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TODAY – SPRING EQUINOX – 6:29 AM Daylight Saving Time.

Impress your friends. Explain to them what the Spring Equinox really is. This equinox in March marks the moment the sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above the earth's equator – from south to north.

CCV Racing Guide Distribution and Rules Clinic - TOMORROW, Tuesday, March 21 at Hampton Yacht Club.. Starts at 5:30 PM with a business meeting followed by a rules update clinic (Rob Overton) at 6 PM. The *2017 CCV Racing Guide* will be distributed to paid members (the *2017 Racing Guide* is included in a CCV membership) and CCV will be accepting applications for membership at the meeting as well.

MIRAGE hits Cuba! Takes 3rd in fleet and 5th in PHRF Division. Skipper Christian Schaumloffel and the *Mirage* crew (Will and Mary Roberts, Steve Taylor, James Codega, and Stefan Freitag) completed the 2nd annual **MIAMI TO HAVANA RACE**. Thirty-seven (37) boats entered the race and *Mirage* sailed in the 7 boat PHRF B fleet. After the skippers meeting and pre-race dinner at Coral Reef Yacht Club on Tuesday, the race started on Wednesday morning, heading for the finish and the Hemingway International Yacht Club, Marina Hemingway, Cuba. *MIRAGE* finished 3rd in PHRF B and 5th in the 22 boat PHRF Division. Thirty-two (32) boats finished the race. The boat that was first across the line, *Simon Says* (New York), had a collision during the night with significant damage and still managed to get to the line first. For an interesting account of the collision, click on the event site at <http://www.havanarace.org/> and check out the news for March 16, 2017.

MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS FOR RACE COMMITTEE. THIS COMING SATURDAY morning (9am-noon), March 25, hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA) at Nauticus (downtown Norfolk). If you will be serving on a Race Committee this sailing season, be it for a week-end regatta, single race, junior, mid-week casual race, or any others, MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS is for you. The presentation is designed to cover the essentials of on-the-boat, on-the-water Race Committee responsibilities including the start and the finish. John McCarthy will present this seminar that is designed for skippers and crew as well as non-racers who want to be involved in racing. Cost \$10. Includes refreshments and materials. All proceeds go to US patriot Sailing, a 501c3 non-profit with a mission of getting combat Veterans involved in competitive sailing. ON-LINE registration and more info at <https://form.jotform.com/63483623289162> . **IF YOU HAVE A 2017-2020 RULE BOOK, BRING IT.**

REMINDERS:

- March 28 – start of Fishing Bay Yacht Club Crew Training Program. Contact www.fbyc.net
- April 1 – CCV Racing Clinic, 8am-noon – Contact Bobby Whitehouse 757-218-9376
- April 8 – *SpinSheet Crew Party*, 6-8pm at Marker 20 in Hampton – Contact David Taylor 757-334-5292
- *Several MID-WEEK racing programs open-Wednesday-April 5: Hampton YC, BBSA Little Creek, and York River YC. Thursday-April 6: BBSA Willoughby Races.*

One more BOAT FOR SALE: Thus end-eth the annual Boat Listing! See actual list in *SBRNYCU* issue #830. **Cape Dory Typhoon – 1974.** Race equipped with traveler, adjustable backstay, additional mods, balto plate bottom paint (mirror smooth finish, 2 full sets of sails, including brand new jib and 1 year old genoa as well as a 4-stroke outboard - 2 HP (less than 50 hours). Asking \$3,800. Gary Hooper 804-314-7205.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, spent St Patrick's Day with cousin O'Mally O'Murphy. When accused to drinking all of the green beer in the cooler, "Double O", as he is known to his friends, adamantly denied the accusation. "That's untrue," he said. "I spilled a lot of it". /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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