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BUMPS EBERWINE (August 26, 1925 – January 8, 2017). Early yesterday morning Bumps Eberwine passed from us. Vernon G. Eberwine is known to and has touched generation upon generation of Chesapeake Bay racers, particularly the southern Bay racers. The list of his accomplishments, sailing and otherwise, is endless and boundless. On Bumps' 85th birthday in 2010, an article in *SpinSheet Magazine* included this: "It was August 26, 1925, when Bumps, aka Vernon G. Eberwine, joined humankind and the racing community in Hampton Roads. Legend has it that had he been able to, he would have dragged his bassinette down to the creek and raced it the next day." Because of serious physical limitations visited upon him recently by age, Bumps passed away yesterday. No doubt, he is sailing smoother seas in softer breezes. Deepest sympathy is extended to Bumps' family and those special friends who share their deep loss.

Media Watch: *SAILING WORLD, January/February 2017*, includes two pieces specific to southern Bay racers. One is an article on moving one-design sportboats to far flung regattas. "Container Choreography" is an in depth report on **shipping VIPER 640s** to the Championship VIPER North American in Bermuda (November 2016). It's interesting to see the factors in play. And, Gary Jobson has picked eight (8) junior all-stars as particularly outstanding among young racers. One of the eight (8) is the southern Bay's **Gannon Troutman** of Gloucester, Virginia, sailing out of Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

While snowbound, as most southern Bay racers were this past weekend, there is but one thing to say, "Thank goodness for NFL football playoffs." Or, you can read this message from southern Bay racer **Mitch Doughtie**, who is wintering in Mexico. Mitch said, "Weather is blue skies, winds 12 - 15, sailing in 80 - 85 degrees! See you in the spring!" Go ahead, gnash your teeth.

2017 KWRW opens next week, January 15-20. Two (2) southern Bay boats will be at Quantum Key West Race Week a few days from now. **Ian Hill's** (HYC, Chesapeake, VA) *Sitella* will be racing in the ORC division and **Gannon Troutman's** (FBYC, Gloucester, VA) *Pied Piper* will take on the J70 One Design Class. Keep your fingers and toes crossed for our teams and follow them on www.yachtscoring.com.

LAST REMINDER. **Special info for Race Committee-ers and those who would like to be on the RC.** **On Saturday, JANUARY 21, 2017, Fishing Bay Yacht Club will host the US Sailing ONE DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR at their clubhouse in Fishing Bay/Deltaville.** This seminar meets the requirements for US Sailing Race Officer certification (new and renewal) and also is appropriate for anyone interested in participating on a Race Committee. John McCarthy is the lead instructor and will be assisted by Jerry Thompson. For information please contact Jim Raper at (804) 307-3212 or jlraperr@gmail.com On-Line registration and additional details are available at the US Sailing website. Go to the Race Management Seminars calendar at <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/> and scroll to Jan 21, 2017 at Fishing Bay. This is the only US Sailing ODRMS scheduled in the southern Bay area for 2017 and is centrally located so as to be convenient for all. **US SAILING will close ON-LINE registration on Jan 15th, so get on it. Register now to guarantee yourself a spot.**

List of 2017 Pre-season Seminars and Clinics in the Southern Bay. For an electronic copy of the list, click *reply* to this email and put "2017 Pre-Season Seminars and Clinics List" as the subject. You will receive your copy by email, courtesy *Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use*. Note that the first **MURPHY RULES (including the NEW changes to the rules) will be on February 4th, Saturday morning (9am to noon) at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.** Registration is \$20 and includes materials and complimentary refreshments at check-in and throughout the seminar. For additional info and to register contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net

2017 Southern Chesapeake Bay Racing Schedule. Keelboat racers can check with their clubs' racing officials for the schedule. **Or, for an electronic copy, click *reply to this email* and put "2017 Schedule request" as the subject. You will receive your copy by email, courtesy Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use.**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is not an avid snow-lover. After all, snow is cold and it is wet. And, if you are endowed, as is the Murphster, with a 6 inch ground-to-belly clearance, the snowstorm this weekend presented challenging, unpleasant circumstances. Come on, Spring! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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