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Today, February 29th is the day that makes this a LEAP YEAR! This is the day inserted in the calendar ever so often to balance out the calendar year with the seasonal or astronomical year. You can read all about it on Wikipedia, but be prepared for more confusion the more you read. Suffice it to say that we have an extra day this year, so make the most of it - sail!

Next week southern Bay J70 and Viper 640 racers will be heading for Miami Sailing Week. Racing will begin Sunday, March 6th and go through Saturday the 12th. There are 3 Viper 640 teams headed south, headed by **Steve Taylor, Tyler and Jane Moore**, and **Henry Amthor and David Eberwine**. All 3 are based in Hampton. Also, entered in the Viper class are 2015 SBRW competitors **Sarah and Eddy Parker** (Raleigh) and **Mary Ewenson** (Annapolis). **Dan and Gannon Troutman** (Gloucester) are entered in the 38 boat J70 class along with 2015 SBRW competitor **Thomas Bowen** from Charleston. These racers are pretty sure Old Man Winter is still lurking north of Florida.

In case you missed it, the **Eddy Parker** (mentioned above) who sails Viper 640, *Granny's Hoe*, and hails from Raleigh, NC, has been awarded the **US Sailing Arthur B. Hanson Rescue Medal**. An item posted on the Viper 640 Class site said, "*HUGE congratulations to Viper 640 sailor Eddy Parker for having been awarded the US Sailing Hanson Medal for rescue at sea. Eddy was one of a host of NC sailors who jumped to action when a micro burst wrecked havoc on the 2015 Flying Scot ACCs being sailed in New Bern, NC, on September 12. With numerous boats mast-down, Eddy and 13 others did what had to be done to bring ashore all the sailors . . . safe and sound.*"

2016 is the last year in the 4 year cycle of the Racing Rules. There will be a new *Racing Rules of Sailing* come January 2017. That does not mean you should sail the entire 2016 season *sans* rule book. US Sailing has the current book on sale really, really cheap. Check out The US Sailing Store at <http://store.ussailing.org/>

The **Cruising Club of Virginia**, a popular Hampton Roads area racing group that offers a hefty racing program, has added **online payment** for membership and renewals. Check it out at www.ccvracing.org CCV does not have a facility of its own, however, Hampton Yacht Club acts as host for CCV activities. CCV is a Region 4 (Southern Bay) member club of CBYRA and a US Sailing affiliated club. CCV publishes the *CCV Racing Guide* each year for the Hampton Roads area racing clubs. A personal copy of the *Guide* is one of the many benefits of a CCV membership.

2016 Down the Bay Race for the Virginia Cruising Cup, was first sailed in 1935. The DTB is a 120 mile, non-stop dash from Annapolis to Hampton. The DTB Race will start off Annapolis, Friday, May 27th of Memorial Day weekend. For info and entry www.hamptonyc.com

LAST REMINDER - BOATS FOR SALE LISTING. Each year *SBRNYCU* lists "Boats for Sale" for southern Bay racers. **There is no charge for listing your boat.** If you have a boat or sailing equipment (especially racing equipment) you wish to sell (or give away), here's how. Send an email to mcbear@earthlink.net *subj: Boat Listing*. Include: type of boat, model and year, name of boat, location of boat, a few words about the boat (keep it to a line or so), the asking price, and the name and PHONE number of the person to contact. Send your listing info NO LATER THAN THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 3. *SBRNYCU* reserves the right to edit the info. If you have questions, contact Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225.

SBRW 2016 Update: The first entries in the J24 and the J70 classes are now in. **Ron Medlin**, Wilmington, NC, will be racing his J24, *Bash*. **Ryan Kororiz** will be skipper of the Vortex J70 entry, *GetMyBoat*. *Bash* won the J24 class at SBRW 2015. This opens all SBRW classes. Check out the current SBRW 2016 scratch sheet at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1547> Southern Bay Race Week, opens Thursday evening, June 2nd and racing is Friday, June 3rd through Sunday, June 5th, the weekend *AFTER* Memorial Day weekend.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has a cousin who is a bluewater sailor. He was shipwrecked on an island once, but, thanks to his Irish luck, discovered a lifeboat that had washed ashore. He built a raft from it. Arghh! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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