



February 2002

FBYC Web Site: <http://www.FBYC.net>

From the Quarterdeck

Fundraising exceeds \$400,000! – Since the December report, we have received 24 new pledges or gifts totaling over \$50,000 so we now have total promises, including in-kind donations, of over \$400,000 from 206 donors. Of this amount, we have actually received over \$255,000 in cash. As promised - in this *Log* is an up-to-date list of the donors (spelling mistakes fixed and new donors added). Fishing Bay Yacht Club should be very proud of this effort and commitment by its membership to fund this fabulous project.

Thank you in advance for supporting our New Building Program. If you still plan to contribute, please send your donation in to your check payable to FBYC Building Fund to Bev Crump, P. O. Box 1463, Richmond, VA 23218.

Offshore Racing Program – This year we will try to rebuild participation in our offshore racing program. We have had excellent racing participation from traditional

by Strother Scott, Commodore



non-racers in the Leukemia Cup. We hope to duplicate many of the attractive aspects of that event for our normal weekend sailing events. We need to offer an alternative to windward-leeward courses designed for hard core racing sailors. John Koedel III will be Fleet Captain of a reestablished Non-spinnaker fleet. The class will have their own starts, they will be sent on family friendly courses, and everybody can assemble for the typical "re-race the race" party after the races at the new Clubhouse. Mayo Tabb, our PHRF measurer, and others will proactively assist the new non-spinnaker boats in getting the required PHRF certificates. Please refer to John's article "The Non-Spin Zone" and

give him or Mayo a call if you wish to participate or have questions.

We will have several joint events with our neighboring clubs. One of our spring series weekend races will be held off Mosquito Point in the Rappahannock River as a joint event with the Rappahannock River Yacht Club Spring Regatta. And on the full moon weekend in June, FBYC and RRYC plan a long distance race - beginning at Mosquito Point and rounding Smith Point, I believe - designed to appeal to both spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets.

New Rule 26 Starting

Procedure– All our racing this year, except whistle starts, will use the new Rule 26 starting procedure. No longer will there be a 10-minute Warning Gun, a 5-minute Prep Gun and the Start. We will now have the 5-minute Warning Gun with the class flag, the 4-minute Prep Gun and "P" flag, the 1-minute horn and lowering of the "P" flag, and the Starting Gun and lowering the class flag. And the next start will

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Inside: Winter Programs, Bermuda High Party, Key West FBYC results, Board Minutes, Junior Corner, Non-Spin Zone, Schooner "Nighthawk"

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 8, 2002- Wachovia Bank

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Vice-Commodore Dick Cole.

The next membership meeting will be held on February 11, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at Elizabeth Staas' home.

DOCKS - Gordon Nelson asked for guidance on the weight limits for the dry sail lift and hoist. They are rated at 8000 lbs. but the intent is that they not be operated above 6000 lbs. except on rare occasions. There was also a discussion concerning a proposal to install hoists on existing slips to allow racers to dry sail their boats. Based on the generally unfavorable response to this proposal over the past four weeks, it was decided not to spend any monies on permit applications.

SOCIAL - Mike Calkins needs a volunteer to chair the Annual Meeting/Awards Party.

GROUNDS - Virgil decorated two of the club's 420's west of Jackson Cr. flag pole, as well as the pole, which provided a colorful addition to the club over the holiday season.

WINTER PROGRAM - Tucker Thompson will present a program Feb. 8 on race tactics and strategy and will present a program for the Juniors in March. Alain Vincey and Scott Collins are making plans for the FBYC Fair to be held at the club on March 23.

NEW BUILDING - Construction is on schedule and the building should be ready by Opening Day.

OFFSHORE DIVISION - Allan Heyward briefly discussed a plan to actively recruit sailors with cruising boats to come out and race PHRF Non-Spinnaker. John Koedel, III will serve as Fleet Captain for that group.

ONE DESIGN DIVISION - Jay Buhl now has the Fleet Captains' names for five of the six fleets.

CRUISING DIVISION - The Bermuda High Party will be held February 15 at Willow Oaks Country Club. Sam Stoakley has volunteers to chair all of the 2002 cruises.

JUNIOR PROGRAM - Jan Monnier discussed a proposed Bylaws change which would add two assistants. Dick Cole further explained that Jan's title would be changed to Junior Division Commander and the assistants would be committee positions as Junior Division Lieutenant Commander and Junior Division Race Committee Chair. These changes will be presented to the Board for a vote at the February meeting.

CBYRA DELEGATE - Tom Roberts is working on the final notice of races to submit to CBYRA. Dick Cole stated that the offshore and one design schedules are firm but

that some of the Junior dates have not yet been finalized. Anyone with changes in the Sailing Schedule should get in touch with him as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS - David Hazlehurst stated that the Bylaws list the Historian and Publicity Chair as one position. Since we have two different members serving in these positions, David asked for a motion to change the Bylaws to show two different positions. The Board passed this motion.

Dick Cole then pointed out that there is no listing and job description in the Bylaws for the Cruising Division Lieutenant Commander. The Board approved Sam Stoakley's motion that this position and job description be added to the Bylaws.

BYLAWS CHANGES - January 8, 2002
The Board voted that the position of Historian-Publicity Chairman as set forth in the Bylaws would be divided into two separate positions because we have a different member appointed for each job.

HISTORIAN: The Historian shall be appointed by the Commodore. He shall write an account of the Club's activities for presentation at the annual meeting. The history shall be maintained in a separate binder and shall include the roster of the Board, the racing schedule, copies of minutes of the monthly Board meetings and the annual meeting, bulletins and copies of the Log, and a scrapbook of pertinent news clippings and photographs of Club activities. The history shall be filed in the Club's archives at the end of the annual meeting.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN: The Publicity Chairman shall be appointed by the Commodore. He shall try to obtain news coverage of opening day, the annual one-design regatta, the annual meeting and other significant events. He shall report race results to the media immediately. He shall delegate his newsgathering and reporting duties to others when he is unable to discharge them himself. Every effort should be made to project a favorable image of the Club to the public as well as to the boating fraternity.

The Board voted to officially add the position of Cruising Division Lieutenant Commander to the Bylaws.

CRUISING DIVISION LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: The Cruising Division Lieutenant Commander shall be appointed by the Commodore. He shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Cruising Division Commander.

Membership

Final Approval

Mr. Robert P. (Rob) Whittemore moved up from Family Membership to Active Membership.

Circulation

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey C. Baechler, 11100 Lady Allison Lane, Midlothian, VA, 23113. Jeff & Lisa have a 7-year old son named Adam and they hope he will become involved in the Junior program. Jeff began sailing E-Scows at an early age in New York State. He has also had experience crewing in San Francisco Bay races and in ocean races. The Baechlers currently own a powerboat but hope to own a sailboat in the next few years. Sponsors: Anthony Sakowski, William H. Brewer.

Resignations

Dr. Peter M. Filsinger, Mr. & Mrs. St. George B. Pinckney, Mr. & Mrs. James G. Stikeleather, III.

Juniors Moving Up:

Ensign L. Parker Garrett, 2011 Hwy. 17 North, #1800, Mount Pleasant, SC, 29466, moved up from Family Membership to Military Membership after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Parker will serve in the U.S. Navy for five years. He is the son of Waddy and Connie Garrett and has been a member of FBYC all of his life. He owns a Byte and was instrumental in obtaining active fleet status for the Byte Class in 1997. The Byte Class won the Patrick A. Gibson Memorial Trophy that year. During the years that Parker was a Junior member, he was awarded The Henry E. Hutcheson, Jr. Memorial Trophy (4 times) and the Young Salt Trophy (5 times).

Mr. Robert P. (Rob) Whittemore, 1299 Swan Lake Drive, #106, Charlottesville, VA, 22902, moved up from Family Membership to Active Membership. Rob is the son of Case and Anne Whittemore and has been a member of FBYC all of his life. He owns a Laser and a Mobjack and is an active racing sailor. During the years that Rob was a Junior member, he was awarded the The Henry E. Hutcheson, Jr. Memorial Trophy, The Baker Bowl, The Hicks Trophy (2 times), The Reid A. Dunn Trophy (3 times), The L. Wood Bedell Trophy (2 times), and the Competition Trophy.

From the Quarterdeck

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not necessarily follow in 5 minutes. It will take some study - both for our fleets and our skippers - to learn the new system. Paul Howle is outfitting Mr. Roberts with more flag halyards and we should be ready to start! More information is available on our web site and http://www.ussailing.org/racemgt/rule_26_starting/index.htm

Events - Please join the upcoming winter program events at the Columbian Business Conference Center and the Bermuda High party. And save April 12-13 as a special weekend for FBYC. We plan a Commissioning Ceremony and big seated dinner party after Opening Day on Saturday April 13. When you see the notice, please promptly reserve your place at the table as we celebrate our new Clubhouse.

Membership

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Secretary Elizabeth Staas will be holding the February membership meeting on Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at her home at 4300 Fitzhugh Avenue in Richmond. Anyone needing applications or further information to share with 7913 or by email at prospective members can contact Elizabeth at (804) 278-9848 or estaas@mediaone.net or Mary Spencer at (804) 740-7913 or by email at spencer.mary@worldnet.att.net

THE WINTER PROGRAM CONTINUES:

FRIDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 8TH

**AT THE
COLUMBIAN BUSINESS & CONFERENCE
CENTER,
FBYC PRESENTS:**



AN EVENING WITH TUCKER THOMPSON

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT IN JANUARY, IT WAS AN EXCITING TIME WHEN TUCKER CAME AND SPOKE ABOUT PREPERATION IN SAILING. HE COVERED EVERYTHING FROM PREPARING FOR THE OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO PUTTING TOGETHER A TEAM FOR A SIGNET REGATTA. HIS ENERGY FILLED THE ROOM AS SAILORS RECEIVED FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO TAKE THEIR SAILING SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

BUT, IT'S NOT TOO LATE...

DON'T MISS THIS MONTH'S EVENT AS TUCKER SHOWS MOVIES THAT HIGHLIGHT WHAT BAY SAILING IS ALL ABOUT. THIS IS A SURE FIRE WAY TO GET YOUR CREW FIRED UP FOR THE UP COMING SEASON. AND WHILE YOU'RE THERE, ENJOY ANOTHER EXQUISITE DINNER BY ALAIN VINCEY.

SOCIAL:	6:00-7:00 PM	ADMISSION:	\$10
DINNER:	7:00-7:30 PM	DINNER:	\$10
PROGRAM:	7:30-9:00 PM	CASH BAR	

**LOCATION: THE COLUMBIAN BUSINESS &
CONFERENCE CENTER
2324 PUMP ROAD, RICHMOND**

AND.....

Saturday, March 2nd

JUNIOR DAY WITH TUCKER THOMPSON

12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Pizza and Soda

Columbian Business & Conference Center

For details: Alain Vincey, (804) 233-4015
anvincey@mediaone.net

Foreword to FBYC History

By Jere Dennison

Having been enticed by our persuasive Commodore Scott to contribute a series of history columns to the Log about the formative years of FBYC, I will cheerfully comply. As a clubmember since 1955, I suppose my credentials at least partially (but not uniquely) qualify me to undertake this task. However, major credit must be given to MacDonald Wellford, a founding member and early club historian, who fanatically maintained scrapbooks on club history from its inception in 1939 until the late 1960's. Mac kindly loaned these scrapbooks to me before his death, and these will be source for much of the material dealing with the early years of the club's existence. Second credit must go to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and *News-Leader*, both of which newspapers covered club racing and social activities in extensive detail until about 1970 and whose articles were reverently pasted onto the pages of Mac's scrapbooks.

While not the region's oldest yacht club, at age 63 we are certainly one of the senior sailing institutions on the Chesapeake Bay. The story of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club spans an era from prior to World War II when wooden racing yachts carried Egyptian cotton sails, through the rapid transition to fiberglass hulls and Dacron sails on aluminum masts in the 1950's and 60's, and into the present day when exotic high-tech materials dominate marine-construction. To many of us older (and I do hesitate to say old) folks, perhaps the early history will not seem so ancient. But to the youngsters currently enrolled in our Junior Program, 63 years is an almost incomprehensible period of time in the same manner as the turn of the 20th century prior to WWI appeared to me as a youthful member of FBYC. So there is lots to tell during those long intervening years....

Small Boat Storage

There are two types of Small Boat Storage Racks located in the Small Boat Parking Lot, one is designed for Optis and one for Lasers and Bytes. It is important the Racks are used properly so our capacity is maximized. During clean up day this spring, boats presently on the incorrect rack will be relocated to the proper rack. Rack numbers (located on each rack) and boat numbers (located on the stern of hulls) will be logged. Owners should make note of the Rack number(s) assigned to them.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jay Buhl, One Design Division Commander

Save Our Youth Sailors

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The implications of this case history are serious. Is every owner of "just the right size" boat destined to a life of crime and eventual damnation? Is the ownership of a Radial the only chance at a decent life for the typical youth sailor in today's world? These are tough questions. The decision is yours. The kids are yours. The responsibility is yours. Please make the right choice for your kids. If you have extra time and compassion, please help other parents avoid the pitfalls of products that look like the real thing but just are not quite as good.

Sail a Radial or Die in Jail



Pictured here is the schooner "Nighthawk" shown on race committee duty for the cruising division during UYC's Virginia Sailing Regatta in 1944 off Urbanna.

The Schooner Nighthawk

By Jere Dennison

Our club began life, not as the Fishing Bay Yacht Club, but as the Urbanna Sailing Association in 1939 under the loom of imminent hostilities in Europe and Asia. Within a year, the Association incorporated as the Urbanna Yacht Club. The club had an enrollment of 35 sailing yachts and 63 members, had rented quarters in Urbanna, and had joined the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association. Within three years, an active racing program was severely curtailed by the outbreak of World War II, and many of our members joined the armed services, representing practically every branch of America's fighting forces.

Remarkably, two boats enrolled in the club's yacht squadron were active duty participants in the war effort. Both the schooner "Nighthawk" and "Windflower," under the ensign of the United States Coast Guard, made gallant records under sail in hunting down the submarine wolf packs which were destroying Allied shipping off the Virginia capes. The "Nighthawk" was commanded by J. Rucker Ryland, who resigned from the office of Commodore to accept his charge, and his second in command was Joseph L. Kelly, Jr., who resigned as Secretary to put to sea. As explained in Richard "Jud" Henderson's book, Chesapeake Sails – A History of Yachting on the Bay: "Many of the Bay's larger sailing yachts were donated to the U.S. Coast Guard for antisubmarine patrol. Known as the Coastal Picket Patrol or Corsair Fleet, these yachts conscripted into wartime service were mostly able sailing vessels that could stay at sea for long periods of time. They could not be detected by submarines from the turning of a screw. On the other hand, the sailing yachts, fitted with sonar and radiophones, could detect and report U-boats; they discouraged the German subs from surfacing near shore to use their deck guns or charge their batteries."

The story of the Virginia Sailing Regatta will follow in a future issue.



BERMUDA HIGH PARTY

Friday, February 15, 2002 7:00 PM
Willow Oaks Country Club "Old House"
6228 Forest Hill Avenue
Richmond, VA 23225

It is time to get together with old friends from Fishing Bay Yacht Club and make new ones for the upcoming sailing season. Please make plans now to attend this year's BERMUDA HIGH PARTY. Bring your friends, racing crews, and fellow cruisers to this cocktail buffet. We have an elegant location at the "Old House" at Willow Oaks Country Club. This is an excellent opportunity to make plans for the various FBYC events for the coming year. Plans include delicious hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar. Coat & Tie/ Cocktail attire recommended

Please reserve your spot and help us with planning by sending your check, NO LATER THAN Friday, February 8th, payable to "Fishing Bay Yacht Club" to:

Sam Stoakley
403 Wishart Court
Richmond, VA 23229
(804) 754-1407 or sstoakley@mediaone.net
Please call if you need directions.

Cost is \$25 per person (food, drinks, music and fun included)

Please send the below form with your payment to Sam Stoakley
no later than February 8th.

BERMUDA HIGH PARTY REGISTRATION

Names: _____

Total Payment Enclosed @ \$25 each: _____

Donors to Fishing Bay Yacht Club Building Fund - at 1/28/02



Chesapeake

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Opening Day Weekend

The **kickoff** for Opening Day Weekend is **Friday night, April 12th**. We are planning to have Friday night rendezvous' at the Club this season. These will be casual get togethers and we encourage everyone to bring an appetizer and share. Cocktails are BYOB and we will supply mixers.

Opening Day and the Commissioning Celebration take place on **Saturday April 13th**. Late in the afternoon we will have the Blessing of the Fleet and then everyone is invited to the Ribbon Cutting and Commissioning Ceremony. We encourage everyone to dress for the events, blue blazers for the men and dressy casual for the women. There will be refreshments and activities for the whole family, including music and dancing. We will also be having an elegant seated dinner prepared by Chef Alain Vincey, by reservation only.

For Saturday's events we will be sending out invitations with reply cards, these need to be returned with payment. Seating is limited, if responses aren't in by on time, we can't guarantee dinner. More information will be published in the March newsletter.

2002 SPRING CLEAN-UP PLANNED FOR MARCH 16TH

On March 16th at 9:00 a.m. we will have our Spring clean-up of the grounds, house and docks. Plans are to clean up the grounds, plant grass seed, prune shrubs and do some minor painting. If anyone would like to donate perennials, such as daylillies or other ground covers please bring them. Also, we'll clean up the porches and outside furniture, and nail down boards on the docks. So bring your shovels, rakes, chain saws and hammers to get your club ready for the 2002 season.

David Hazlehurst and Dick Cole will provide the volunteers with breakfast and lunch. Please email Bob Kates at scam97109@yahoo.com or call 804-776-6950.

Paying your dues the easy way

We are well past December when we get cards with seasons greetings from family, friends and neighbors of yesteryear, coupled with the always welcome bill from Fishing Bay YC for dues and fees for 2002. What joy, but there is more to come. We are now at the time of the year when your Grounds, Junior, Race and Social Committee Chairs will be calling you to ask for help to support our 2002 events. Let me quantify this need, starting with race committees. We will need to staff at least 57 race committees with up to six members on most. This means that every family is a candidate for a race committee assignment, either as an active participant or as a crew member in training. And for each of our regattas we need a social chair to handle the on-shore activities. Beyond this there are major activities, like Opening Day, the Memorial Day weekend events, the July 4 Long Distance race, the Annual One Design Regatta, the Stingray Point Regatta and the Indian Summer Regatta when we need way more than the normal level of help. Beyond this we need help with Grounds clean-up and the biggest event of all, Junior week. Our message is simple. We need help from each and every member to support our programs both in 2002 and every year thereafter. For the past five years we have told applicants for membership that they are expected to put in two days of duty each year to support club activities. And we expect the same level of commitment from members who joined before 1997. Please accept every opportunity you are

GEAR UP FOR THE 2002 SAILING SEASON AT THE

1st ANNUAL FISHING BAY BAZAAR

**LOCATION: FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB
(DELTAVILLE, VA)**

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD
TIME: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

JOIN SAILORS FROM ALL AROUND THE AREA AS WE PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON ON THE WATER.

- BRING YOUR OLD SAILS, EQUIPMENT, AND MISC. ITEMS AND SELL IT IN THE RUMAGE SALE. REMEMBER THAT ONE SAILOR'S JUNK IS ANOTHER SAILOR'S TREASURE.
- COME AND DISPLAY THAT BOAT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SELL OVER THE WINTER.
- DUST OFF THOSE SAILING SKILLS AS YOU PREPARE FOR ANOTHER SEASON AT THE BOOTHS SET UP BY FISHING BAY'S OWN RACING AND CRUISING DIVISIONS AND THE JUNIOR PROGRAM.
- PURCHASE THOSE LAST MINUTE ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT FROM LOCAL MERCHANTS.
- SOCIALIZE AND SWAP STORIES WITH THOSE SAILORS FROM AROUND THE BAY.
- AND, ENJOY A SEAFOOD BUFFET PREPARED BY FBYC'S OWN ALAIN VINCEY.

ADMISSION: FREE
SEAFOOD BUFFET: \$10
CASH BAR

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
ALAIN VINCEY @ 804-233-4015
SCOTT COLLINS @ 804-282-1165

New Starting Sequence Rules Seminar

Sunday, March 3rd, 2002

1:00 to 3:00 pm at Fannie's House, FBYC
Speaker is John Beery.

This seminar will cover the new rules (2001-2004) regarding the starting sequence. All racers are urged to attend. This will be the only seminar we will offer on starting sequences.

Coming in April: Mr. Roberts boat-handling training

Unclaimed Boats:

#1- Fiberglass "Atlantic" dinghy, approx. 6'6" long, off-white hull, lt. blue inside, number VA3251AF on bow.
#2- Wood sailing dinghy, approx. 9'6" long, white hull, faded blue bottom, black waterline stripe, varnish rub rails, off-white inside

To claim, please call Debbie Cycotte at 804-776-7098 or e-mail dcycotte@yahoo.com **After MARCH 15th, they will be moved off club property and disposed of.**

offered to help with our programs. You will enjoy being a participant and its a great way to meet other members.
David Hazelhurst, Rear-Commodore

Insert Final Schedule Here



Junior Corner
with Coach Blake

Hey there everyone! As most of you know, I'm down in South Carolina right now at the College of Charleston sailing on the varsity team. We are currently ranked third in the nation behind Harvard and Old Dominion, and the competition is incredible!

College sailing practice is a little different from what we do at Fishing Bay. Here, the coaches do their job for one reason and one reason only...to win. For those of you that were in the racing class this past Junior Week, remember how we used to tack every time the whistle was blown for about five minutes?...remember how boring we all thought it was?...some days we'll go out for practice and do that for two hours straight!

Just to give you an idea of what it's like being at college on the sailing team, I will tell you what I do every day down here. First, I get up and go to all of my classes. After class I grab a quick lunch and head to practice. Practice lasts from two until six every day, and then I go back home and eat dinner. After dinner it's homework and some very needed sleep. Sound like fun?...this has been the best time of my life!

I know you're all having a great school year and I can't wait to see you all next summer!

-Blake Kimbrough
MrByteMan@aol.com



2002 Results from the J29 Class:
(out of 17 boats)

Case Whittemore	Patriot	5th
Bob Wardwell	Killshot	7th
Paul Andersen	Titillation	9th
Jay McArdle	Fast Lane	13th

Non-Spin Zone

with John Koedel (the young one)

Raising the Non-Spinnaker Fleet from the Deep – I would like to introduce myself as the new Non-Spinnaker Fleet Captain. My goal this year is to bring the non-spinnaker fleet back to the racecourse for **all** events. Last year we had a pretty good showing for the major events such as Leukemia Cup and Stingray Point Regatta. We want to have that same energy and participation present for the other events as well. It's the crew of these boats, either friends, spouses or children, who will be the next generation of racers at FBYC.

My first step is to take down one of the hurdles, getting your PHRF rating. I admit that I picked up the application 3 times last year before I generated the energy to take the measurements and fill it out. It's actually quite easy if you know who to turn to. Simple, contact me or Mayo Tabb to get an application. We will help you fill it out. PHRF will only accept an application from our PHRF representative, Mayo Tabb.

The goal I have set for myself is to get 10 new boats rated this year. My campaign is going to be personal. I will contact you by phone, gauge your interest, help you along, and encourage your participation. I want the fleet to have fun and welcome all suggestions on how to do it.

PHRF Application:

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Following more than two years of discussion amongst Laser sailors world-wide the International Laser Class Association has approved changes to the rigging that make it easier to change cunningham, outhaul and vang settings. All you ever wanted to know and were afraid to ask About this can be found on www.laser.org still a favorite web site for some club members. And predictably the North American region is home to a large number of Laser owners and the Hyannis YC will host the World and Masters Championships in September, 2002. A growing number of young light weights plus some old not so light weights are using radial rigs, ideal for sailors in the 125-145 lb weight range. A tongue in cheek article from the North American Class Office in Austin, Texas recommending a Laser Radial versus a competitive "just the right size" boat follows. Read and Enjoy... **David Hazelhurst**

Save Our Youth Sailors

from Fred Shroth

Here at the Laser class office we are concerned about our youth sailors. Their highly impressionable young minds are like blank slates waiting for our chalk marks. We must be positive in our influence. We must consider our mission. In the interest of those youth, we offer the following case histories. The names have been changed to protect the guilty. Little Johnny and Little Bobby had parents who wanted to expose their kids to sailing. Little Johnny's parents bought a boat that looked a lot like a Laser and was "just his size." Little Bobby's parents bought a Radial. Little Johnny got to sail in a couple regattas where other kids had "just the right size" boats, but mostly the fleets were not very big and when his parents took him around North America he found many places with no fleet at all. Little Bobby found Radials everywhere. He not only had the opportunity to sail with other kids but he found out that he could sometimes race with grandfathers and great grandmothers who had migrated back to Radials as they became too fragile to sail Lasers. These old sailors taught Bobby lots of great stuff about tactics, weather conditions, boat handling, and some of the old geezers actually turned out to be pretty cool. Bobby discovered that sailing was something he could do until he was at least 80 years old and after that...who knows?

During the winter when Johnny and Bobby turned 14 they each grew about six inches in height and put on about 50 pounds. They outgrew all their clothes and when summer arrived, they discovered that they had also outgrown their

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				1	2 Groundhog Day
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sailboats. One of the old men who Bobby had befriended while sailing his Radial had a spare Laser rig and a pretty good sail and made a deal with Bobby. If Bobby would mow the lawn once a week at the old fellow's summer cottage, Bobby could keep the Laser rig and the geezer would throw in a new sail for CORK. Bobby kept the lawn mowed all summer, learned about responsibility and had a great time at CORK sailing with his new Laser sail.

Meanwhile Johnny discovered that he needed to buy an entire new boat to replace his "just the right size" boat. He didn't know anybody who wanted to buy his old boat and to make matters worse, all the friends he had made while sailing his "just the right size" boat had also outgrown their boats. Johnny's parents were broke from buying all those new clothes, and they were putting what spare money they did have into Johnny's college fund.

The now "a little too big for the boat" kids started losing races to younger smaller kids. They found this intolerable and became frustrated with the entire sport of sailing. Their self-esteem was ruined and they started hanging out in pool halls, alleys and abandoned buildings.

Johnny was eventually caught in that grotesque chain of events that was later shown all over the world as "Cops: The Movie." Johnny's parents spent the college fund and also ended up selling the house, the farm, their cars and worst of all their Jean Belliveau, Maurice Richard, and Wayne Gretzky rookie cards.

In the following years while Johnny was making license plates and serving as a special friend for his fellow inmates, Bobby was nearing graduation at Esteemed University and doing an internship in the office of another sailor who owned a Fortune 100 company. When Bobby was nominated as a Rhodes scholar, the company bought a house near the English school and supplied the sailing team with a new fleet of Lasers every year. Johnny escaped from prison and headed to Texas where he was caught stealing beer during a Laser regatta, given the death penalty and refused clemency by the Bush Twins who were then serving as the Attorney General and Governor of Texas. Bobby made it back to North America just in time to fly to Texas with Johnny's mother (Johnny's father had committed suicide after Johnny's fourth drug conviction) to witness Johnny's execution. The execution was unique in Texas history as there were no protestors surrounding the gates and it was performed by the winning contestant from Regis Philbin's TV game show titled "Who Wants to Kill Off Johnny on the Air".

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