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IT'S OFFICIAL – from the CAPITAL WEATHER GANG of the *Washington Post* (Feb 2, 2020) comes word that on

“Groundhog Day 2020: Punxsutawney Phil sees no shadow, predicts early spring”

See the confirming video at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/weather/2020/02/02/groundhog-day-2020/>

CONGRATULATIONS! are due **Ian Hill and the crew of SITELLA**. The Hampton/Norfolk based J111 finished 2nd in her class at **“J” Fest 2020**, hosted by St. Petersburg Yacht Club (Jan 23-26). Sailing on *SITELLA* were: **Ian Hill (Skipper); Martin Casey (Main Trimmer); Chuck Eberwine (Grinder); Joe Gibson (Headsail Trimmer); Sean Henry (Bow); Collin Kirby (Tactician); Samuel Neubert (mast); and Chad Wilkins (Pit).**

On February 28, 29 and March 1, there will be **Etchells** activity in Florida on Biscayne Bay. **The Etchells Mid-Winter East Regatta** will be February 28, 29, & March 1. Southern Bay racer **David Pryor** will be there with his Etchells, *HAT TRICK*. Sailing with David on the *HT* team will be **Greg Lanese, Bill Wheary, and Holly Graf**. Our racers will be sailing against teams that include southern Bay ex-pat Steve Hunt and other notables, such as Steve Benjamin, Chris Larsen, Mark Mendleblatt and Steve Benjamin. Follow *HAT TRICK* at the event YachtScoring site https://yachtscoring.com/current_event_entries.cfm?eID=9589 and keep all the fingers, eyes, and toes crossed for her skipper and crew.

RACING RULES MADE EASY -“THE OTHER HALF OF THE STORY” - Saturday, February 29, 2020, 0900 - 1200, Old Dominion University – Constant Hall Sponsored and hosted by BROAD BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION. Presented by John McCarthy – US Sailing Race Officer, Instructor, and Judge. Cost = \$15 (BBSA members) ; \$20 (non-BBSA). A racing rules seminar OPEN TO ALL taught in John's Rules Made Easy style. Designed to simplify the complex approach often taken when discussing the rules. Last year the seminar dealt with issues of right of way and proper course. This year we will close the circle by dealing with: * *Mark Room* – what it means and who gets it; * *Obstructions* – getting around them safely and efficiently; and * *Starts and Finishes (and, of course, our old friend, barging)*. **For details and ON LINE REGISTRATION, click on <https://broadbaysailing.org/event-3608880>** For more information, contact John or Lin McCarthy mcbear@earthlink.net 757-850-4225

Thirty (30) sailors and yacht club and sailing association officials gave their entire Saturday to packing their brains with race management / race committee practices and requirements. The 30, all are currently racing or have raced, intend to be better members of race committees and /or to work toward US Sailing certification as a USSA Club Race Officer. A few are "old hands" at race management and were there to brush up and renew their current certificates. The seminar began at 0800 and concluded shortly after 1700. Think of these folks when you are getting ready to have a regatta in 2020 – they know some stuff and can help you. Here are The 30: **Lis Biondi, Neil Ford, Joe Buczkowski, Greg Cutter, Carie Curry-Cutter, Gay LaRue, Bob Thomas, Mark Wheeler, Ben Schill, Bill Ripley, PJ Trundell, Scott Norman, Tom Chapman, Jim Cobb, Jim Raper, Hal Starke, Ken Johnson, Glenn Solt, Bob Magoon, Mike Brannon, Al Brazzi, Jennifer, Geske, Randy Goodman, Andy Spittler, Kathleen Hotz, Paul Hotz, Allen Miles, Trevor Willsmer, Phillip Kennan (SC), and Charles Mackenzie (NY).** The majority of the class came from Virginia and North Carolina with one from South Carolina and one from New York. John McCarthy and Jerry Thompson, taught the course and Ben Schill coordinated all administrative affairs from start of registration to the finish. Norfolk Yacht and Country Club was the official, and very gracious, host to the **Feb 2nd US SAILING ONE DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR.**

SBRW 2020 Update: SBRW 2020 offers something for every racer – PHRF, One Design, and Cruising (including the newly added Condo Cruiser fleet). The very early birds have entered / opened every fleet in every Division – **PHRF Div:** Super A, A, B, C, Non-Spin, **One-Design Div:** J70, S2 7.9, J24, Viper 640; and, **Cruising Div:** Cruising and Condo Cruisers. A number of these fleets will sub-split depending on the number of entries as the regatta grows closer. Also, any additional one-design class may enter their class in the OD Div with 4 or more boats. At this moment in time, the PHRF Super A and A Fleets are leading the pack with 5 each already entered. The entire "living" scratch sheet updates in real time as boats enter and can be viewed at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=11754>
The same site offers ON-LINE ENTRY and regatta documents, including docking services, accommodations (Hampton Marina Hotel special rate for SBRW racers, families and friends), SBRW 2020 Race Announcement, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, call or email Lin at 757-850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net. This is a racers' regatta and **Y'ALL COME RACING !** is a sincere invite!

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has been in a bout with the Winter Blahs. It could be RDS - the Rodney Dangerfield Syndrome – cain't get no respect. On a recent trekking trip, the Murphster was actually spotted by BigFoot, . . .but nobody believed BigFoot when he said what he saw. Got to hang in there. Even with an extra day this year, February is still the shortest month. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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