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Plantation Light Race: Hurricane Henri stomped around a ways off the Virginia Capes, but nothing he had for the Plantation Light Race boats reached the starting area off Buckroe. Some took longer than others, but all 10 started and finished the 23.6nm course set by PRO Bob Thomas. The fleet was divided into 2 divisions. **PHRF A was won by Danger Paws, Neil Ford and Lis Biondi's Melges 24.** They corrected over the 1st boat to finish, **Sledd Shelhorse's** Carkeek 40, *Meridian XI*, which did the 23+ miles in 5 hrs, 31 mins, 25 secs. **Winner of the PHRF B/C fleet was Ben Cutter in Callinectes**, Cal 30-3. Ben was 1st to finish in his fleet and was uncorrected upon by anyone in his fleet. RESULTS: PHRF A (5 boats): 1.DANGER PAWS, **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi**; 2.STARDANCER, **John Blais**; 3.MERIDIAN XI, **Sledd Shelhorse**. PHRF B/C (5 boats): 1.CALLINECTES, **Ben Cuker**; 2.HALAHA, **Jeff Rogers**; 3.HORNET, **Karen Roberts**. PRO: Bob Thomas; Signal Boat: Alan and Sandy Johnson; Finish Line Crew (at Ft Monroe seawall): Doug Moore and Bob Thomas. The first boat to finish crossed the line at 12:36:25 and the last to finish crossed at 5:21:51. Kudos to all involved! They were not deterred by the threat of howling wolves on a Full Moon night. Hampton Yacht Club presents Plantation Light Race on an annual basis, usually as close as possible to the August Full Moon.

Another Championship Won by Southern Bay Racers. Mark Arnold and Matt Frank captured the 2021 MOB JACK CHAMPIONSHIP this past weekend in Lewes, Delaware. Mark, who hails from Chesapeake, VA /BBSA), and Matt a California resident, have been sailing together more than 20 years. Fifteen (15) teams competed in the **58th International Mobjack Championship Regatta**. They got in 6 races on Saturday, in 8-12 knots after spending time waiting for the wind to build and eventually being chased in by thunderstorms! The Champions had a string of 2-1-2-1-1-1, finishing 7 points ahead of the 2nd place boat from Wilmington, DE. Congratulations!

Smith Point Race: The 4th race in the FBYC Long Distance Series saw two of 8 boats entered complete the race. **David Clark**, in CORRYVRECKAN, sailing in PHRF A, and **Bob Fleck**, MAD HATTER in PHRF B, were the two finishers. For complete results click on https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22834#_newsroom The next race in the Long Distance Series will be the Wolf Trap Race, Sept 11. Info at www.fbyc.net .

Waterspout Season – Meg Walburn Viviano tells about waterspouts present on the Maryland part of the Bay and there are pictures to prove it. Click on <https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/multiple-waterspouts-spotted-on-bay-in-recent-days/> *CHESAPEAKE BAY MAGAZINE/Bay Bulletin*, August 17, 2021. Southern Bay racers will long remember the June 2012 tornado that came off the water onto Hampton's Chesapeake Avenue, swept across Sunset Creek and up Hampton River, taking out portions of HYC, including the Dockside Lounge, crashed several boats in the dry storage area, ruined

some parked cars, deposited several Lasers around downtown, knocked down trees and power poles, and shortened SBRW by 2 days. The regatta post-race Friday night party was in full swing, when the storm snatched the big tent just as the last of the party crowd jammed into the interior hallway of HYC. No one was reported seriously injured. The tent was never reported found. Crane operators who figured out how to get toppled 30+ footers off their sides in the parking lot and back on jack stands were everyone's new heroes. Buddy DeRyder put together a video of the local media coverage of the storm and SBRW 2012 racers received "Tornado Survivor" T-shirts. Whether waterspout, tornado, or whopper T-Storm, the message is clear: *Stay clear and have a clue of what to do if you cannot.*

COMING IN SEPTEMBER for SOUTHERN BAY RACERS:

September 3 – 5 Fri – Sun 27th Stingray Point Regatta – Fishing Bay Yacht Club – Friday (Sept 3rd) Race is a middle distance race and is scored separately, see Notice of Race for scoring information. This regatta includes competition for the Brent Halsey, Jr. Memorial Trophy and the Potts Southern Bay Challenge Cup. **Check out the NOR at the Stingray Point YachtScoring website and ENTER NOW! Here's the fee nitty-gritty-see NOR 5. FEES: US \$50.00: Until Midnight, EST, August 27, 2021 (Late Fee \$ 25.00: After Midnight, EST, August 27, 2021). NOTE: Friday and Saturday dinners cannot be guaranteed if registered after August 27. Pre-paid Dinner/Social packages will be available on line via on-line registration in advance of the event. Get'er done BEFORE the 27th so you are sure to enjoy of all the goodies. TO ENTER and for NOR and more, please click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14671> Event Chair: Elizabeth Staas. Race Chair: Mike Karn.**

September 4 Saturday NY&CC Labor Day Regatta - Dinghy Classes such as Hampton One Design, Flying Juniors, Lasers and Laser Radials, Flying Scots, Optimists, and Comets are expected. NOR, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, and REGISTRATION are available at <https://www.norfolkyacht.com/regattas> There is NO ENTRY FEE but, racers must enter. For additional information, please contact Edward W. Wolcott, Jr. at 757-434-7324. Get registered and get that boat ready!!

September 11 Saturday TRI-SERVICE CUP This is a competition among 3 southern Bay area armed services affiliated sailing clubs. Open to mono-hulls 20' or longer "belonging to members of Old Point Comfort YC, Langley YC, or Norfolk Naval Sailing Association. For further information contact: Andrew Norris (757) 690-3179 or Kevin Old (757) 555-2755 Link to NOR <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FmUxk-tf-DdPaXsaLHFCmag-ft6ADC0zEGM7XkeCmBU/edit?usp=sharing> Link to REGISTRATION <https://form.jotform.com/82194972656167>

September 11 Saturday FBYC WOLF TRAP Race (Long Distance Series #5) For NOR (Be sure to see Addendum 1) and Registration click on www.fbyc.net Race Chair: Geoff Cahill

September 12 Sunday HAMPTON ANNUAL-MIDDLE GROUND LIGHT RACE The race course will be in the Harbor and one of the marks will be Middle Ground Light. Racing for PHRF classes, and Cruising (single headsail only), and Viper 640. NOR available at <https://hamptonyc.com/events/hampton-annual-middle-ground-light-race/> This event is open to all, sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club every year, and is scheduled the first weekend **after** Labor Day. The post-race social, including fajita bar and beer, will be on the Flag Deck at HYC for skippers and crew. Awards are presented at the annual HYC Awards Night in December. For additional information please contact PRO John McCarthy, (757) 850-4225.

September 18 Saturday Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge and Dinghy Distance Race & Hampton One-Design Serio Regatta - hosted by Hampton YC. For further information please contact Regatta Chair, Tim Etherington (757) 690-3178. **Link to** Registration <https://form.jotform.com/212276801477155>
Link to NOR https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wkilcAxsEejUw0Ip_pDhC3AlMfVjGqHU/edit

September 19 Sunday Opening Day of racing for CCV FALL SERIES. Day 1 – Sept 19; Day 2 – Oct 3; Day 3 – Oct 10. Day 1 and Day 3 will offer two drop mark races each day. Day 2 will be a middle distance race around government marks. For NOR and registration, click on www.ccvracing.us/racing/ . For further information please contact PRO John McCarthy, (757) 850-4225.

September 25 Saturday NEPTUNE'S ATLANTIC REGATTA – BBSA brings this annual regatta on Saturday during the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival's Boardwalk Weekend. This is part of the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (SBDRS) .The Notice of Race will be posted soon. Check the BBSA site at <https://broadbaysailing.org/NARHome>

September 25 Saturday Opening Day of racing for FBYC FALL SERIES. Day 1 – Sept 25. Day 2 – Oct 10; Day 3 – Oct 16; Day 4 – Oct 23. Race Chair: Geoff Cahill. For NOR and Registration click www.fbyc.net

September 26 - 27 Sun – Mon SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE. Bank on “*great expectation for wind and moderate September temperatures on the race course*”, with shore side parties at Zahnisers with live bands and awards. Get all the info and entry on-line at the Screwpile YachtScoring link https://yachtscoring.com/current_event_entries.cfm?eID=14296 For more info contact: Jim Keen, Event Director and Race Chairman at chairman@screwpile.net and www.screwpile.net NOTE: Deadline for entries is 2400, September 15. After the 15th the additional \$35 Late Fee kicks in. No entries will be accepted after Thursday, September 23rd.



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, recalls how the Fall racing season on the Southern Chesapeake is thought to be just the best time to be on the race course. So, enjoy the long holiday weekend marking Labor Day, and plan out the rest of your fall racing season. There really is racing somewhere every weekend. You might even dig around a bit for your fuzzies and foulies. Fur lined flip-flops are a good transitional item. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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