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Viper 640s on the road. Amthor family team takes over 1st place in Sarasota Viper Winter Series. Henry Amthor's brother Doug came out of retirement to sail with Henry and Henry's wife Barb this weekend in the 2nd of three weekends of the Viper 640 Winter Series (20 boats). Henry said, "I don't think we have sailed together as a family team since the J-24 Worlds in 1995." Barb Amthor called the shifts all weekend, even after being patched up from a practice race incident. The Amthor's won 4 of this past weekend's 10 races and finished 2nd in 3 others. After two-thirds of the Series was complete, Viper 227 moved into 1st place in the current standings. **Steve Taylor**, another southern Bay racer from Hampton, and his crew are in 9th place going into the third and final regatta in February. Dave Eberwine, a partner in USA 227, will be sailing with Henry and Barb in the third Sarasota regatta in February and the Miami regatta in March.

Quantum J70 Winter Series 2. This past weekend, two southern Bay J70 teams raced in the 52 boat fleet at the J70 Winter Series hosted by Davis island Yacht Club in Tampa, FL. **Noel Clinard** (*Loonatictu*) finished 24th overall in the 52 boat One Design Division and 6th in the 20 boat Corinthian Division. **Matt Braun**, *E.L.E.*, was 44th overall and 18th in Corinthian standings. The Series will conclude the weekend of February 7-8.

Whittemore and Wake Win Flying Scot Florida District Regatta #4. After 5 races, southern Bay racers **Rob Whittemore** and **John Wake** won a tie-breaker and the regatta at Port Charlotte YC in Port Charlotte, FL, this past weekend. Rob and John had 1st place finishes in the first two races and that was enough to break the tie with the 2nd place boat in the 13 boat fleet. Both racers sail out of Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville, VA.

There's a new diva on the southern Bay. Here's the story. Last fall, **John Haracivet** donated his beloved, but aging *Midnight Rider*, to a maritime academy. *Midnight Rider* is a Soverel 33 that John raced in the PHRF A fleet with much relish and he often included College of William and Mary race team members in the crew. So, not one to be boatless, John now has an S2 7.9 named **DIXIE DIVA**, and he expects to sail her mainly in the York River area, as he now resides in Gloucester.

40th Annual Fort Lauderdale to Miami Race starts day after tomorrow, January 14th, at 1300 off Port Everglades. **Christian Schaumloffel**, a “regular” in this event, will be racing his Hobie 33, *Mirage*, in the PHRF C Division (ratings 78-108) this year. There are 7 other competitors in *Mirage*’s fleet and a total of 42 boats entered in the event as of today.

REMINDER - MURPHY RULES CLINIC – *Just How Proper is a Proper Course?* Saturday

morning, January 24, 9:00– 12:00, at Hampton Yacht Club. Everything you always wanted to know about a proper course. . . but were afraid to ask. 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. Space is limited. TO PRE-REGISTER, email Lin McCarthy at mcbear@earthlink.net or call (757) 850-4225.

Frostbiter’s are ripping around the southern Bay this Winter, refusing to let a single decent sailing/racing weekend day go by. There are some formal series underway and probably many more “spur of the moment” racing opportunities at various clubs and sailing associations going on. Check at your club and/or contact one of the established groups below:

****Hampton Roads Laser** racers are at it every Sunday’s off the ODU Sailing Center in the Elizabeth River. Contact Rob Suhay, robert.suhay@pilotonline.com

****Greater Richmond Sailing Association** begins their Frostbite Series, Jan 18th on Swift Creek Reservoir (southwest of Midlothian), Contact Pete Cookson (804-909-9817) or Tom Gallagher (804-399-5007)

****Hampton Yacht Club**, Sunday Frostbite Series is underway. Sonars, 505s, Viper 640, and others as sufficient numbers participate. Contact: Doug Perry (757-722-5033) or Dennis Quinn (757-851-1088) or Jack Lorraine (410-952-9292)

KEY WEST RACE WEEK – opens this coming Friday, January 16th and racing starts on Monday, January 19th. Everything concludes on Friday, Jan 23rd. There are more than 130 boats entered in 2015 KWRW. As of today, southern Bay (and beyond) racers entered in KWRW include: **J70 One Design Fleet – Dan and Gannon Troutman**, *Pied Piper*, Gloucester, VA; and, **Joe Baggett**, *USA 425*, Wrightsville Beach, NC. The J70 competition at KWRW is for the 2015 J70 Midwinter Championship. To date there are 54 J70s entered in KWRW.

MURPHY’S LAW: *Yours Truly, the Racing Beagle*, uses Winter is movie watching time. *The Murphster* has nominated and selected as “Best Canine Film”, the epic flick, *DOGZILLA*. This is a heart ripping story of a giant Beagle who wipes out an entire squirrel family with one swipe of the massive Beagle tail. What a tale. . . and tail! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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