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Tomorrow (Tuesday) is national SAILBOAT RACERS'DAY – APRIL 1ST, also April Fools' Day! Hummmmm...

This past weekend was the “breakout weekend” for southern Bay racers. Even though it was still drizzly, chilly, and breezy, boatyard tasks were completed, shakedown sails happened, and racers wore shorts. There were formal events too. The **SpinSheet Crew Listing Party** gathered crew and skippers looking to link up for the coming season at Marker 20 in downtown Hampton. This is an annual happening enhanced by Doyle Sails' (Virginia/Hampton – Jim Miller and Eddie Williams) donation of the brew. Later Saturday evening the long standing **Hampton Yacht Club Annual Sock Burning**, featuring Sock-Blessor Supreme, Father Happy, aka Buc Lawrence, who wears a Viking horned helmet and offers pithy comments. Father Happy summed up the evening, “*Huge crowd (Phoebus Rio a factor???)*, *tiny riot*, *fair amount of drizzle*. *Things went pretty well right up until the ‘flashing’ began.*” Phoebus Rio, a racers' favorite band played their final gig, since they are leaving the circuit. Let the racing begin!

THIS COMING WEEK – Actual racing begins on the southern Bay. Two Wednesday Night Racing groups start – Hampton Yacht Club and Little Creek Sailing Association (BBSA). On Thursday, the Willoughby Racers (BBSA) will begin their spring series in Little Bay. And, on Friday, the Portsmouth Boat Club Barnacle Series opens. Then comes the weekend: Saturday and Sunday Hampton YC hosts the Trapeze Regatta and Clinic, which includes the opening regatta for J24 Fleet 71. On Sunday, the Cruising Club of Virginia offers their annual Tune-Up Races in Hampton Roads Harbor.

From **Mike Mullarky, president of PHRF of the Chesapeake**, comes word that the **NOAA new downloadable charts, which are in detail and are free, DO meet** the US Safety Equipment Requirements (effective April 1, 2014) adopted by PHRF of the Chesapeake. The Ches Bay category (old 4P with some changes) now requires, among other things, that a boat “...**shall have non-electronic charts that are appropriate for the race area**” (**No. 3.20**). The list of these PDF charts is at <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/PDFs/PDFs.shtml> . Click, pick, and print.

THE INDEPENDENCE FUND REGATTA , hosted by Yankee Point Regatta, is all set for October 24-26, this Fall. This is a *NEW* regatta on the southern Bay. The Independence Fund is devoted entirely to providing adaptive wheelchairs to combat wounded amputees, free of charge. The Independence Fund is a completely volunteer charitable organization. There is an entry form at www.yankeepointmarina.com (click "Regatta") or contact Yankee Point Marina, 1303 Oak Hill Road, Lancaster, VA 22503. Karen Knull, Regatta Chairperson, (804) 462-7018.

When racers leave the southern Bay area it is with mixed emotions that we let them go. **Pete and Jennifer Morrison** are leaving the area for *good* reasons. Jen will be taking a new and exciting position at Mathnasium Corporate Headquarters in Los Angeles. Pete and Jen previously raced their J109, *Liberty*, in the southern Bay area and currently race **Orion**, a **1984 S2 9.1 Original Liberty Cup Boat**. They cannot take *Orion* across country with them, so she is for sale. *Orion* has been updated, has a good sail inventory , and placed 3rd in PHRF B, 2012 SBRW. *Orion* is located at Cutty Sark Marina, Norfolk. Here is a great opportunity for someone looking to get a full-up boat to go racing this Spring. The Morrisons are asking \$12,000. **Contact info: Cell 757 35-3007 email: crashmorrison@verizon.net**

Time to do your RACING PAPERWORK for 2014.

*****CBYRA** has the new website up and running for new and renewal applications. Go to www.cbyra.org , click the "new/renewal" button and have at it – it is easy. CBYRA has established a *newmembership* database – easier to use and quicker.

*****PHRF of the Chesapeake** has their "new" updated electronic membership application and rating request up and running. Go to www.phrfchesbay.org . Try it, you'll like it.

*****Your club membership(s)** - don't forget to renew it. Many of our southern Bay clubs offer reduced regatta entry rates for their members at their events. **Southern Bay Clubs:** Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA); Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV); Dahlgren Yacht Club (DYC); Eastern Shore Yacht & Country Club (ESYCC); Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC); Gatling Point Yacht Club (GPYC); Hampton Yacht Club (HYC); Norfolk Navy Sailing Association (NNSA); Norfolk Yacht & Country Club (NYCC); Old Point Comfort Yacht Club (OPCYC); Pasquotank River Yacht Club (PRYC); Rappahannock River Yacht Club (RRYC); Seaford Yacht Club (SYC); Ware River Yacht Club (WRYC); Warwick Yacht & Country Club (WYCC); Yankee Point Racing & Cruising Club (YPRCC); York River Yacht Club (YRYC).

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK update. The SBRW 2014 fleet continues to build and you can see all the entries as well as a preliminary scratch sheet and more at YachtScoring.com Just click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=981> and you are there! SBRW (May 30, 31 and June 1) coincides with one of the best festivals on the Bay and beyond, the Hampton **Blackbeard Pirate Festival**. Lots of fun for family, friends, and swashbucklers, too. Click on <http://www.hampton.gov/index.aspx?nid=2008> for all the festival details. *Y'ALL COME RACING!*

Gutsy volunteer needed. The racers at Little Creek (LCSA/BBSA) use the yellow VMRC buoy off Ocean View as a mark of their Wednesday night race course. Here's the problem, the buoy has gone missing. The racers need a person willing to strap on a yellow life jacket and float in the water for a couple of hours on a few Wednesdays. The hope is that the buoy will be replaced [with another buoy] within 5 weeks.

MURPHY'S LAW: Noting the plea for a volunteer (see item above), *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, would like to help, but realizes there are personal size limitations. *The Murphster* would probably be better suited as an offset mark, not an actual rounding mark. Ahhhhhhhhhooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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