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CONGRATULATIONS to 2021 J/111 WORLD CHAMPION SKELETON KEY, Owner/Skipper Peter Wagner, Atherton, California, sailing out of NYYC/StFYC. After four (4) straight days of racing off Buckroe/Hampton in the Chesapeake Bay, with 9 races in the book, *SKELETON KEY*, won the J/111 Class World Championship by one point over second place *RAMROD*, Rod Jabin, Annapolis, MD. *SHAMROCK*, Jeffrey Davis, Cleveland, OH, was 3rd. Hampton Yacht Club hosted this prestigious event, opening on the 17th (Sunday) and running through closing ceremonies late yesterday under the tent, on the lawn where victuals and libations were shared by competitors and the distinctive half/hull trophies were presented. On the water the racers enjoyed champaign conditions on the first and last days, perfect breezes 10-12 and got in 3 races each day. The two middle days were more like rot-gut Sly Fox – light air allowed only two races on Friday and one on Saturday – clenching the thirst, but not the most tasty drink. When all was said and done, spectators who came out, especially on Sunday, got a close, real look at top of the sport racers, in to- of-the-line boats, in a perfect venue. Congratulations too, to Event Chairman Mark Wheeler, and to PRO John McCarthy, Deputy PRO: Jerry Thompson; Scorer: Scott Almond; Signal Boat: Justin and Megan Erbecker (*Liberty Risk*); Weather Mark Boat: Tom and Debbie Ryan (*Stormy*); Change Mark Boat: Brian and Kim Deibler (*Barefoot'n*); Gate Boat: Pete Eaves and Dave Gibbings (*Three Winks*); Pin Boat: Max Plarr and Peter Burch; International Jury Chair: Steve Wrigley. Thanks to HYC members and staff and particularly local J/111 owner/skipper Ian Hill, *Sitella*, for helping bring this event to the southern Bay. For all the details, including scoring, click on <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14269>

HALLOWEEEEEEEEEN is close by - a time to heed the poet's warning:

“Beware the Jabberwock, my son! The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!

Beware the Jubjub bird and shun

The frumicus Bandersnatch!”

From *Through the Looking Glass, JABBERWOCKY* by Lewis Carroll (1832-1898.)

2021 HYC FROSTBITE SERIES opens this coming Sunday, and brings with it . . . HALLOWEEN! This is the uncontested granddaddy of southern Bay FROSTBITE series. After Race 1 on October 31st, racing will take place every Sunday through November 28th. Racing will be in the Harbor with the first signal at 1200 / NOON each Sunday. Racing is offered for PHRF Classes A, B/C, & N (double Headsail allowed), as well as CRUISING (single headsail only- no spins). Racers may enter single race(s) -\$35@ or save moolah on the entire Series rate - \$75. Entries should be mailed to: Race Committee (Frostbite Series), Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Blvd., Hampton, VA 23669. ENTRIES ARE DUE by 1200 / noon the day before the race. Daily awards will be presented in the HYC Dockside Lounge after each race. Series awards will be presented at the HYC Annual Awards Night in December. **For details and requirements see NOR / Race Circular - click on <https://hamptonyc.com/events/2021-fall-frostbite-series/>** For info and to enter contact PRO Brian Deibler at (757) 715-8977.

SPECIAL NOTE: SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE has announced that for 2022 they will MOVE BACK to their original three-day summer format. The 30th running of SCREWPILE will be July 15-17, 2022. Southern Maryland Sailing Association has slated the date and is planning for “. . . 3 days of great racing, 3 evenings of awesome parties at Safe Harbor Zahnisers, and plenty of Mount Gay Rum drinks.” Screwpile for many years, was the regatta in the middle of the summer, in the middle of the Bay, where southern Bay racers tangled with northern Bay racers, on southern Maryland racers' waters for “Bay Dawg bragging rights”. All to the tune of great entertainment. *What goes around, comes around!* So, here comes SCREWPILE back around to mid-July.

TO FIDDLERS GREEN: Last July 13th **F. Eileen Burklow Turner** passed from the southern Bay sailing community. Eileen lost a sudden and brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She and her husband of 25 years, Michael, sailed and sometimes raced their Island Packet, *Cats' Paws* in the southern Bay and beyond, and were heavily involved in local sailing (racing and cruising) organizations. Eileen was a former commodore of Old Point Comfort Yacht Club and a member of HYC locally. She accomplished so many things in her life and touched so many people, yet her passing was so sudden that her close friends know that many others are unaware. For those here is a link to her published obituary <https://wydaily.com/obits/2021/07/17/f-eileen-burklow-turner> Sympathy and compassion is extended always to Michael and Eileen's family and friends. She is missed in so many corners.

RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YC COMMODORE'S CUP. The RRYC final regatta of the year, the **Commodore's Cup**, was held on Saturday in light and shifty winds. “What's new?,” asked Tom Chapman who sent this results report. In the NON-SPIN FLEET (6 boats): **Win Schwab** in *Silver Fox* (Santana 20) was first, **Jesse Swartz** in *Irrational Exuberance* (J30) was second, and **Randy Romaine and Harry** in *Gloria* (J24) were third. In the SPINNAKER FLEET (3 boats): **Tom Chapman** in *Hot Air* (J24) was first and **Arabella Denvir** in *High Hopes* (J24) was second. KUDOS to all at RRYC on a good season that included honchoing the 2021 HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA.

FBYC FALL SERIES 4. Fishing Bay racers got in 2 races Saturday in the 4th session of their 2021 Fall Series. **David Clark** (*Corryvreckan*), broke a tie with **Mark Wensell** (*Sting*) for the daily first in PHRF A (3 boats). **Bob Fleck** (*Mad Hatter*) took first in each of the two races, and **Dennis Hannick** (*Goin'*) was second in the daily totals in PHRF B/C (6 boats). PRO: Mike Toms. For complete standing for the day click on https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22552#_newsroom+results

Everybody talks about nurturing big boat one-design classes, but it takes a lot of doing and moolah to actually pull that off. Created in 2018, for the past 3 years the IC37 Class has been sailing mainly in the US Northeast and Florida. To establish the Class, New York Yacht Club bought 20 boats (members charter and race in various venues) and there has been construction of 15 for private ownership. Recently there has been a move to expand the IC37 Class. The Class movers and shakers appear excited about the plans. A couple of southern bay racers, Mark Wheeler and Jeremy Dull crewed on one of the entries (of 17) at the IC37 2021 North American Championship the first weekend in October in Newport. The IC37 Winter Series, based in Florida, begins in November, intensifies in January of 2022, and has their Midwinters Championship in mid-March. . Read all about it in a recent *Scuttlebutt Sailing News* article – click on https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2021/10/17/new-expansion-plan-for-ic37-class/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Scuttlebutt%205922%20%20October%2018%202021&utm_content=Scuttlebutt%205922%20%20October%2018%202021+CID_9947657cc76939bdf90ea2015300b398&utm_source=Email%20Ne

MAKE NOTE: Word has come that the 2022 United States SAIL Boat Show in Annapolis will be from Oct 13 – 17. The Power Boat Show will go first, as it did this year, Oct 6 – 9 in 2022 (Annapolis, MD)



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle,* wants all racers to be aware that in past when Frostbites fell on Halloween, often **“Twas brillig, and the slithy toves Did gyre and gimble in the wabe: All mimsy were the borogoves, And the mome raths outgrabe.”** From *Through the Looking Glass,*, Lewis Carroll. And, The Murphster, hopes it is thus with you on the first Frostbite of 2021! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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