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HAPPY NEW YEAR! May all your tacks be lifted in 2022 !

2022 DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE. The overall winner of the New Year's Madness Race was *STARDANCER* (John Blais) by 45 seconds over 2nd finisher *VIRGINIA H III* (Andy Armstrong). *Finishing the 5.65 nm pursuit race in 3rd overall was MYRAGE (Christian Schaumloffel).* Fifteen (15) skippers and crew started and finished the first race of 2022 in addition to *QUO VADIS*, sailed by a Sea Scout crew affiliated with OPCYC. Leading their classes in the final standings were: PHRF A (3 boats)-*Stardancer*, (John Blais); PHRF B/C (3 boats)-*Reflex* (Jason Abernathy);. PHRF NonSpin (4 boats)-*Virginia H III* (Andy Armstrong); CRUISING (5 boats)-*Rare Vos* (Dan Fox). PRO-Tim Etherington; Start at HYC-John McCarthy & Buk Lawrence; Finish at Mill Creek-OPCYC Finish Team. For scratch sheet, adjusted ratings /start times, Sis, etc. and RESULTS, click on https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fhgmUtDgLt_OFSU56Xuntgim7T94daKO **NOTE: On the morning of the 1st ever New Year's Madness Race, 22 years ago,** everyone was breathing a sigh of relief because with the **turn of the century (1999 to 2000)**, at midnight, all of the computer systems on earth were supposed to have gone haywire and crashed and burned in spectacular fashion. But, that didn't happen and neither did umpteen other predicted sensational disasters that had been anticipated by soothsayers smitten with "*New Year's madness*". Hence, Dana's name for the New Year's **MADNESS** race. There were 31 boats sailing in three classes in the 2000 inaugural event of Dana Dillion's brain storm, and 100+ at the post-race social and awards presentation. The beginning of a good run that remains extant. For each of the New Year's Madness races, the pre-start breakfast and skippers meeting and start has been ay HYC and the race finish, post-race social and awards at OPCYC. *Kudos* to all involved.

ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE 2021. *ICHI BAN* (TP52) has won the 628nm 2021 Sydney Hobart Race, following a protest hearing, requests for redress, and decisions penalizing the "would have-could have" been winner, *Celestial* (TP52).. The hearings were held at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania on New Year's eve. The incident began during the race near midnight on December 27, when *Celestial's* comms dropped off the air. That's a serious no-no in this race. WM Nixon, covering the event for ***AFLOAT, Ireland's Sailing, Boating & Maritime Magazine***, writes about the protest in his article "**Hot News From Tasmania**", 31st December, 2021, that "*For Celestial's crew, it's a cruel outcome. Yet, there's no denying that Ichi Ban lost time*" Nixon continues, saying, "*... in looking at the demeanor of Celestial's crew in Hobart after the finish. . . you sense they knew they were in trouble.*" The entire article and a link to the complete findings of the protest committee and other videos are available at https://afloat.ie/sail/events/sydney-to-hobart/item/53086-hot-news-from-tasmania-ichi-ban-wins-hobart-race-for-matt-allen-gordon-maguire?mc_cid=28a45f0e81&mc_eid=de26fb1cf8 And, to hear from the *Celestial's* skipper on the severity of the penalty after the hearing click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7luat6W39xl> . *ICHI BAN's* win of the 76th Sydney Hobart is in the books now along with all the event wrap up summaries and details at

hobart/item/53105-the-76th-sydney-hobart-yacht-race-wrapped-up?mc_cid=0690928d1b&mc_eid=de26fb1cf8 courtesy of AFLOAT, 2nd January 2022.

2022 SOUTHERN CHESAPEAKE BAY SCHEDULE ***NORTH and SOUTH DIVISIONS Big Boat & CBRYA Region 4 Handicap Schedule** are is now available in two parts by **DIVISION**. Just hit "REPLY" to this SBRNYCU issue (OR email to mcbear@earthlink.net), put "2022 Racing Schedule please" on the "SUBJ" line, and it will come to you by email.*

FORT LAUDERDALE TO KEY WEST RACE – *This is the race where the start time was moved up from January 20th to January 5th. Didn't sneak anything by our southern Bay guys, though.* **MERIDIAN XI**, skipper **Sledd Shelhorse** and co-skipper **Graham Garrenton** with crew of **Ron McLean, Mark Wheeler, David Flynn, Jeremiah Dull, Max Plarr, Michael Collins, Greg Gendell, Liam Harr, and Will Van Cleef** will be traveling to Lauderdale today, practicing tomorrow, racing on Wednesday/Thursday and back home Friday. They will be racing in the 8 boat ORC 1 fleet – a total of 28 boats are racing to Key West. The reason for the 15 day "bumped up" start is because the lack of hotel space in Key West made the early January time a time for much more affordable rates for racers- probably more rooms available too. Follow the race at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14610>

The SOUTHERNMOST REGATTA, KEY WEST, FL - January 17-21 this is a new regatta bent on reigniting a significant keelboat event at Key West this time of year. *"MeetUsAtMile0,"* they say. And so far, a number have entered, including southern Bay teams **SITELLA**, skipper **Ian Hill** entered in the J/111 fleet, and **LUCK DOG, Travis Weislander** in the Melges 24 fleet. To date the J/70 class is strong, and there is a GL52 fleet and an ORC fleet. Check out the official NOR and, if you can, find a way to get in on this – it's 5 days of racing in KEY WEST, FLORIDA. . . in January !
Race documents, entry, and everything else you need to know at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14520>

2020 & 2021 HYC CUPS presented. Working through the pandemic in 2020, Hampton Yacht Club conducted their annual HYC CUP competition for their keel boat racers and awarded the Cup last month at the annual awards ceremony. The 2020 winner was **Alan Bomar** in *Roundabout*. John McCarthy, presented the Cup and said, *"Amazingly, we got six HYC races done despite the pandemic and Alan was the overall winner"*. Winners of the 2021 HYC CUP were **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi**, the husband and wife team of *Danger Paws*. McCarthy noted that *Danger Paws* had had an extremely successful season, and as a result have gained in the sailing community "first name status" – like *LeBron* and *Bumps*, it's now *Neil & Lis*.

Speaking of Cups... the **Hampton One Design Class** has announced the introduction of a **2022 HOD High Point Championship**. The **Charles H. McCoy, Jr. "Hampton One Design High Point Trophy"** is a solid sterling *silver cup* from England and will be mounted on wood from *Calamity Jane's* transom. The winner will have reason to be proud on so many fronts.

HOD National Championship scheduled for August 19-21 in Cambridge, MD. Cambridge Yacht Club will host the event. The Hampton One Design class has scheduled the regatta in August in order to accommodate a number of college aged sailors who compete in HODs. Mark Wheeler, returns as PRO for the HOD Nationals.

Southern Bay OPTI Racer adds another big 1st to 2021 resume. USODA Optimist National Fleet Race Champion, **James Allgeier**, who sails out of Hampton Yacht Club, has wrapped up his year in fine fashion. **James finished first in the Opti 196 boat fleet at the recent ORANGE BOWL INTERNATIONAL REGATTA.** Results at <https://www.orangebowlregatta.org/en/default/races/race-resultsall>

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MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, wants to share a reminder: Remember, what the Coast Guard says when talking winter season sailing and ... rescues: “Dress for the WATER TEMPERATURE, not the air temp!”* This past Saturday, at the Dana Dillon New Year Madness Race, the air temps were at a delightful 68 degrees, but the water temps were 52 degrees. *Proper attire* takes on new meaning after the holidays – consideration must be given to increases in body size, and also water temps!! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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