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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IS ALMOST HERE!

And, racers know this because:

- **71st Down the Bay Race for the Virginia Cruising Cup starts THIS COMING Fri., May 28.**



DTB is 120 nm non-stop from Annapolis to Hampton. For details see www.yachtscoring.com There is special info pertaining to arrival, after finishing, at host Hampton Yacht Club as well as the May 27 Skippers Meeting (ZOOM). Awards presentation Saturday, May 29, 8:00pm at HYC. Entry deadline is Thursday, May 27th.

- **MEMORIAL DAY, the official holiday, is a week from today, Monday, May 31.**
- **SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2021, follows Memorial Day, and opens Thursday June 3 followed by racing + more June 4 – 6. Click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14283> for all the details.**



Update: In the past week, fleet splits have been formally

announced, including the split in the SBRW Cruising Division. Racers continue to join the SBRW 2021 fleet, and there are still 11 more days before the first start of the PHRF and One Design Divisions, 12 until the first Cruising Division competition.

Click here https://yachtscoring.com/event_scratch_sheet.cfm?eID=14283

to see the current Scratch Sheet and for entry. Recently, several fleets picked up entries. For example, *Rhapsody* (Jim Raper), *Cowboy* (Gordon Edwards), and *Fat Bottom Girl* (Bobby Whitehouse) have joined PHRF B, while *Amara* (Kent Utley) and *Luna Blu* (Keith Midgette) are additions in the Cruising Division.

Southern Bay Laser Racer **KYLE PFRANG** finished 3rd in the Laser Radial Fleet in the 2021 ILCA Atlantic Coats Championship, held this past weekend at Wrightsville Beach, NC. **VIR MENON** was 11th in the standard Laser fleet of 30 competitors. Both Pfrang and Menon sail out of Hampton Yacht Club.

FISHING BAY SPRING SERIES 4. AFTERTHOUGHT, Craig Wright, and MAD HATTER, Bob Fleck, topped PHRF A and PHRF B/C respectively Saturday in Race 4 of the FBYC Spring Series. **David Clark** in *Corryvreckan* was 2nd in PHRF A, and **Mark Wensell** in *Sting*, 3rd in the 4 boat fleet. **Shenanigan, Miles Booth's** Tartan 10, was 2nd in PHRF B/C, followed by **Paul Wash's** *Cheeky Monkey*, 3rd in the 5 boat fleet. Race Chairman=Mike Chesser For details click on www.fbyc.net

CHRISTCHURCH placed 4th in the Baker Cup High School Team Race Championship in Miami this past weekend. Details and standings are reported by *Scuttlebutt* at their link here: https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2021/05/23/antilles-school-wins-team-race-champs/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Scuttlebutt%205822%20%20May%2024%202021&utm_content=Scuttlebutt%205822%20%20May%2024%202021+CID_de282701

FASTNET – There are more than 450 entries in the 2021 Rolex FASTNET RACE. The FASTNET starts its 49th rendition on August 8 from the Solent. However, there will be a new finish port. Plymouth, the finish port since 1925 (race 1) has been replaced by Cherbourg in northern France. Read all about the race bluewater racers love to talk about in the May 20, 2021 issue of *AFLOAT, Ireland's Sailing, Boating, and Maritime Magazine*. Click on https://afloat.ie/sail/events/fastnet-race/item/50365-largest-most-diverse-offshore-fleet-prepares-for-fastnet-race-2021?mc_cid=68ef29ef2c&mc_eid=de26fb1cf8 The change makes the course length 695 miles. The previous course was 608.

For a first hand report on past FASTNETs, talk to southern Bay racer, **Christian Schaumloffel**. He sails his Hobie 33, *Myrage*, in the PHRF A fleet nowadays. But, he has sailed in the Fastnet 7 times – 1969, 71, 73, 79, 83, 85, and 87. He was in the 1979 race when they experienced 45 foot waves and, about the windy 1985 Fastnet, he recalls being not too far behind *Drum*, the boat that turned turtle. You'll see Chris at SBRW – share brewskis or Dark 'n' Stormies and hear some real sea stories!

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MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows it's not likely to encounter 45 foot waves in the Chesapeake Bay, even while racing non-stop 120 miles through the night, as in the Down the Bay Race. However, there are chances of porpoises, stingray, and sea turtle sightings, sailing through streaks and patches of moonlight, bidding "good evenings" to transiting tugboats, and other "diversions" . . . good diversions. But, watch out too for dastardly fish traps and "things that go bump in the night"! Ahooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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