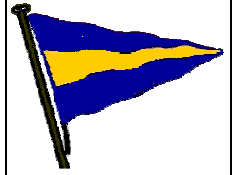




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(I was going to replace this, but with the current weather this pic seemed very appropriate.)

[Commodore's Corner](#)

Guest column from Wade Hughes NNSC:

Marina Manager's Boatswain's Hole:

I would like to thank everyone in the Norfolk Naval Sailing Association for such a warm welcome, you have made my transition from the Coast Guard to civilian life very stress-free. I 'm honored and blessed to be your Marina Manager and my staff and I are here to serve you.

I would also like to personally thank all the people that came out and helped clean up the marina after the November Nor'easter; your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated and I apologize for taking so long for Bravo Zulu. I look forward to continuing working with all the patrons and the NNSA to make this the best marina on the East coast.

We are still striving to open the floating docks early this spring, along with new electric and water on the fixed piers and a pump out station on J Dock. I know a lot of you have asked to move to the new docks; however, I hope that you realize that we may not be able to accommodate everyone immediately and I ask for your patience and understanding throughout the assigning process. I ensure you that we will be fair in the process.

We also will be getting a new sailing center building which will be two stories, have three modern class rooms, a full kitchen, laundry room, lounge, and small ships store. We hope this project will be completed by Oct 2010.

Please pass the word to all your fellow shipmates that our Sailing Classes are now forming, ranging from our youth summer camp for children ages 8-16, to our Adult Advanced Course. We also are providing the Virginia Safe Boating Course if you're interested.

We are looking for volunteers to help with various projects around the Marina. If you have some spare time and would be interested in any of the following projects please contact me:

- (a) Repair the last two Knock-about's and have them ready for this spring's sailing classes
- (b) Wednesday Night Regattas'
- (c) Youth Sailing Camp and Adult Sailing Classes

I invite everyone to stop by and have a cup of coffee with me and give me your thoughts and ideas on how we can make the sailing center and marina an even better place. I'm excited about the direction of the wind and our heading at this time. I wish everyone fair winds and following seas this upcoming boating season.

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Our Column:

DESIGNSMANSHIP (from Arthur Bloch's Murphy's Law)

As we approach boat projects this spring, here are a few laws to allow for:

Osborn's Law: Variables won't; constants aren't.

First Law of Revision: Information necessitating a change of design will be conveyed to the designer after – and only after – the plans are complete.

Second Law of Revision: The more innocuous the modification appears to be, the further its influence will extend and the more plans will have to be redrawn.

Third Law of Revision: If, when completion of a design is imminent, field dimensions are finally supplied as they actually are – instead of as they were meant to be – it is always easier to start over.

Corollary: It is usually impractical to worry before hand about interferences – if you have none, someone will make one for you.

John Bouma's Ode to Spring:

Happy Happy Joy Joy
The days are getting longer
Spring is just around the corner
It's only days until the leaves are breaking out
The 21st of December is the day when we can celebrate the crossing of the
suns most southern latitude.
Can't ya feel it?
) JB

Chronicles...

HISTORY OF NNSA (from NNSA Historian Fred Wright)

The Norfolk Naval Sailing Association was organized in the fall of 1962 by a group of naval officers who recognized a need for recreational and competitive sailing among service personnel. It was the first such organization in the Navy, and was the corner-stone of the U. S. Naval Sailing Association. An active program was established during the first years which included a sailing squadron, power squadron and water skiing group. The NNSA sponsored its first regatta recognized by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association in September 1964.

In 1965, the Commandant of the Fifth Naval District sponsored construction of the Naval Station Sailing Center supported by Special Services. Until that time, all programs and activities had been conducted without benefit of a clubhouse.

As a member of the CBYRA and the North American Yacht Racing Union, the Norfolk Naval Sailing Association is a recognized Yacht Club registered with Lloyds of London.

Given impetus by the success of sailing association in Norfolk, twenty-one naval sailing associations have been formed throughout the world. In 1966 the same founders of NNSA went on to form a parent organization, the U. S. Naval Sailing Association.

Past Commodores:

1963 - Captain J. J. Vandergrift, Jr.
1964 - Commander George M. Hecker
1965 - Captain E. W. Pinkham, Jr.
1966 - Captain G. G. Blake
1967 - Commander W. W. Scheid
1968 - Commander Jack Cowperthwaite
1969 - Captain R. D. McWethy
1970 - Commander Charles L. Benjamin
1971 - Colonel John P. Lucas, Jr.
1972 - Captain L. T. Ward, -III
1973 - Lieutenant Andrew Bisset QM2 Dan Flaherty

Racing News...

CBYRA High Point Standings for Southern Bay (Region 4): Region 4 High Point Scorer for CBYRA, **Tom Roberts**, has finished the compilation of all the 2009 southern Bay race results and applied the CBYRA High

Point formula. It's not an easy job - Thank you, Tom! Here are the preliminary results. Remember, you must be a member of CBYRA to be scored in this high point competition. **PRELIMINARY STANDINGS (top three shown): SOUTH DIVISION of Region 4: PHRF A: 1. *Sea Star*, David Eberwine; 2. *Cash Flow*, Lloyd Griffin; 3. *Meridian 2*, Sledd Shelhorse. PHRF B: 1. *Bad Habit*, Bob Archer; 2. *Gremlyn*, Greg Cutter; 3. *Goin'*, Dennis Hannick. PHRF C: 1. *The Hunter*, Justin Morris; 2. *Roundabout*, Alan Bomar; 3. *Fine*, Jonathan Phillips. PHRF Non-Spin: 1. *Black Widow*, Leo Wardrup. NORTH DIVISION of Region 4: PHRF A: 1. *Corryvreckan*, David Clark; 2. *Loose Cannon*, Strother Scott; 3. *Voodoo 2*, Leroi Lissenden. PHRF B/C: 1. *Strokin'*, Bob Bowles; 2. *Goin'*, Dennis Hannick; 3. *Schiehallion*, Brad Miller. PHRF N (no qualified members).**

Key West Race Week results. *Lucky Dog*, (skipper Travis Weisleder, Fishing Bay, VA), one of three "purely" southern Bay boats at KWRW, finished 6th in the 14 boat J105 class. Kent Mitchell's (Bald Head Island, NC) Cape Fear 38, *My Velocity*, was 5th in the PHRF 2 fleet and *Teamwork*, J/122, skipper Robin Team (Beaufort, NC), was 6th in the IRC 2 fleet. *L'Outrage* (Bruce Gardner, Annapolis) finished 3rd in the PHRF 2 fleet with southern Bay tactician, Ken Saylor on board. Mark Wheeler, sailed as navigator on IRC 1 fleet *Vela Veloce* (6th place), and southern Bay expatriate Steven Hunt was tactician on the 3rd place Melges 24, WTF (Alan Field, Marina del Rey, CA) in that 21 boat fleet.

MURPHY RACING SEMINAR 2010 - Rules Around the Race Course A view especially from the racers' perspective on the race course - learn what you can do, when you can do it, and to whom! Sharpen up your tactics and strategy - master the game. And, yes, there have been a few changes, effective January 1, 2010, to the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*. **Saturday, February 20, 2010, 9am-3:30pm at Norfolk Yacht & Country Club.** MURPHY 2010 registration fees remain the same as 2009 - \$40 per person (\$35 for immediate family member of attendee). Fee includes coffee and pastries at registration, lunch, and break refreshments, and all seminar materials. MURPHY 2010 is great for skippers AND crew. To **PRE-REGISTER BY E-MAIL**, send your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address to mcbear@earthlink.net Put MURPHY RACING-2010 on the subject line. You can also **PRE-REGISTER BY PHONE** by calling (757) 850-4225. Smarter racers race smart, and that's a good thing!

BOLO (Be On the Look Out for) the **SpinSheet Crew Listing Party - South (April 3, 2010)**. The event is set for MARKER 20 (downtown Hampton racers' watering hole) and will afford crew and skippers the chance to hob some nobs, link-up, and get ready to mount a campaign for 2010. Southern Bay clubs and sailing organizations will be invited to attend to answer questions and to provide information regarding their programs. This is a party with a purpose format. Say tuned to *SBRNYCU* for more details as Spring draws closer!

A sailing season plan suggestion. Multiple day regattas that are within striking distance are great for crews and budgets. Consider including the following in your plan for the 2010 summer (June-July-August): June 4-5 SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK for the BLACK SEAL CUP (Hampton, VA) www.blacksealcup.com July 18 - 20 SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE (Solomons Island, MD) www.screwpile.net or www.splc.us August 14-15 CAPE CHARLES CUP, www.CCCup.net These are jewels for your 2010 racing season crown. Noodle it over. Get ready to do some racin'!

MURPHY'S LAW: Dear Reader, Murphy has not been heard from since the start of the last Key West Race Week party. Southern Bay expatriate racer Ray Houle reported that actual sighting. *The Murphster* has been AWOL before, and we are fairly confident of *Murphy the Racing Beagle's* eventual return after a brief rehab. The Editor /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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ONE DAY AWAY . . .

(This is a newer section with inputs from anyone who has ideas on cruising sites "one day a way")

From the Cruising Commodore: Cruising Destinations....Up the James

One of the great things about living and sailing in the Hampton Roads is the multitude of sailing choices and destinations. However, it seems we often overlook the James River. A national landmark is the Navy Reserve

Ghost Fleet that all cruisers should make an effort to go see. Land lubbers cannot see the fleet, particularly from a close up view from the river. Cruising destinations for overnight include:

- **Leeward Marina.** Located on the east side of the James River Bridge. It is run by the City of Newport News. Transient fees are only \$1/foot and include water and electricity. The Crab Shack Restaurant on the north side of highway 17 (Mercury Blvd) and the JRB is an easy walk (maybe quarter mile) if you want to do dinner out. This was *Dream Date's* marina when we bought her and like an old horse going to the barn, she knows the way!



- **Warwick Yacht Club.** Located in Deep Creek, (yep, there's one in Chesapeake on one in Newport News) is a private Country club with tennis courts, swimming pool, and an on-site restaurant open for lunch and dinner. It is very quiet and much like being out in the country. They are open for transients and you have all privileges of the club. They have a fairly small marina and we would need to check the depths of the channel for our six foot draft boats. Their transient fees are only \$1/foot also.



- **Smithfield Station.** On the other side of the James, is Smithfield Station. It is a first class location with an newly remodeled marina and hotel facility. Sharon and I went up there last year with Terry Hunsicker and Bill Jordan. It is about a six mile run up the Pagan River from the James to Smithfield and mainly motoring. We went in and out at high tide and there is one stretch of the river which was probably no deeper than 8 feet. They have a restaurant on site and the town of Smithfield is very quaint and an easy walk. Being in a river, we had to fight a cross current going into the slip which I was not planning for. Transient slip rates are \$2/foot, electricity included.



If you have a favorite gunk hole for anchoring or a marina recommendation, let us know, we may just want to visit it this summer. Sailing/Cruising season is upon us! Woo Hoo! *John*

DISTANCE CRUISERS . . .

From Maury and Ginger on GYPSY SAILS

in reply to John Bouma's ditty above

Yippeeeee Yippee-Ki-Yeh ... this will give us another hr of daylight to cross the stream to the Bahamas the first weather window after race wk (to test out our new radar and chart plotter.) Think u should consider doing this one first before crossing to Bermuda, I might crew for ya – Ginger (somewhere way south by now)

From Raleigh on his “new” Ericson 29

I made it back to Hampton on Tuesday afternoon with my "new" Ericson 29 (no name on the boat yet). I spent three days in transit (mostly motoring) and one day in Elizabeth City. It was my first solo voyage of this distance and duration and it went almost flawlessly. Even the cold weather wasn't really a big issue (temps ranged from the mid-50's to the mid 30's). With the right clothing, winter sailing can be quite enjoyable.

Highlights:

Saturday evening rafted up with Chess Harris and son in Pungo Creek, just east of Belhaven, NC. Enjoyed the "Gucci" comforts of "Belle of Virginia" and Chess' excellent spaghetti and "special" wine. Ericson and her Atomic 4 had performed very well all day.

Sunday transit of Pungo/Alligator River Canal and Alligator River. Sunny, light winds, very scenic - almost total wilderness with little waterfront development.

Sunday evening crossing of Albemarle Sound. Very smooth crossing until prop lost a blade! Wind providentially sprang up from perfect direction to sail north to Elizabeth City. Chess and son waited up until I arrived at 11 PM and even had hamburgers waiting for me! Great hospitality.

Monday AM I found the only travel lift in Elizabeth City and the marina owner got out of bed to pull the boat for me. No prop shops in EC and all shops I called in Tidewater area were closed until Jan. 4th! Indigo Electronics answered the phone and were actually having a sale on their custom prop engineered for the Atomic 4! Son Ryan drove to EC to pick me up, to Williamsburg to buy the prop, then back to EC. I was glad Ryan was home for holidays. Put new prop on and splashed at 3:45. Marina owner completed survey of the boat while I was gone. Perfect!

Tuesday transit of Dismal Swamp Canal. Quite cold but sunny and protected from wind. Scenic and I had the canal all to myself! My first lock experiences on a sailboat.

Tuesday bash north from Portsmouth to Hampton. 30+ knot winds on the nose. Motoring into nasty waves for ten NM. Foulies got a good workout. No dodger or bimini, much less a nice full cockpit enclosure like Chess has on "Belle". Very uncomfortable couple of hours.

The long trip was a great way to get to know the new boat. I was glad to find that nearly everything is in very good shape for a thirty year old boat. A4 ran great all the way. New prop makes a huge difference in smoothness and speed of motoring. Many thanks to Chess for great support and

hospitality!!

I look forward to doing the trip again in warmer weather and with more time to stop along the way to "smell the roses".

Raleigh

DULL CRUISING NOTES:

The winter issue of Baggy Wrinkle carried an article on boat gear. The next issue of B W will carry notes on meal planning for cruisers as we all get ready for spring!

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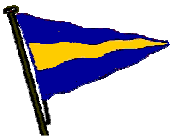
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Racing and Cruising Credits



Kathy Barber, on the left, won the club's Spahr Racing Award for her very active participation both as skipper and as crew in Wednesday nights, Frostbite Series, dinghy, and other local racing. She is appropriately enough our new Racing Captain for the 2010 season.

John Bouma, second from the right, received the Filulu Cruising Cup. In addition to his usual times out on the Bay, his cruises in 2009 included Norfolk to Bermuda and return, and Bareboat Chartering in the Caribbean.

Jim Gordon, on the right, received the Bravo Zulu Award for his numerous years of service as Treasurer.

CRUISING NEWS ...

From the Cruising Commodore:

Please see John Peterson's write up in the Day Away Section.