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VALENTINE'S DAY IS THIS COMING SATURDAY – Remember your Main Squeeze!

LOONATICTU, Noel Clinard with Sophie Massie, Max Bent and Tris Worth finished 13th overall and 2nd in Corinthian fleet in the Quantum J70 Winter Series in Tampa, Florida. Forty-seven (47) J70s raced in the event which spanned three weekends, one in December, one in January, and the final yesterday and Saturday. The *Loonatictu* team proved that perhaps they are not 100% crazy. After all they did spend three weekends racing in FLORIDA while those of us in the southern Bay shivered and shook! A second Southern Bay J70, *E.L.E.*, skippered by **Matt Braun** and also from FBYC, completed the Series in 25th place overall and in the 10th spot in the Corinthian fleet. KUDOS to both teams. Davis Island Yacht Club hosted the series.

Southern Bay VIPER 640s finished up the Sarasota Winter Series yesterday. Henry and Barb Amthor and Dave Eberwine brought their Viper in 2nd overall in the series that encompassed a total of 28 races over three weekends. That's a whole lot of Viper-ing! Also, **Steve Taylor**, like the Amthor-Eberwine team sailing out of Hampton Yacht Club, raced on all three weekends of the series and finished 12th overall. CONGRATULATIONS to all the Viper 640 sailors who did the three trips to Sarasota to race while thawing. Next up on the Viper 640 schedule is the EFG Winter Cup in Miami on March 1-2. 2015.

To Fiddler's Green. L. Graham Field passed away last Tuesday, February 3, 2015. Graham had engaged in a lengthy battle against illness that was remarkable and characteristic of Graham's character. Graham Field raced his beloved Islander 36, *Independence*, on Southern Bay race courses for more than 30 years. His lovable and boisterous humor was a constant at every mark rounding and at the post-race parties. He was unflappable and belonged to the "never-give-up" school of racing. . . and life. Everyone who ever encountered Graham will long remember him. Those who knew him well, crewed with him or worked with him, will cherish those moments. Graham was a member of Broad Bay Sailing Association, Hampton Yacht Club, and Portsmouth Boat Club. Graham's absence leaves a void in the southern Bay racing community. Our prayers and thoughts go to his wife Marilyn and his family and many, many close friends. *A detailed obituary is available at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pilotonline/>, The Virginian Pilot, Norfolk, VA.*

S2 7.9 racers getting organized. Paul Wash (Cheeky Monkey) and Carey Hardesty (Lona) are leading the effort to gather S2 7.9 Class racers for **Southern Bay Race Week for the Black Seal Cup (May 29-31)**. Hardesty and Wash point out that “. . . SBRW is a fantastic event and venue, with launching facilities right around the corner, free raft up during the regatta, three full days of racing, and four fun evenings of socializing making this the most friendly 7.9 event on the Bay!” Paul wants his S2 7.9 compadres to know that SBRW is, “A short drive from Maryland, North Carolina, and anywhere in Virginia; you can leave home and launch within a few hours! No need to take more than one day off from work and no need to deliver crew to a location hundreds of miles away.” The minimum requirement to have a one-design class is six boats registered and paid. You must be an active member of the 7.9 class association. For more information on the S2 7.9 Class Association, contact Paul Wash (paul.wash@webnext.net) or Carey Hardesty (Careyclampett@aol.com). To join the Chesapeake Bay 7.9 group send an email to chesapeake-s2-79+subscribe@googlegroups.com. For SBRW 2015 information, scratch lists, NOR, accommodations info, etc. and/or to enter SBRW 2015, click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250> or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. SBRW has racing for PHRF, One Design, and Cruising Racers – something for everyone. Y’all come racing!

Southern Bay Juniors at St Petersburg Yacht Club Valentine’s Day Regatta. Benton Amthor took first in the 177 boat SPYC Opti Regatta Saturday. Benton won both races on his way to the overall top spot. And, **Boyd Bragg** took 3rd in the same 177 boat fleet. Both Benton and Boyd sail in the FBYC Junior Program.

There are all sorts of ways to **improve racing skills while experiencing everyday life:** For instance, if remodeling your bathroom is your off-season project, try this: Lower the ceiling to 5’, replace the bathroom door with a curtain, loosen the toilet lid, hang the soggy TP from a rope, and then, pour some water on the floor. Now then – you are ready to practice for that overnight, early spring delivery on the Chesapeake Bay. **[Credit to M. DePaepe and the Free Agent Crew]**

Reminder: 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.

Fifty (50) plus southern Bay **Cruiser-racers and Non-Spinnaker racers** gathered Saturday morning at **Norfolk Yacht and Country Club** to ponder and digest some ideas on how to do better on the race course posited by presenter John McCarthy, former racer, National Judge, and Regional Race Officer. The morning pastries and coffee were good and the racing brain gears engaged. A good way to spend a Saturday morning. On **March 14th NYCC will present another FREE Saturday morning workshop.** David Baxter – Baxter

Sailmakers– will do a “sail trim” workshop from 10:00 am until noon. Same format: Open to everyone, call the club @ 757-423-4500 to reserve a spot, coffee & donuts provided.

Saturday, February 21st 5th ANNUAL NEAR COASTAL SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR– 8:30am-4:00pm – hosted by The Mariners’ Museum - early registration recommended. Costs: \$110. - for info, TMM members discounts, etc. and to register go to www.marinersmuseum.org ; or call (757) 591-7749. This a whole lot of good stuff and a lot of it is hands-on. A great seminar right in the racers’ backyard.

MURPHY’S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, sees Valentine’s Day as a low-stress holiday with all the good stuff– eating, gifting (although optional), and spending time with your favorite folks. Remember to make your Saturday night dinner resses early, though, to keep the stress meter low and the fun meter charged up. Ahooooooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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