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Race for the GABOON Spittoon! THIS COMING SUNDAY, December 7th. The annual GABOON RACE marks the end of the 2014 racing season. This will be the 37th running of the Gaboon. Bring your friends along with your crew. Send in your entry to Race Committee (Gaboon Race), HYC, 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669. Entry fee is \$25 (\$30 for non-USSA members), checks payable to HYC. The deadline for entries is Race Day (December 7th) at 12:30pm. The Gaboon is a staggered start (pursuit) race, beginning at 1300. The start/finish line is between the HYC docks and the blue rock on the HU shore. The course is pre-determined and in the harbor. Individual start times for boats will be posted at the registration table on race day in the HYC Dockside Lounge. Boats must have a current PHRF certificate with at least a PHRF Near-Shore rating. What racing team worth their salt would not want their boat's name engraved on THE SPITTOON??!

TODAY is final day of special offer: Remember your racing friends with racing photo gifts. This year **PHOTOBOAT** was on hand in the southern Bay for **Southern Bay Race Week** and **Cape Charles Cup** (recently re-dedicated and named for Leo Wardrup), and they are offering a special pre-holiday discount - [Click Here](#) and use the code **GREATGIFT** for **15% off** until **TODAY, Monday, December 1st**.

Writers of NORs – Those willing souls who write **Notices of Race** for their organizations' races, particularly events that include PHRF fleets in the racing, be aware that for 2015 PHRF of the Chesapeake has **changed the default PHRF Non-Spinnaker definition to single headsail only**. So, if you intend *to allow double headsails in your PHRF Non-Spin fleet, you must say so* in your NOR, and also, of course, in your Sailing Instructions.

As he does every year around this time, **J24 racer Mike Veraldi** has begun his annual **toy drive for homeless kids** through the FORKids charity. Mike says, *"I need you to donate a new, unopened and unwrapped toy for a homeless kid. No specific price point, just whatever you can. Try to get something really cool. There is always a shortage of toys for older kids, 11 - 16 yrs. Even gift cards to Walmart will work so older kids can pick out stuff that they like when they are hard to shop for."* You can buy a gift on line and have it shipped to Mike or take it to him in person. Call Mike at 757-343-4909 for his address (for shipping gifts) or for information about the effort.

2015 Southern Bay Racing Schedule is available from your yacht club and sailing association race program officials. Also, you may obtain an electronic copy from *SBRNYCU* by sending an email (subj: Racing Schedule) to mcbear@earthlink.net asking for your 2015 Southern Bay Racing Schedule. You will receive it by return email. Get ready to "race your brains out".

MURPHY'S LAW: Stuffed with Thanksgiving stuffing, *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is well prepared to serve as ballast on a Gaboon Race boat. Ahoooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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