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INDEPENDENCE DAY is Wednesday, JULY 4TH! Maintain your personal independence - go sailing!

SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA is just around the corner - racing July 22-23-24. Go to the website to checkout slip and hotel accommodations - both are available, but you better get a move on. Get your entry in now and save \$50 late fee. For info go www.screwpile.net or www.screwpile.com or www.splc.us or contact Event Chairman LG Raley at (301) 862-3100.

FLYING SCOTS FLY HIGH IN NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT FISHING BAY: There were 121 Flying Scots at their NAC this past week hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club. It was the largest gathering of racing Scots in the history of the class, which coincidentally was celebrating it's 50th Anniversary. There were plenty of "Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh Moments", like seeing 60 boats on the line for the Championship Division starts and seeing 100+ spinnakers coming downwind toward the leeward gate. As planned, the Championship and Challenger Divisions got in two races each day Monday thru Wednesday while the Women and Juniors Championships were decided on Sunday. Shore-side social soirees, annual meetings, bagpipe processions; boat and gear talk, and Scot gatherings swirled around the racing all five days. *Kudos* to FBYC for pulling out all the stops to run a first-class event for this prestigious regatta. **RESULTS: Championship Division (60): 2007 Flying Scot North American Champion: Jeff Linton/Amy Linton** (Davis Island YC); **Challenger Division Winner (43): Mike Mittman/Greta Mittman** (Corinthian SC); **North American Women Champion (8): Greta Mittman/Heidi Gough** (Corinthian SC); **Juniors North American Champion (12): Elliott Lee/Paul Lee** (Detroit YC). PRO: John McCarthy; Event Chairman: Noel Clinard;

Southern Bay Racers Among Top Scots: NAC Championship Division Top Ten: 6th - **Travis Weisleder/Ernie Deiball** (FBYC); 8th - **Blake Kimbrough/Lud Kimbrough** (FBYC). NAC Challenger Division Top 10: 7th - **Tripp Westbrook/Mike Klopf** (RRYC); 9th - **Phil Webb/Jerry Desvernine** (FBYC). NAC Juniors Division Top 3: 2nd - **Cori Radtke/Art Radtke** (FBYC); 3rd - **Alex Jacob/Erin Jacob/James/Jacob** (FBYC).

20th ANNUAL COCK ISLAND RACE: There were 87 boats racing at the 2007 Cock Island Race Saturday before last. Of the fleet, 16 sailed in PHRF spinnaker classes, 27 in PHRF non-spinnaker classes and 44 were Cruising boats. Winds were reported as "typical Cock Island winds" that dropped out toward the end. All in all, fun racing, great parties, and a good thing marked a longevity milestone. **RESULTS SUMMARY - FLEET WINNERS:** PHRF A (6) - **Valkyrie, Karl Petersen**; PHRF B (3) - **Faith, Jerry Lotz**; PHRF C (7) - **Roswell, Brendan Drinkwater**; PHRF NS1 - (17) - **Black Widow, Leo Wardrup**; PHRF NS2 (10) - **Wiki Wiki, Rodney Paice**; Cruising 1 (11) - **Fourplay**; Cruising 2 (11) - **Nepenthe**; Cruising 3 (12) - **Celerity, Bruce Clarke**; Cruising 4 (10) - **Rhiannon**. PRO: Larry Bryant.

EXECUTIVE CUP for CNU: Big boat racers and event sponsors contributed event proceeds to the **Christopher Newport University Sailing Team** through the CNU Sailing Foundation. The race itself was a change of pace in that the start time was at 4:00 PM with an eye to taking best advantage of the sea breeze, which showed right on time. This was a "gentle" race around established marks in the Hampton Roads harbor. A post-race party on the third floor balcony of the Virginia Air and Space Museum capped off the event. **RESULTS:** PHRF A (3): 1.**Phil Briggs, Feather**; 2.**Greg Cutter, Gremlyn**. PHRF B (7): 1.**Winner of the Executive Trophy, Rusty Burshell, Cool Change**; 2.**Graham Field, Independence**; 3.**Neal Garrett, Strega**. PHRF C (4): 1.**Ron Lewis, Incentive**; 2.**Brendan Drinkwater, Roswell**. PHRF Non-Spin (4): 1.**Winner of the Hanbury Cup, Andy Armstrong, Virginia H**; 2.**Dave Lively, Lively Lady**. Race Chairmen: Malcolm and Kathy Brady.

Wolcott Memorial Regatta: **Gordon Wolcott** won the Wolcott Memorial Regatta, hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club. Gordon finished 5-3-1-2 to win. **Randy Stokes** (12) and **Mark Wheeler** (12) tied for 2nd.

Len and Barb Guenther, former Hampton Roads Mobjack racers, returned to the southern Bay to race in the record setting Flying Scot NACs Championship Fleet.

Michigan Hobie 33, Thunderbolt, Scott Maust, came south and took home the Hobie 33 North American class championship trophy. Six boats, three of them from the southern Chesapeake Bay, raced weekend before last. The local favorites, *Mirage*, **Christian Schaumloffel** (22 points), and **Will Roberts** (26 points), *Treaty of Ghent*, finished 2nd and 3rd respectively; the champion finished with 18 points over 11 races. Race Chairmen: Malcolm and Kathy Brady.

BLUEWATER RACING: The **Marblehead to Halifax** starts July 8th, this coming Sunday, and the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club "bluewater boys" are chomping at the bit. **Conrad Hall** is racing his Morris 40, *Shearwater*, and along as part of the crew are **Pat Patterson**, **Mark Shaw**, and **Frank Stewart**, as solid a bunch as anyone could want.

The 2007 Marion-Bermuda Race saw some southern Bay racers shine. *Venture*, an Oyster 62, carrying a boatload of Chesapeake talent finished 2nd in the Class A Division and *Heron*, J160, took 4th in the A Division and 8th overall. Crewing on *Venture* were: **Latane Montague**, **Stephen Kistler**, and **Tom Ballantine**, **Brian McCauley**, and **Leroi Lissenden**. On *Heron*, **Peter Burch**. Nice job, guys!

Flying Scot Hull #1 competed for the first time in an FSSA North American Championship last week. The 50 year old hull is owned by Harry Carpenter, President of Flying Scot, Inc. "Ole Number 1" did OK for the week too - finished 21st in the 60 boat Championship Division.

Coming up:

SOUTHERN BAY LEUKEMIA CUP - Saturday - Sunday, July 7-8. Sanctioned event; All PHRF Classes and a special Cruising class. For info contact Brooks Zerkel at bzerkel@tncs.org

HAMPTON ANNUAL [Small Boat] REGATTA - Saturday - Sunday, July 7-8. Invited classes include Hampton One Design, Laser, 520, and 505. Any class wishing a start should contact event organizer **Tyler Moore** at tylermoore@verizon.net. Chris and Morgan Johnson will host the annual HYC Pig Pickin' after the racing Saturday. Get the boat on the trailer, get entered, and go to pick the pig!

VETERAN'S CUP - Saturday, July 14. OPEN TO ALL monohull boats 20' LOA or longer. Sanctioned event; all PHRF Classes as well as non-sanctioned Cruising class. This is the "Cheetah Race" - proceeds will be donated to Cheetah Conservation Fund. For info, contact John Ritter at (757) 329-6992. Get entered and get going - race like a cheetah...fasssssssst!

On the final day of racing at the Flying Scot NAC regatta, as the first starting sequence of the day was underway, a self-proclaimed "**research vessel**" tried to bully the entire 100+ boat fleet out of the sailing area. After determining that there were no deck guns on the "research vessel", race officials called the interloper's bluff. They warded them off by waving a fist full of CG permits about, putting an end to the attempted hostile take over.

MURPHY'S LAW: At the Flying Scot NAC regatta, I stood in for my Scot cousin, Angus MacBeagle, who couldn't make it over "The Pond". The racing was great and the parties were grand. *Yrs Truly, the Murphster*, one prone to party into the wee hours, admits to negative thoughts, though, about the **playing of bagpipes at 7:45 AM**. Beagle ears are extremely sensitive, you know! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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