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MEETING AT THE RAVEN, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

The September meeting will be at the Raven Restaurant, 1200 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach. at 1900.

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Does anybody know where summer went? Because I do not know. One nice thing about the weather is that you don't need to search for A/C anymore. High School sailing is back in full swing, so that means less sailing for me, and more riding in the Carolina skiff. You can really tell which kids are very interested in racing and which ones are more of cruising people. Norfolk Academy varsity has 18, and junior varsity has 22. You really need good eyes to keep all in check.

Other than just life and work, I really enjoy being involved in the sailing community. You can just meet some of the most interesting people through sailing. And it's just nice being out on the water.

See ya'll soon and don't be shy.

Brendan Drinkwater

RACING NEWS

PHRF Racing News

by Scott Almond

First, I'd like to say thank you to Jim Williams for his hard work as Event Chair and another successful year for the Cape Charles Cup. While all of the organizing committee members work hard, Jim's time and efforts bring it all together to create such a great event. Thanks again, Jim.

This year's entries increased to 87, of which 38 belonged to BBSA members. An increase in overall numbers but a decrease in BBSA member participation... what are you waiting for?? Put it on your calendars now... August 14 and 15, 2010!

Very special thanks to our Principal Race Officer, John McCarthy, and Ken Stepka for the use of their boats for race committee duty! There simply wouldn't be an event without their efforts.

Our last big-boat race of the year is the Neptune's Atlantic Regatta on September 26th. Information and pre-registration are located on our website. This is the 8th race in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series. The post-race party will once again be at the Old Coast Guard Station located in the midst of the Neptune Festival's Boardwalk Weekend activities. As usual, the residents in the Croatan neighborhood have offered up complimentary dockage for that Saturday night. BBSA member and local artist Barbara Williams has graciously offered to continue the tradition of providing the background for this year's trophies. Hope to see a good BBSA turnout for our final race.

Some upcoming dates of which to be aware:

CCV Fall Series #3 – September 20th – Race #7 in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series (CBDRS) -

www.ccvracing.org

Neptune's Atlantic Regatta – September 26th – Race #8 in the CBDRS – www.broadbaysailing.org

'Round the Lights Race - October 24 - Race #9 in the CBDRS - www.opcyc.org

Cape Charles Cup

By Jim Williams

We were a little concerned about participation for the sixth running of the Cape Charles Cup. Most of the other big regattas in the lower Chesapeake experienced zero growth, and one actually decreased by 15%. The Cape Charles Cup on the other hand actually grew by 10%, quite a feat in the current economy. This figure doesn't include the cruising multihulls that joined us with an informal race of their own, kind of like an Olympics demonstration sport. They fit right in, and we plan to formally include them in the 2010 event.

We got off to a fun beginning with the Skippers Meeting on Friday, August 20. The weather was perfect, the food yummy and the beverages cold. John McCarthy was (as usual) as entertaining as he was informative. We had a few more people attending than we anticipated, but the PDX Grille folks brought in additional food so everyone got to eat.

The air was light at the start of the race on Saturday. Fortunately the breeze built all afternoon, and provided some excellent sailing.

This year for the first time the boats arrived at Cape Charles on Saturday to the sound of a professional deejay playing "little latitude"-inspired music. After settling in, many sailors found their way to designated "host boats" to cool off and refresh with ice cold water, soft drinks, beer, and our special (Bill Barnes inspired) Cape Charles Cup rum punch.

Not long after the last boats arrived the rain started. We had a foul weather plan, but in the previous five events had never needed or tested it. Tested or not, we implemented the plan. We set up for the evening on the large deck area between the marina locker rooms and the dockmaster's office. Heather and Nathan Travis (an Eastern Shore couple) entertained us again this year with their music. We had a bar for wine and dark 'n stormies, kegs of beer, and coolers filled with water and soft drinks. When most folks got settled in, we opened two buffet lines for some good, hot food. We were a little surprised at how well our contingency plan worked - a little crowded, but not too bad. It also greatly increased the mingling among the various crews. Some participants even suggested that we should do it that way every year.

After everyone had eaten, the day's trophies awarded and the kegs ran dry, the hale and hearty headed to our own haven above the resort's restaurant. We had published that Steve Jarrell and Gene Wells would be playing again this year. They are in the Beach Music Hall of Fame and are members of "Sons of the Beach II" from Nashville. What we had not announced was that Amy Lee would be joining us. Amy is the redhead who played sax with Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefers for years and who plays on many of his albums.

We arose Sunday to beautiful skies and light air. Sausage and egg sandwiches were available for all, but coffee was the item most in demand. The sailors hit the race course again, but the wind gods just would not cooperate. The Race Committee decided to abandon the race, so the only event left was the final party. This was held at the site of the skippers meeting. No music at this event, but everyone seemed tired anyway from dancing the night away the previous evening and chasing the little wind they could find on the race course. We made a few of the typical final announcements, and everyone went home well fed and "watered".

Here are the results, culled from Lin McCarthy's Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use:

PHRF A (7 boats): 1. **Dave Eberwine**, *Sea Star*; 2. **Christian Schaumloffel**, *Mirage*; 3. **Jim Williams/Will Roberts**, *Treaty of Ghent*. PHRF B (10 boats): 1. **Harry Tenney**, *Margarita*; 2. **Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*; 3. **Eric Schwab**, *Five Speed*. PHRF C (8 boats): 1. **Bumps Eberwine**, *Spray*; 2. **Martin Casey**, *Bowmovement*; 3. **Ed Giles**, *Wiki Wiki*. PHRF NS (single headsail only): 1. **Sonny Smith**, *Restless*; 2. **Dave Bettis**, *Boo Nasty*; 3. **Bert Parolari**, *Makaira*. PHRF NS (double headsail allowed) (6 boats): 1. **Leo Wardrup**, *Black Widow*; 2. **Walter Boatwright**, *Puff Card*; 3. **Tony Thornton**, *T.L.Sea*. CRUISING 1 (15 boats): 1. **Larry Bryant**, *Whisper*; 2. **Bob Howell**, *CYMRU*; 3. **Ron Primm**, *Echo*. CRUISING 2 (17 boats): 1. **Jim Forrester**, *Anjalei*; 2. **Mike Turner**, *Cats' Paws*; 3. **Pat Hillard**, *Sanara*. CRUISING 3 (14 boats): 1. **John Vanderlaan**, *Sea Biscuit*; 2. **Raleigh Martin**, *Second Wind*; 3. **Jim Lant**, *Nepenthe*.
Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy.

The winners of the "yellow jersey" day-1 leader pennants were Leo Wardrup (Black Widow) in PHRF and Larry Bryant (Whisper) in Cruising. Since the second race was abandoned, they also won the Cape Charles Cup in their respective fleets.

Here's a link to the complete results:

<http://www.broadbaysailing.org/downloads/files/results/2009cccresults.pdf>

JERRY PATTENAUDE AND THE SHARK NATIONALS!

Sorry to keep everyone in suspense since the last Banter but we came back from the Shark Nationals on the deadline and I could not take the time to write the article. The 2009 Shark Nationals were held at Put-In-Bay, Ohio, an island on Lake Erie and a most serene vacation spot.

In the August Banter we mentioned that a mishap caused my 17 year old niece Christina, and me to drop out of the Nationals after only four races and to fall from our current position of 2nd to 6th overall. Well what happened was in the 5th race the winds had picked up to around 15 mph and the course was set up so that there were two screaming reaches versus a broad reach and a down wind leg. Therefore, it was not prudent to spread out as we rounded the gybe mark and do a nice controlled jibe. Instead this scenario caused a traffic jam at the jibe mark because ideally you want the inside position at the mark but there are 6 of us approaching the jibe at 15 to 20 knots screaming "No overlap! Room! Overlap!"etc.. I have my main traveled all the way out and I figure that the best thing to do was to just steer the course I needed to thus letting the boom do a quick swing from one side to the other. This would put us in second place as we round the mark but about 4 places in front of the current leader. Guess what, this was not a good plan, also not a good move, actually a bad move, or a what was I thinking move. The violent jibe and sudden stop cause the boom to snap in _ where the main sheet attaches to the boom. End of race! Finished! Disappointed! My niece asks if we can fix it with duct tape or something. It is always good to maintain a sense of humor at a time like this but I think the delivery was a bit too serious.

We ended up removing the two sections of boom and attaching the main sheet directly to the sail. Can you imagine the shape of the sail? We then limped back to the dock, with Rick White who was on the safety boat, keeping an eye on us in case we needed assistance.

If I had to do it again, I would do things differently (maybe) but I had a good time sailing with Christina and that I would not change.

Jerry Pattenauide

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Burgees – Bev Borberg, 460-1051; bevborberg@yahoo.com

I generally always have Burgees at our meetings, and the cost there is \$18; however, if I mail one to you the cost is \$19. We have new members, and I would be very happy to supply you with a Burgee! I am hoping that soon we will have a large majority of boats with burgees.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to introduce these new members:

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