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Dear Mobjack Sailor,

You are invited to participate in the 45th Mobjack National Championship Regatta to be held August 20-21 at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville, VA. The club has replaced their clubhouse and now offers an airconditioned room upstairs, larger screened porch, better kitchen facilities and three sets of modern rest rooms with showers. In addition, the large field east of the clubhouse is now owned by the club, offering more space and another area to pitch a tent. A Notice of Race with registration material is enclosed. Please join us.

The format of this year's regatta is changed with eight or more shorter races scheduled. Three or more races each on Friday and Saturday and two on Sunday, weather permitting. If six or more are sailed, ones worst score will be thrown out. A windward leeward course is added as an option and races can be shortened. This format is a demonstration of the enclosed proposed bylaws changes discussed at the last annual meeting and are described in detail in the enclosed pages. The fleets will vote on this during the Annual Meeting.

The proposed changes also incorporate last summer's discussion concerning a replacement mast section using a similar, standard Dywer Mast section, with a sail slot instead of a track and rigging it with the same struts.

John and Lin McCarthy have volunteered to be Race Committee after doing a wonderful job last year. It's a measure of our group that they enjoyed working our regatta last year so much they would offer to spend three days with us again this year. They are bringing their new, larger power boat.

Also enclosed are the Notice of Race and registration material for the 40th Virginia Governors' Cup Regatta hosted by Ware River Yacht Club near Gloucester, VA and the 65th Annual Regatta of Fishing Bay Yacht Club. These are the first and second weekends in August, and the two weekends immediately preceding the Nationals. Please consider participating in one or both of these. It would be great to have enough Mobjacks at the Ware River event to win the Governor's Cup! Both of these are well organized two day regattas with lots of classes and lots of boats and excellent opportunities to tune up for the Nationals.

Extra Notices of Race for the Nationals and the other events, the 2004 schedule and the bylaws proposal are posted on the Mobjack Website http://mobjack.tripod.com. Please help support the organization by contributing your stories of racing, day sailing, cruising, repair and maintenance solutions, and funny stories for use in an upcoming Jack Tar newsletter or on the website. We have room to add your pictures too.

Remember, all Mobjack sailors are welcome to participate in the Nationals. See you on the water soon! Contact me at the numbers below if you have any questions.

Tom Roberts President

Enclosures (4)

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