers Meeting and breakfast. The warning signal for the first start will be at 11:25AM. The starting line will be between the HYC dock and the BLUE ROCK on the Hampton University shore. The course will be short, 6 nm, and the finish line will be at the OPC Marina pier in Mill Creek. The post-race party will be at the OPCYC clubhouse on Fort Monroe (NOTE – there is no longer a security check at Ft Monroe – no hassle, just drive on the Fort and go to the party which starts at 3:30PM sharp!) For entry info, start times, Notice of Race, etc. please contact Mike Hollesten at 757-867-7912 or Paul Mellen at 757-851-4198. **In essence, the course for the entire day is “From the HYC Bar, around Hampton [sand] Bar, and into the OPCYC Bar!”** Entry fee is \$25 before 5PM, Monday, December 23rd, after which a \$15 late fee kicks in.

Racers may now enter SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2014 electronically by clicking on www.yachtscoring.com. Just click, scroll down to the event logo, and enter. Entry fees may also be paid at this site. There is a Preliminary Race Announcement at the same site. Paper entry and payment by check is still available. For additional info or assistance please contact Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225, mcbear@earthlink.net Ben and Michele Weeks, RUMBLE (J29) are the first to enter SBRW 2014.

Special TLC. Cornell University honored their basketball alumni this past week and one of them is a southern Bay sailor. **Max Mattes** played on the 1953-54 “Big Red” team that beat Kentucky. Max and his wife Lonnie spend a lot of time supporting our racers by volunteer work on the SBRW Event Committee, Max at The Mariners Museum, and Lonnie in her administrative position at North Sails Hampton.

CBYRA Annual Meeting. New officers were elected and mandated to begin immediately to plan a re-organization of CBYRA that will be better suited to members (clubs as well as individual sailors). 2014 will be the 100th year of CBYRA and incoming president, Penny Zahn, has in mind an organization that “. . . *is more nimble and more responsive to members’ needs*”. During the evaluation and re-organization period sailor services will be continued (scheduling, Green Book, Junior Program, and big boat program, COD) and in some cases improved, i.e. development of a new user friendly website with a totally, newly confirmed data base is already underway and should be available early in the year. **The only sailor service activity that will be suspended is Annapolis Race Week 2014** - Annapolis YC and Eastport YC are planning a Labor Day Weekend event(s) in its stead.

New Safety Standards: US Sailing is working on a new set of safety standards for racing. **PHRF of the Chesapeake** is considering which new standard with which additions designated for “Nearshore” racing should be used, replacing the previous 4P-5P-6P categories. Watch for more information from PHRF of the Chesapeake.

CBYRA Member Organizations on the Southern Bay (Region 4):

Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA)
Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV)
Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club (ESYCC)
Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC)
Gatling Point Yacht Club (YPYC)
Hampton Yacht Club (HYC)
Langley Yacht Club (LYC)
Norfolk Naval Sailing Association (NNSA)
Norfolk Yacht and Country Club (NYCC)
Old Point Comfort Yacht Club (OPCYC)
Outer Banks Sailing Association (OBSA)
Pasquotank River Yacht Club (PRYC)
Portsmouth Boat Club (PBC)
Rappahannock River Yacht Club (RRYC)
Seaford Yacht Club (SYC)
Ware River Yacht Club (WRYC)
Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club (YPRCC)
York River Yacht Club

MURPHY'S LAW: It's cold, your boat is winterized, it snowed where you live, and it's Monday. And, you may be a Redskin fan! *Murphy, the Racing Beagle*, understands the angst. As they said during WWII, "Keep calm and carry on". Winter will come and Winter will go. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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