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DEAR READERS,

Murphy, the Racing Beagle, and the staff of SBRNYCU will be taking a short holiday break, so your next issue, #720, will arrive in your email on Monday, January 5, 2015. In the meantime, may you deck the halls, jingle the bells, egg the nog, be filled with good cheer, and, if possible, go racing! We wish you all a joyful holiday season. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year! Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use

VIPER 640 Sarasota Winter Series opens and southern Bay racers were there and in the thick of things. Yesterday and Saturday were the first of three weekend regattas that constitute the Sarasota Winter Series for the Viper 640s. The next two weekends are one each in January and in February. Not a bad time to be in Sarasota! **Henry and Barb Amthor** finished 3rd overall over nine races in the two days. The southern Bay team had a string of 2-4-4-3-5-3-4-[7]-4 and finished well ahead of the next boat. **Steve Taylor**, also from Hampton, raced his Viper #220 to 8th place overall in the fleet of 13 boats. Details of the racing are on line at www.regattanetwork.com/event/9200

LAST REMINDER. Race on NEW YEAR'S DAY!!! January 1, 2015, Dana Dillon Memorial New Year's Madness Race. This pursuit (staggered start – slower boats start first) race is on New Year's Day. Sorry, no handicap allowances given for New Year's EVE party behavior! This is the traditional first race of the season and is jointly sponsored by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club and Hampton Yacht Club. Racing is open to PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker (2 headsails), and Cruising Class. Buffet breakfast available at HYC Dockside Lounge (HYC opens at 8am, serves until 11am, club closes at noon), skippers meeting (10 am), and first warning at 11:25am off HYC docks. The course is usually around 6 nm long, "from HYC Bar, around Hampton Bar [the one submerged in the harbor], and into the OPCYC Bar". All that is discussed at the Skippers Meeting. The race finishes between the OPC Marina Pier and G "3" Phoebus Channel. The post-race party and awards presentation start at 3:30 pm at the OPCYC clubhouse on Ft. Monroe (remember, FT Monroe is open to public – no security check at the entrance). All boats must meet the PHRF of Chesapeake Ches Bay Category Safety Equipment Requirements. (see www.phrfchesbay.com for requirements). **To save \$15 enter no later than 5pm, Tuesday, December 23rd - entry fee is \$25; after that entry fee is \$40. Mail your entry NOW to: OPCYC, c/o Mark Wolfe, 111 West Woodland Road,**

Yorktown, VA 23692-3367 –make check payable to OPCYC. Questions? Call Mark Wolfe at (757) 989-5064.

The **Melges 32 World Championships** took place Dec 1-7 in Miami and **southern Bay racer Graham Landy (Norfolk), was a member of the championship winning team.** Graham sailed on Jason Carroll's *Argo* out of New York City and Larchmont Yacht Club. Details of the regatta are available at YachtScoring.com.

Quantum KEY WEST RACE WEEK (Jan 18-23). Racers and crew from the southern Bay and beyond are getting ready to make the trip south. To date here's who is officially entered: In the J70 One Design class, are **Dan and Gannon Troutman** (FBYC/Gloucester, VA) ; they sailed *Pied Piper* at last year's SBRW. **Graham Landy** (YCYC/New Haven, CY/Norfolk) (see item above) will be sailing *Argo* in the Melges 32 OD class; **Robin Team** (STC/WPYC/Lexington, NC) will be racing *Teamwork*, J122, in the PHRF division; and, **John and Linda Edwards (SMAS, California, MD) with Clarke McKinney** as tactician, will be racing their Farr 30, *Rhumb Punch* in the PHRF division. Southern Bay racers who frequent the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge each July all know the Edwards and Clarke McKinney. The deadline for KWRW entries (without incurring a late fee and/or surcharge) is December 19th.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2015. The YachtScoring site is open for entries, advance information is available, preliminary NOR is up, paper entry form (mail entry with check) is on the site and savings info is published. Click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250> Or, call or email Lin McCarthy, mcbear@earthlink.net or 757-850-4225. SBRW is the weekend AFTER Memorial Day Weekend – Welcome and Check-in Party and Skippers Meeting is Thursday evening, May 28th, racing, parties and more fun is Friday, May 29th thru Sunday, May 31st. Racing for PHRF boats, One-Design (keel) boats, and Cruising boats. Check out the preliminary NOR for all the details. It's never too early to plan – *Y'all come racing!*

SBRW EARLY BIRDS: Already 8 boats are entered and taking advantage of SBRW special offers are: the first to enter, **Phil Briggs** (HYC), will bring J 36 *Feather* to race in PHRF A; and, also in PHRF A already are **Leroi Lissenden** (HYC), Tripp 38 *Voodoo 2*, and **Dixon Wilde** (HYC), C&C 99 *Kingfisher*. PHRF B registrations began with **Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran** (HYC), J29 *Rumble*, and **Bob Fleck** (FBYC), Olson 911s *Mad Hatter*. Both of these skippers have won the SBRW Black Seal Cup on previous occasions. Meanwhile on the One-Design side of the house, entries in the J24 class opened with **Rodney Paice** (PBC), *Vortex*, and **Alan Bomar** (HYC), *roundabout*. **David Eberwine and Henry Amthor** (HYC) kicked off the Viper 640 class entering their Viper #227. In SBRW 2015, a one design class must have at least 6 entries to race on the one design circle. To enter click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250> or contact lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net

Media Watch. Southern Bay racer, including bluewater racing, **Peter Burch** is a significant part of a *SAIL Magazine* (November 2014 issue; pages 46-49) article about the Caribbean 1500 safety program entitled "Getting Serious About Safety; How the Caribbean 1500 Establishes and Implements its Safety Requirements". Peter has been involved with the 25 year old 1500 for a long time and is often a presenter for

the World Cruising Club (the current organizer of the 1500) at cruising rally seminars in the area and, most recently, in Annapolis.

2015 Early Workshops: *Keep your racing brain churning even if the winter fireplace is still burning.*

***** Murphy Racing Rules Seminar - "Just How Proper is a Proper Course?" Saturday, January 24th, 0900 – noon, at Hampton Yacht Club. \$20 registration fee includes refreshments, course materials, etc.** John McCarthy will discuss the concept of proper course and the many ways it impacts racers on the race course. For info and/or to register contact Lin McCarthy at email mcbear@earthlink.net or call (757) 850-4225. Early registration is recommended – space is limited. Proceeds go to SBRW 2015.

***** Safety at Sea Seminar– Saturday, February 21st, 8:30am – 4:00pm, at The Mariners' Museum. Registration is \$85 IF by Jan 31st, \$110 thereafter.** This seminar is designed to provide to experienced mariners as well as novices information required to sail on the Chesapeake Bay and offshore, handle heavy weather, conduct rescue procedures and much more. The seminar is presented by Landfall Navigation and is open to all cruising and racing skippers, crew, and friends, as well as commercial mariners and recreational boaters. Info and/or to register – click on www.MarinersMuseum.org/Safety-at-Sea or call (757) 591-7749

This coming Saturday, December 20, is the **CBYRA Annual General Meeting** of club delegates (and members). Things begin at 0900 at Eastport Yacht Club in Annapolis, MD, and are expected to conclude at noon. For info, please contact CBYRA at 410-269-1194 or click on www.cbyra.org

Coming in January 2015: Racing and getting ready for racing opportunities.

Jan 1 Thur Dana Dillon Memorial New Year's Madness Race (OPCYC & HYC), Mark Wolfe at (757) 989-5064

Jan 1 Thur Seaford Yacht Club New Year's Day Race

Jan 18-23 Quantum Key West Race Week

Jan 24 Sat Morning with Murphy "How Proper is a Proper Course?" (HYC), John or Lin McCarthy, 757-850-4225

Jan 31 Sat Deadline for \$25 Savings on early registration for Safety at Sea Seminar (Feb 21) at The Mariners' Museum– (757)591-7749

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: With the holiday season in full swing, it does not come as a surprise to *Yrs Truly the Racing Beagle*, that the hanging of holiday stockings from the mantelpiece is a topic of discussion on the rail during the upwind legs. To date some crewmates begrudgingly have accepted the OSPPL Formula [One Stocking Per Pair of Legs], i.e., crew humans get one stocking, therefore, crew dogs get [at least] two. *The Murphster* has made of solid case for a 4-stocking allotment for any racing canine. The awarding of stockings should be directly proportionate to the number of legs requiring coordination while imbibing holiday eggnog. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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