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Tune-Up complete – Spring Series on the horizon. More than a dozen southern Bay racers took advantage of the beautiful conditions Sunday at the CCV Tune-Up Races. Racing in Hampton Roads Harbor, the teams left rust from boats, skippers and crew in the wind as they prepared for the coming season. Tom Connor was the Principal Race Officer. In addition to the Tune-Up Races, there was racing scheduled on Wednesday at Little Creek (BBSA) and Hampton (HYC), on Thursday at Willoughby (BBSA), on Friday at the barnacle Series (PBC), and on Saturday at the Trapeze Regatta (HYC). The Lasers were out too at the ODU sailing center on Sunday. In addition to the CCV Spring Series opening day and Fishing Bay YC's opening Spring Series Sunday, *the coming week* will include the first Wednesday night at York River Yacht Club.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2014 update: Seems like 10 is the SBRW racers' lucky number. The EARLY BIRD ENTRY discount (\$10) + 10 complimentary regatta drink tickets expires on Monday, April 28th. Don't let the Early Bird fly by. And, you can save some more money (10%) on your regatta gear, shirts, shorts, hats, and other stuff. **SBRW official apparel and gear is offered by CORAL REEF SAILING APPAREL on-line for your convenience.** You may deduct 10% off your order if you order by May 12th. Click on <http://www.coralreefsailing.com/index.php/catalog/category/view/s/southern-bay-race-week-2014/id/1271/?store=sbrw> to shop and order. To get the CRSA 10% Early Bird price enter the code EARLYSB and receive the discount. More recent SBRW entries – **Richard Payne** has entered his J 105, *Flying Colors* and **Jim Chapman** comes into the SBRW Cruising Fleet with his J37C, *Jeneral's Lady*. PHRF B continues to grow, adding **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*, and **David Bouchard**, *Ganar!* **Bob Mosby** and crew will race *Cyrano*, Frers 36, in PHRF A. To enter SBRW and to check on information (entries list, scratch sheet, NOR, Accommodations, and more) just click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=981> OR, contact Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225, mcbear@earthlink.net for paper entry form and/or info. **Y'ALL COME RACING!**

CCV Spring Series opens THIS COMING SUNDAY, April 13. This is the first day (Race Day 1, Races #1 and #2) of the series, featuring two drop mark races in Hampton Roads Harbor. The first warning is set for 1030. The Series is open to all PHRF Classes as well as a Cruising Fleet. *Racing Members* of CCV are automatically entered in the Series. All others must submit an entry form no later than Saturday, April 12. Racers may enter one race day at a time or the entire Series (per Race Day - \$30 / \$35 for non-USSA members). For information please contact Principal Race Officer John McCarthy, 757-850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net Race Day 2 (Race #3) of the Series is one race, middle distance, government mark course on Sunday April 27 and Race Day 3 (Races #4 and #5) is Sunday, May 4, two drop mark races. All Series racing is in Hampton Roads Harbor.

FBYC celebrates Opening Day on Saturday, April 12 and FBYC Spring Series begins Sunday, April 13. For information on these events and entry, please go to www.fbyc.net

Trapeze Regatta. An enthusiastic bunch of International 505, J24 skippers and crew, and one Lightning, hit the water Saturday in the Trapeze Regatta hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. The wait for decent weather has been long and many others had to spend the weekend catching up on readiness tasks, but not this group. Both fleets got in 6 races in the vicinity of Hampton Flats. **Tyler Moore** easily won the 6 boat 505 fleet with 5 firsts and a second. **Henry Amthor** was 2nd, one point ahead of **Nelson** in the final standings. Mean while among the three boats racing Portsmouth Handicap, **Joe Buczkowski, Irie** (Lightning), proved to be a force with which to be reckoned. Joe won all but one of the six races. **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi's** J24, *Rocket J*, was 2nd overall and **Alan Bomar's** J24, *Roundabout*, was 3rd. Brian Deibler was the Principal Race Officer.

65th DOWN THE BAY RACE - May 23-24, 2014, Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. This really is the longest race on the Bay. Start is in Annapolis and finish is in Hampton, a 120 nautical mile course. Entries are due by May 5 (late entries, with a late fee, will be accepted until May 21). PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker fleets are building as is a multi-hull class; to date a total of 17 entries are ready to "do the dash" down the Bay for the Virginia Cruising Cup. The Skippers Meeting and Welcome Party are on Thursday, May 22, 1800-2100, at Severn Sailing Association in Eastport. The post-race party in Hampton will start at 1900 on Saturday, May 24, at Hampton YC. For additional info and/or to enter, mail entry form and fees to Hampton Yacht Club (DTB), 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669 or enter on-line at www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay. The Down the Bay Race is a joint venture of Hampton Yacht Club and Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station. For info contact Dave McConaughy, (757) 870-4475, Bill Sandberg (203) 219-7256, or Dick Neville (410) 353-0477

Check out the new **SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE** website at www.screwpile.net. You'll notice the addition of a Saturday Distance Race as well as a Cruising Fleet (racing only on Saturday and Sunday at a reduced entry fee) and the event has moved to a Friday thru Sunday format, July 18 –20, 2014. Entry form, Notice of Race, Entry List, and more – all you need to know and more is at the event website.

Special for Women. Hampton Yacht Club has started a **Friday evening women's race program**, using the club's Sonars and racing in the vicinity of Hampton Flats. The program is open to HYC women members or women participating in the Limited Members Adult Sailing Program. The schedule is set up so that racing will be [almost] every other Friday, beginning April 18 and running through October 17. The specific dates are: Apr 18, May 02 & 23, Jun 06 & 20, Jul 11 & 25, Aug 08 & 22, Sep 5 & 19, Oct 3 & 17. *The race entry fee is \$10 per race and may be paid at registration on race day* – it's a pay as you go program. On racing days, registration opens at 5pm, skipper and crew selection is at 6pm (no standing teams), warning signal at 6:15pm, and social and awards at 8pm. [HYC Limited Members Adult Sailing Program is a special temporary membership designed to let participants "try and decide"] For information on the Women's Friday Night Race Program click on www.hamptonyc.com ("Adult Sailing") or call 757-722-0711.

MURPHY'S LAW: And, so it begins – opportunities to race all over the southern Bay. *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, advises all to take a walk down the dock, sidle up to a race boat skipper, and ask if crew is needed. This could be the start of your best summer ever. What's not to like – racing on a sailboat, going to regattas, being part of a team, wearing the coolest stuff, perfecting the racers' saunter, and, of course, starrng at the post-race parties - ahhhoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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