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It's 2015 – LET'S GO RACING!

Dana Dillon Memorial New Years Day Madness Race. LONA, first overall, has braggin' rights for 2015 'til the season continues in April. The first day of 2015 was a chilly day on the water, but the sun was out and 19 skippers and crew raced from Hampton YC, through the harbor, to the finish line in Mill Creek by the Old Point Comfort YC clubhouse. It was a staggered start race, so close finishes are not supposed to be a surprise. However, **Carey Hardesty** in his S2 7.9, *Lona*, finished 57 seconds ahead of **John and Beverly Blais** in *Stardancer*, their Beneteau 36.7. **Phil Briggs** and the *Feather* (J36) crew finished a mere 7 seconds behind *Stardancer*. FLEET RESULTS: PHRF A (5 boats) 1/2nd overall **John Blais**, *Stardancer*; 2/3rd overall **Phil Briggs**, *Feather*; 3/6th overall **Will Roberts**, *Remedy*. PHRF B (3 boats) 1/4th overall **David Taylor**, *Wham Bam*; 2/5th overall **Ryan McCrillis**, *Haka*. PHRF C (3 boats) 1/8th overall **Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*; 2/11th overall **Steve Ritz**, *Excelsior*. PHRF Non-Spin (3 boats) 1/9th overall **Cliff Porter**, *Tilt*; 2/13th overall **Guy Sorenson**, *Blue Ghost*. CRUISING (2 boats) 1/10th overall **Jonathan Romero**, *Tempo*. Mark Wolfe was event chairman; OPCYC and HYC were co-organizing authorities.

MURPHY RULES CLINIC– Just How Proper is a Proper Course? Saturday morning, January 24, 9:00– 12:00, at Hampton Yacht Club. Here will be everything you always wanted to know about a proper course. . . but were afraid to ask: * *What is a real proper course?* * *When must I sail one?* * *What about at marks?* * *How about after starting?* * *Does proper course matter while finishing?* * *And, more . . .* Presented by John McCarthy in his "Rules Made Easy" style. No rule numbers or recitation - just concepts to help you know how to react in real situations. John is a US Sailing National Judge. **THIS SEMINAR IS IDEAL FOR SKIPPERS AND PEOPLE WHO CREW. \$20 registration fee includes refreshments, course materials, etc.** Proceeds go to help support SBRW 2015. Early registration is recommended – space is limited. TO PRE-REGISTER, email Lin McCarthy at mcbear@earthlink.net or call (757) 850-4225.

Southern Bay J70s at Class WINTER SERIES. Just before the outbreak of the Hot Toddy Holiday season, in mid-December, **Noel Clinard**, *Loonactiu*, and **Matt Braun**, *E.L.E.*, both of whom reside in Richmond and sail out of Fishing Bay Yacht Club, raced in the first regatta of the three-weekend J70 Winter

Series. For the four races, Noel finished 17th overall among 48 competitors and 3rd in the Corinthian Division. Matt was 36th overall and 13th among Corinthians. Both will return to Davis Island YC in Tampa this coming weekend for event #2 of the Series.

Southern Bay Opti racer Benton Amthor (son of Doug and Sarah Amthor) finished 20th overall among 220 competitors at the **Opti Orange Bowl Regatta** in Miami this past week. Benton's string of finishes was 25-8-[37]-1-4-11-4. Among other southern Bay racers at OOB were Boyd Bragg; Nathan Smith, and Ian Street.

Southern Bay VIPER 640 racers will be competing in Sarasota at the Viper Winter Series this coming weekend. With the first weekend of the series in December under their belts, southern Bay racers **Henry and Barb Amthor** (to be joined by **Dave Eberwine**) begin the coming weekend in 3rd, and **Steve Taylor**, also from Hampton, is in 8th among 22 boats entered. Good luck to our Viper-ers!

Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use annual BOAT LISTING – March 2nd in SBRNYCU. Each year Murphy and staff put together a listing of boats for sale of likely interest to southern Bay racers. Significant boat/racing related equipment may be listed also. To list your boat send an email to mcbear@earthlink.net or call Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225. *Include:* make, model, year of boat; name of boat; asking price; location of boat (city and state); brief pertinent information (Murphy may edit for space); your name; and, contact phone number, which will be printed. Send your listing(s) as soon as possible, but no later than February 26th. Each week *SBRNYCU* reaches approximately 1,500 readers directly, most of whom are racers. Including your boat in the March 2, 2015 BOAT LISTING is FREE. The idea is to help match boats and people.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK NOTE: CROWNE PLAZA MARINA HOTEL within an easy walk of regatta headquarters at HYC, is again offering **SBRW sailors a special \$119 base rate + taxes and fees** per night and includes FREE PARKING and Wi-Fi. For information about Crowne Plaza and to make a reservation call toll free 1-866-375-6054, OR simply use the booking link below. When using the booking link just enter the arrival and departure dates, number of persons, and then click on check availability. The SBRW 2015 special GROUP CODE is **SBB**. Click on [CROWN PLAZA BOOKING LINK](#) Accommodations may be reserved at the SBRW special rate for any dates from May 26 through June 2. **HOWEVER, you must make your reservations no later than APRIL 28, 2015.** BEST TO MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY while rooms are available. **SBRW info and on-line entry at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250>** Or, call or email Lin McCarthy, mcbear@earthlink.net or 757-850-4225.

MURPHY'S LAW: It's the start of a new year, and *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has resolved to make serious, *positive* resolutions for 2015. The Murphster resolves to be thankful indeed of all we have on the southern Chesapeake Bay, for our racing community, and our special southern Bay spirit. Also, the Racing Beagle positively resolves to offer even more random advice to the cockpit brain trust and to spend more quality time in the post-race beer tent. Ahhoooooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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