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THERE WILL BE NO JUNE MEETING

For the past several years the Association has not had a June meeting due to cruise activity, including Cruise Week. This year Cruise Week does not get underway until later in the month, however other activities get in the way. Among them are the sailing of both our Commodore and our Vice Commodore in the Annapolis to Bermuda *BERMUDA OCEAN RACE* on Friday June 11.

MIKE NESTOR AND JIM WILLIAMS

in Cal 39 *Glory Days* and Catalina 38 *Checks in the Mail* will almost be match racing to Bermuda, with PHRF ratings of 114 and 120 respectively. Will they race back to Hampton Roads? Stay tuned. We will probably hear all about it at the

JULY 20th MEETING

Details on the meeting will be in the July Banter.

POT LUCK DINNER A SUCCESS

Approximately 50 members and guests gathered at the ODU Sailing Center on Tuesday the 25th for a pot luck dinner. Six of the nine award winners in the Cape Henry Cup Race were in attendance to receive recognition. Sanford Richardson of Farr 395, *KAHUNA*, was presented the Cape Henry Cup as the boat having the greatest difference in corrected time over the second place boat in her fleet, *Mirage*. The sunset over the Elizabeth River wasn't particularly sensational, but the good food and good cheer made up for it.

MOTHER NATURE ALMOST WON AGAIN.

but she still took her toll in the Cape Henry Cup Race. After having the 2002 and 2003 races canceled due to heavy weather it looked as though the race for the five classes, PHRF A, B, C, N and Cruising would be successful. As the committee boat left the pier there were 12-15 knots of wind from the northwest offering a run to the Chesapeake opening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel or to MO/A on the bay side of the tunnel. It was decided to run A and B fleets over the long 27.4 mile course with the other classes sailing the shorter 18.5 inner course. The start went off on time at 0930. The time limit for the first boat in each class in order to make a race for the class was at 1700.

Mother had other plans. As Graham Field, sailing *Independence* in PHRF B, stated: "We didn't even get through the opening - my GPS at one time stated the time required to finish was 37 hours." No boat in B fleet or in the Cruising fleet was able to finish on time.

With the other classes it was a squeaker. *Kahuna* in A fleet finished at 1649, eleven minutes before the deadline after almost eight hours of sailing (racing).. *Defiant* in C fleet finished at 1627 while *Wolff Trap and Trouble* of N fleet crossed neck and neck at 1653 with seven minutes to spare. Scott and Megan Almond finished their long day sitting on the rock groin at Fort Monroe with watches in hand and fingers crossed as finishes were saved for A, C and N fleets.

Next year it will be different,