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GROUNDHOG DAY is this coming SUNDAY, February 2nd. The deal is that if the groundhog pokes his head out of the burrow and it is sunny, his shadow will frighten him back into the burrow and we can expect another 6 weeks of winter weather. HOWEVER, if Sunday is a cloudy day, and, therefore, the groundhog casts no shadow, he will not retreat to the burrow and we can expect an early spring. Punxsutawney Phil is the most famous groundhog. So, a lot of news mavens will be on hand Sunday morning at Phil's burrow in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Sailboat racers everywhere will be rooting for a cloudy, even dark 'n' stormy day!

Key West Race Week. Southern Bay racers at KWRW must have had a good time – good wind and lots of racing. Robin Team's Teamwork, J122, finished 2nd overall in PHRF 1. Glenn Doncaster's Nanuq, Sabre 426, was 3rd in PHRF 2, followed closely (2 points after 10 races) by Martin Casey's Bow Down, Olson 30, in 4th. In the huge J70 one design fleet (there were 60 boats racing) the two Vortex entries finished in the middle of things. Vortex, skippered by Zach Runci, was 25th in the final standings and GetMyBoat, skippered by Colin Kirby, was 33rd.

Southern Bay small boat racers are no strangers to capsize – it's the nature of the game.

However, the waters of our beloved southern Bay are. . .soft. It's worth going to the *Scuttlebutt #4005* (January 22, 2014) archives to see a video "*Iceboat flips on Lake Chautauqua*". The cameras are mounted on the flipping boat. When you see the ice and realize the speed the boat is traveling, there is only one question for our ice-bound racing brethren, "WHY??" Yikes!

Here are two SUMMER JOB openings in sailing. Norfolk Yacht and Country Club is looking for a Director and Assistant Director for their 6 week summer junior sailing program from mid-June through July. These are ideal positions for teachers looking for some summer employment on an annual basis. Interested candidates should contact Jim Grady, General Manager, NY&CC at 757-423-4500.

*****Saturday, February 22, 2014 NEAR SHORE SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR** – at The Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Virginia. Organized and led by Capt. Henry E. Marx, the seminar will include topics such as "Formula for Disaster", "Pumps and Steering Gear Emergencies", "Crew Over-Board and Rescue", Medical

Care and Prevention”, “Bay Weather”, and “Life Raft Inflation& Abandon Ship”. Register prior to Feb 1, 2014: \$85 – later: \$110. For information or to register, call The Mariners’Museum.(757) 591-7749 or go to www.Mariners’Museum.org/Safety-at-Sea

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2014 update: Early Bird Entries are building for SBRW 2014. Here’s who is in already: PHRF A: Sled Shelhorse, MERIDAN X; Leroi Lissenden, VOODOO 2. PHRF B: Bob Archer, BAD HABIT; Dennis Hannick, GOIN’; Bob and Lisa Fleck, MAD HATTER; John Wandling, REBECCA J; Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran, RUMBLE; Larry Boone, SCHOCK FULL O’ NUTS. PHRF C: Paul Wash, CHEEKY MONKEY. PHRF Non-Spin: William Barnes, BONA DEA; Walter Boatwright, PUFF CARD. J24: Mike Veraldi, QUICKY. CRUISING: Christopher McClain, BETTER TOGETHER; Booty Baker, KLIMAX; Larry Bryant, WHISPER. Click on www.yachtscoring.com then select the SBRW 2014 listing for details and to enter and/or pay your entry fee. Also, the preliminary NOR is posted already for racers’ convenience. If you prefer to use a PAPER ENTRY FORM for SBRW 2014, select “Additional Event Documents”, print the form, fill it in, and mail it to the address shown. If you have any difficulties entering or questions, please DO CONTACT Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net At SBRW our racers are the top priority. Y’ALL COME RACING!

MURPHY’S LAW: *Yrs, Truly the Racing Beagle*, opines that this Punxsutawntey Phil groundhog critter [see item above] is benefiting to the extreme by all the backward logic that is tied to his lazy winter attitude. Who else do you know who has a *six week snooze alarm*?! Really, now! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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