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Remember your *Main Squeeze, De Amour, Luv Bug, Babe, Sweetie Pie, or your special one by another name* – VALENTINE'S DAY is this coming FRIDAY (Friday 14th)!

CONGRATULATIONS! are in order for **Barney Harris and Peter Duncan, who have won the US Sailing One-Design Service Award for 2013.** Barney and Peter have been recognized for their efforts on behalf of the US Albacore Association. The award recognizes distinguished service and exceptional dedication in the promotion of one-design sailing and class organization. Peter and Barney traveled to California Friday to receive the award at the US Sailing Leadership Forum dinner at the San Diego Hall of Champions.

Sunday Lasers. Yesterday the Hampton Roads Laser sailors who regularly race off ODU in the Elizabeth River encountered, well, . . . Old Man Winter conditions. As **Robert Suhay**, put it, "Sunday turned out to be a day for the patient and the brave, as the anticipated wind shift sucked the air out of the Elizabeth River near Old Dominion University for about a half hour, allowing just enough time for the cold and wet to set in before the breeze showed up to make things really chilly. There's nothing more dismal on race day to watch the black sooty diesel fumes from the ships at the coal piers and NIT rise in steady vertical streams. But when they start bending over, that's when things get cheery again. Well, smiles at least. There was nothing warm and cheery about Sunday's regatta." No matter, these Laser sailors sail every Sunday. To join the **Laser Frostbite Series** racers, contact honcho Robert Suhay at robert.suhay@pilotonline.com .

SCHOONER VIRGINIA - The *Virginia* will be offering all kinds of sail and educational packages this coming season. Plans are to publish a very compelling list of adult and youth programs. Program leaders plan on issuing a quarterly (may go to monthly) newsletter with information about the programs, how to sign up, and general information about the ship and what's going on with the *Virginia*. To sign up for the *Virginia* newsletter, contact **Jen Sanford at 757.351.8183 (direct) | 757.537.7004 (mobile) or email her at jennifer.sanford@drivedominion.com** .

To Fiddlers Green: Hugh Elliot, Senior and International Judge, raconteur, and friend to many of us, passed away suddenly on Sunday, February 2nd. Hugh was working a regatta in Davis Island Yacht Club in Florida. Hugh was an outstanding sailor; in the mid-1980s, he was a top-notch Laser sailor– from 1982 to 1988, he qualified for gold fleet at least once each year at the U.S., Canadian, or North American Championships. He enjoyed crewing, most often as tactician or spinnaker trimmer, on other boats including Flying Dutchmen, J/24s, Lightnings, and J/30s. After a serious car accident in 1993 led to the loss of his left leg (above the knee) and later his right leg (below the knee), he helped to establish the U.S. Disabled Sailing Program. From 1997 to 2000 he campaigned as crew on a Sonar; his team finished second at the U.S. Trials for the Paralympic Games in Sydney. He continued campaigning in Sonars as skipper until 2005. In 2008, US Sailing presented Hugh with the Gay S. Lynn Memorial Trophy for his outstanding contribution to sailors with disabilities and the sport of disabled sailing over a sustained period of time. In recent years, he made innumerable and immeasurable contributions to the sport of sailing through his work in race management, expertise on the Racing Rules of Sailing, and efforts as a US Sailing Senior Judge and ISAF International Judge. Hugh was a

member of Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis, MD, and in recent years had helped with regattas in the southern Bay, including serving as Chief Judge at SBRW, the Prince of Wales Match Racing Championships, and the Hampton Yacht Club Match Race Challenge, all in Hampton. *(Compiled from various heartfelt notes and comments regarding Hugh's passing.)*

Christopher Newport Sailing Foundation (CNSF) is looking for a powerboat for the CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY SAILING TEAM to have as a support boat. Current support boats are perfect for practice, but events hosting as many as nine teams call for an added support boat that can handle all weather conditions. General specifications needed are: 18 to 20 feet L.O.A.; outboard power 25 to 50 HP; Vee bottom hull with a moderately high freeboard. CNSF will accept a donation that would offer the donor a tax benefit, OR a used boat in good condition that can be relied upon in difficult conditions. Contact the CNSF at 757-287-4422, 757-722-5711, or 1-610-417-5529, OR by e-mail at cnusailing@aol.com or maxwell.plarr@cnu.edu. *The Christopher Newport Sailing Foundation is a tax exempt organization, separate from Christopher Newport University, with the sole purpose of supporting the CNU Sailing Team. What better way to confound the Tax Man???*

MURPHY'S LAW: The winter Olympics are in full swing. Watch the TV for *Yours Truly, the Racing Beagle's* first cousin, Olga Murphiski, who is a world class canine figure skater. She is known for her triple-with-a-wag-tip beaglette. And, she ends every program by doing a beagle bellywopper at center ice. Ahooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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