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CCV SPRING SERIES OPENS THIS COMING SUNDAY, APRIL 17th. The annual CCV Spring Series gets underway this coming Sunday with Day 1, which consists of 2 drop mark races, in Hampton Roads harbor. The starting line will be in the vicinity of CCV Mark "H" (Harbor). First Warning signal is at 1100. Boats racing in the PHRF Class must have a current valid 2016 PHRF of the Chesapeake Rating. There will be starts for PHRF A, B, C and Non-Spin fleets as well as a Cruising fleet. All boats must meet the PHRF Safety Standards Category "Nearshore". Daily awards will be presented at Hampton YC following the racing. Complimentary keg provided by CCV. For information, please contact Principal Race Officer John McCarthy, (757) 850-4225. **Sunday, April 24 - Day 2** of the Series will be a middle distance race in the harbor, and the Series will conclude on **Sunday, May 1** with two drop mark races, also in the harbor.

SPECIAL NOTE: Part of the *Class Requirement – Number of Boats* section of the **CCV Race Instructions** was inadvertently left out of the printed version published in the 2016 CCV Racing Guide (page 43). To see the **complete Class Requirement – Number of Boats** section, please see the Amendment to the CCV Race Instructions provided at this link <http://www.ccvracing.org/Links/Amenment/amenment.html> This is not a change to the 2015 version of the section, and this amendment verifies that.

Steve Hunt, a well known racer on the national scene with a long list of impressive accomplishments and who has deep roots in the southern Bay, has won the **Etchells Midwinters West**. Steve and his crew of Erik Shampain, Jake LaDow, and Kyla McComb, recorded 3 bullets in the 10 race regatta sailed in San Diego, April 1-3. The team won the 26 boat regatta with a string of 6-1-10-3-1-3-1-2-3-27 (retired), which put them 6 points ahead of the 2nd place boat in the overall standings. Steve grew up, as a person and as a racer, in the Hampton-Poquoson area, before settling in San Diego after graduating from college. Steve won first team All American honors (1997 & 1998) while on the sailing team at the College of Charleston. Earlier this year, Steve was inducted in the College of Charleston Hall of Fame.

Eleven (11) skippers and crew took advantage of the **CCV Tune-Up Races** on Sunday. They got in 2 races in the harbor and suffered a dying breeze throughout the 2nd race. In keeping with the intent of the day, to provide an opportunity to shake off winter rust, final results were not calculated, although finish times were available. Tom Connors was Principal Race Officer.

Laser Lost – Owner Found. Last Tuesday, **Lisa and Robert Suhay**, Norfolk, found a lost Laser. Bob said, "It was drifting around a branch of the Lafayette River this morning [Tuesday, Apr 5] and about to head out on the outgoing tide. Lisa waded into the chilly water to secure it and the folks at Old Dominion have pulled it up and are holding it for the rightful owner. It is a white hull with the word Olympian on the side." Word went out in search of the owner of the lost Laser. Before the day ended, the owner and the Laser had been reunited. This makes Lisa and Bob the founders and operators of the new "Finding Laser Owners Pronto" or . . . FLOP, Inc. ☺

Southern Bay Opti sailors are doing great in international competition. The end of March (25th – 28th) **Nathan Smith** raced in the **Magic Marine Easter Regatta** in Braassenmeer, Holland. Nathan was a member of the USODA Team for which he qualified in Newport this past Fall. In Holland, Nathan finished 16th in a fleet of 245 racers and he had the highest finish among USA racers. In a few weeks, **Nathan, along with Reese Bragg, Benton Anthor, and Guthrie Braun**, will be traveling to the summer international team qualifiers in San Francisco. All four are in the FBYC Junior Program.

Fishing Bay Yacht Club racing gets underway weekend after this coming. The One Designs will race on Saturday, April 23rd. The PHRF and Cruising boats will open their Spring Series on Sunday, April 14th. For info – www.fbyc.net

Portsmouth Boat Club Barnacle Series begins this Friday evening, April 15th.

PHOTOBOAT, a long time participant at Southern Bay Race Week, has a **special offer in place through April 14**. You can save 15% on photos from the PHOTOBOAT online gallery. Use the code **PhotoBoatSpring16** for orders over \$50. Here's the gallery link <http://www.photoboatgallery.net/photoboat-event-list> Check out pictures of you at previous SBRWs and Cape Charles Cups.

DEADLINES – Don't let 'em slip by!

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK - <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1547>

- * April 30 SBRW Early Bird discount (\$15 off entry fee + 10 drink tickets) expires
- * May 17 Deadline for rezzies at Crowne Plaza at special SBRW rate
- * May 20 SBRW – One Design Class must be made = minimum of 6 boats
- * May 27 SBRW entries due – \$25 late fee kicks in
- * June 2 Welcome and Check-In Social and Skippers Meeting (HYC)
- * June 3 Racing begins (racing thru June 5)

DOWN THE BAY RACE - <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1605>

- * May 13 Down the Bay entry due - late fee begins = \$8 per foot
- * May 25 Deadline for all entries.
- * May 26 Skippers and crew Welcome Party at SSA (Eastport)
- * May 27 Race begins

HARBORFEST CHALLENGE REGATTA - www.festevents.org/norfolkharborfestchallengeregatta

- * May 1 Harborfest Challenge early entry discount (\$15) expires
- * May 8 Welcome reception/Skippers meeting at NYCC
- * May 9 Race in the harbor and up the Elizabeth with the finish off Waterside
- * May 10-12 Parade of Sail then dock at the 40th Harborfest Festival. Enjoy!

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, thinks pre-season fitness training for racing sailors is a great idea. The Murphster, however, while training, caused a minor injury to a fellow crewbie. My chin-up pole was hung too low. He tripped. Be careful out there. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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