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43rd GABOON RACE. Winners of the 21 boat fleet were Alan Bomar and crew in *ROUNDABOUT*. The sky blue J24 started 5th in the staggered start race, chased down the earlier starters and fended off all challengers over the 8 nm course in Hampton Roads harbor. *WAIRERE*, **Peter Hunter**, was closest to finish behind *Roundabout* to take 2nd overall, and **Phil Briggs'** J36, *FEATHER*, was next for third. The 43rd GABOON RACE, sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club, was *even better* than expected. A sunny winter day with a perfect fun-favorable north westerly allowed for spinnakers on the starting line and a tight reach out Hampton River.

And, maybe because of the “no PHRF crew limit” provision, all sorts of friends, family, and former or part-time crew got to race. One skipper was heard to cheerfully declare, “I haven’t had that many crew on the boat in a while.” So, the race was a success, a tradition was upheld, and lots of sailors put a good thing to good use. The official marking of the end of the 2020 season is done. Event Chairman: Phil Briggs (for the 43rd time); Race Committee: John McCarthy and Buk Lawrence (on the dock to start and finish) and Mark Set Boat: Marshall Findley and Susan Downing in *Kerry Sue*.

PHOTO NOTE: Alan Bomar (left) and crew get ready to start the 2020 GABOON RACE.

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HERE COMES the first race of 2021! Sign up now for the

2021 DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE

January 1, 2021

Staggered Start Race

Start is from HYC – Finish is at OPCYC

NOTE: Actual event format details will be confirmed and/or announced as we get closer to the date and any impact of COVID related requirements can be assessed and accommodated.

For info: www.OPCYC.org (click on “*racing*” tab for drop down of race events), or contact Andrew Norris at (440) 812-1372, or Kevin Old at (706)986-9012.

SORC ISLANDS IN THE STREAM SERIES update: *MERIDIAN XI* , Sledd Shelhorse (Virginia Beach / HYC), finished 5th in the ORC 1 fleet of the second race of the Islands in the Stream Series. Saturday’s race was over an 80 nm course from Lauderdale to Palm Beach and back. Light air was the reported wind speed *du jour*. The next event in the Steams series is set as the Ft Lauderdale to Key West Race on January 21, 2021.

Southern Bay Junior Sailors, and those who support them, will surely find extremely helpful the information MARIAH RULE is dissemination on a weekly basis through Google Groups. Go to southern-bay-junior-sailing@googlegroups.com; on behalf of; Mariah Rule mariahjrule@gmail.com Mariah shares all sorts of info, including specific contacts, to help young sailors/racers navigate training opportunities, traveling, regatta going, and more.

The Saga of Rumball and Lee

MURPHY’S LAW: *Yrs, Truly, the Racing Beagle*, admits that the thought of a racer whose name really is Rumball, i.e. Kenny Rumball, was a grabber. He is teamed up with Pamela Lee, and they have spent the better part of 2020 sailing alone together getting ready for the Olympics (they hope) in 2024. They are aiming at representing Ireland in the Mixed Doublehand Offshore Keelboat Class. The story and the video comes via *AFLOAT, Ireland’s Sailing, Boating, and Maritime Magazine* (Murphy is Irish, ya know) and from *WORLD SAILING* – click on https://afloat.ie/sail/sailing-classes/mixed-offshore-keelboat/item/48516-rumball-lee-aiming-for-paris-2024-in-new-mixed-offshore-keelboat-class?mc_cid=85e6567ffd&mc_eid=de26fb1cf8 /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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