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'ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE RESULTS: As far as we know, BOTH LIGHTHOUSES are still standing! Fifty-two (52) boats entered Saturday's 25th 'Round The Lights Race, the event sponsored every year by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club. Of those entered, 32 successfully sailed the course, which required each boat to round each lighthouse, Middle Ground Light and Thimble Shoal Light, before returning to the finish in Mill Creek. The glitches in the E-Z Pass turned out to be a 15-20+ knot NNE wind, cantankerous seas (especially on the Thimble Shoal legs), an unusually big tide and accompanying current, and the first really chilly temps of fall. And, there were equipment failures (a mast broken in two places on one boat) and crew battling cold and wet conditions. Southern Bay racers, though, did fine and strengthened their resolve in anticipation of fall frostbitching! This was a pursuit aka staggered start 18nm race – slower rated boats start first. **Overall Winner, i.e. First to Finish: Jim Beaudry, Black Dog. RESULTS-Fleet Winners with overall finish place shown in (): PHRF A: Will Roberts, Remedy (3). PHRF B: Karen Roberts, Hornet (10). PHRF C: Alan Bomar, Roundabout (4). PHRF NonSpin-1hs: Cliff Porter, Tilt (2). PHRF NonSpin2hs: Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher (8). CRU1: Jim Beaudry, Black Dog (1). Cru2: Rick Carroll, Never Give Up (28).** For complete results, click on <https://www.opcyc.org/rtl>. Event Chair: Tim Etherington 757-690-3178. Race Committee leaders: Jimmy Schools and Bob Williamson. **PHOTO NOTE: Remedy, J36, crew fight to get the 'cute flying for the short leg out Mill Creek at the start. Remedy won PHRF-A by 52 seconds and 3rd place Overall by 10 seconds.**

FIDDLERS GREEN. Sailing sustained an immeasurable loss this past Wednesday morning. Geoff Ewenson, 50, died unexpectedly when he suffered a massive heart attack. Southern Bay racers have known Geoff by his endearing relationship with the Viper 640 Class from its birth in the Chesapeake area through its current successful development. Many also know Geoff as a world class 505 sailor. Even many more know Geoff as part of the esteemed couple he and his wife Mary Ewenson comprised. Mary is *SpinSheet Magazine's* long time publisher and is a notable sailor in her own right. Geoff and Mary were regular competitors, and winners, in the Viper Class at Southern Bay Race Week. In fact Geoff was planning of conducting a clinic at an upcoming one-design regatta, Fall Fling, early next month. There have been and will be a trove of words written about Geoff, as those who knew him, and *knew* of him, celebrate his life. He is gone too soon. *Requiescat In Pace*, Geoff. Our southern Bay warmest embrace and sincerest concerns are extended to Mary in this most difficult time.

See a detailed tribute to Geoff in [Scuttlebutt Sailing News, Friday, October 16, 2020 – Issue 5678,](#)

titled "Eight Bells: Geoff Ewenson" Click on <https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2020/10/15/eight-bells-geoff-ewenson/>

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ALBACORE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA. Barney Harris is the 2020 US Albacore Association National Champion. The three day regatta was hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club October 10-12. The fleet sailed 9 races in varying wind over the Columbus Day Holiday period. Finishing only 3 points behind the leader to take 2nd place overall was **Marty Hublitz**, followed by **Matthews Edwards** in 3rd. The small fleet of 8 competitors spent three days enjoying the NYCC facilities, many partaking of the dining and overnight housing amenities (covid compliant). Covid-related inter-national limitations on "non-essential" travel may have kept the number of Canadian participants lower than usual, as this holiday weekend is a favorite for visitors. For complete results click on <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/zvBGvAnFBA/results>.



2020 Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Championship Regatta. This was the 39th rendition of this event. Fishing Bay Yacht Club hosted and a total of 45 Laser racers entered. There was racing and covid-mindful socializing on Saturday and Sunday. **James Jacob (SSA)** won his record 6th Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters regatta. For complete results, please CLICK <https://www.fbyc.net/events/2020/201017-onedesign-chesapeake-bay-laser-masters-championship/> Event Chairman: Jon Deutsch; Principal Race Officer: Rick Klein.

Rappahannock River Yacht Club Commodore's Cup Regatta. PRO Jerry Latell ran three windward leeward races in breezy (12-20 kts) and shifty conditions on the Rappahannock River. First place in the 5 boat A Fleet went to **Tom Chapman (Hot Air, J24)**, second was **John Congdon (Bombshell, Xp44)** and third was **Arabella Denvir (Trouble, J24)**. In the 6 boat B Fleet first was **Doug Lyle (Siduri, Siren 17)**, second **Ian Ormesher (Pocahontas, Gloucester 22)**, and third **Eddy Whichard (Life of Riley, Catalina 27)**. [T.Chapman's report]

CCV Racing HIGH POINT AWARDS and SOUTHERN BAY DISTANCE SERIES (administered by BBSA) AWARDS will be presented at the

CCV RACING (CCVR) 2020 MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND AWARDS CELEBRATION. This coming Saturday, October 24TH. 3:00PM to 5:00PM. Skippers, members, crew, and interested sailors are encouraged to attend this socially distanced and masked-up outdoor event at the Youth Sailing Virginia Facility, 381 Fenwick Rd, Fort Monroe, VA 23651. \$10/Person on-line or cash at the door - 1st 50 registered receive a stylish and practical Buff Facemask. Quick Business Meeting,



Awards, Craft Beer, Red & White Wine. Stop by *Frankies Monster Munchies Food Truck* at *Oozlefinch Beers & Blending* (around the corner) before or after the event for a nash! . <http://ccvracing.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CCVr-Awards-2020.pdf>

CCV OCTOBERFEST Racing Series – ONLY TWO MORE WEDNESDAY evenings left – October 21st and October 28th. Git 'er done –NOR is posted and you can register at www.ccvracing.us/racing and/or call Christian Schaumloffel (757) 285-7224.



2020 FROSTBITE SERIES opens Sunday, November 1, and continues on every Sunday in November, including November 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2020. This is an annual series for keel boats provided by Hampton Yacht Club, OPEN TO ALL, and offering starts for PHRF A, B/C, Non-Spin (double headsails allowed), and Cruising (single headsail only + no spinnakers). Racing will be in the Hampton Roads Harbor. Entries are due by 1200 on the day before the race. The NOR is available at <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/HYC-Circular-7-Frostbite-2020.pdf> and contains entry information, as well as starting order, courses, scoring, etc. PRO for the Frostbite Series is Brian Deibler; he may be contacted at (757) 715-8977. Get entered soon – November really is just around the corner. And, here is **ALERT #1** regarding **THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, which is at 2AM, Sunday, November 1,** the opening Sunday. **PHOTO NOTE: Southern Bay racers dice with one another and Mother Nature in a previous wintertime race.**



HYC FALL FLING ONE-DESIGN REGATTA, Nov 7-8. Enter ON-LINE at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/nh50DEhBAm>

Expected fleets include:

Lightning, 505, Viper 640, Melges 15, HOD, Laser, Laser Radial, Sonar and J-24. (NOTE: Sonars & J24s race Saturday only.) **PHOTO NOTE: Vipers racing in Hampton Roads.**

Two AC Boats cross tacks. Check out this picture, consider how they might stop... if they had to. <https://www.sail-world.com/photo/297181> Courtesy www.sail-world.com

A Southern Bay pelican was trapped on one of the Kiptopeke State Park WWII concrete ships – got his wing hung up in the rebar. USCG helped rescue Big Bird, and reported that he is now "resting comfortably." Read all about it in the Chesapeake Bay Magazine article at <https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/trapped-pelican-rescued-from-kiptopeke-ship/>

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, like many, is struck by the recent abrupt change in weather. Seemingly suddenly, we are blessed with racing wind and breathable air. What a grand situation! Return the rented de-humidifier, break out the latest-greatest, light-weight foulies, and clean the hot-buttered-rum machine. Ya got things ta do! So, don't get your wing hung in the rebar! Pack your fall and winter with sailboat racing! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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