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Special Notice: THIS IS HUSH-HUSH! This Wednesday, Aug 22, about 7:30pm, there will be a special celebration of Bumps Eberwine's 82nd birthday. Racers and friends are invited for beer and birthday cake on the Hampton YC flag deck. For details contact Graham Field at 757-488-3931. Remember, DO NOT TELL BUMPS - this is a SURPRISE PARTY for one of our Southern Bay Treasures.

BLACK WIDOW WINS CAPE CHARLES CUP: The Cape Charles Cup racers were greeted both Saturday and Sunday with high winds and rolling seas as they started their more than 20 miles course across the Bay. On the trip from Little Creek (Norfolk) to Cape Charles, the race began in 18 to 20 knots, before tapering off by early afternoon to almost zilch. Conditions for the Sunday morning start were proof-perfect that weather-guessers have bad days too. The predicted "light and variable" turned out to be neither. Racers again clawed their way upwind (15+ knots) before rounding MOA and enjoying a beam reach across the Bay to set up for the finish off Buckroe. 75 boats did the 2007 Cape Charles Cup regatta hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association. **Leo Wardrup's Black Widow** took 3rd in his fleet in the race to Cape Charles and 1st on Sunday's return from the really "far side". The Cape Charles Cup is awarded to the boat with the best combined corrected time for the two races. Racers, families, and friends all enjoyed the Saturday evening soiree on Cape Charles Bay Creek Resort Marina pier and the scrumptious barbeque buffet at the post-race awards gathering Sunday at Bay Point Marina on Little Creek. **RESULTS: (Norfolk to Cape Charles):** PHRF A: 1. *Treaty of Ghent*, **Will Roberts**; 2. *Feather*, **Phil Briggs**. PHRF B: 1. *Crusader*, **Ed Darling**; 2. *Graceful*, **Rob Beck**; 3. *Ganar!*, **Dave Bouchard**. PHRF C: 1. *Boo Nasty*, **Dave Bettis**; 2. *The Hunter*, **Justin Morris**; 3., *Bowmovement*, **Martin Casey**. PHRF Non- Spin (2 hs): 1. *Puff Card*, **Walter Boatwright**; 2. *Virginia H*, **Andy Armstrong**; 3. *Black Widow*, **Leo Wardrup**. PHRF Non-Spin (1 hs): 1. *King Fisher*, **Dixon Wilde**; 2. *Dreamtime*, **Jim Borberg**; 3. *Solas*, **Robert Burnell**. Cruising A: 1. *Mariah*, **Doug Rose**; 2. *Anjalei*, **Jim Forrester**; 3. *Verano*, **Tony Thornton**. Cruising B: 1. *Bay Dreamer*, **Steve Purman**; 2. *Mazi*, **Tom Pantiledes**; *Liquid Courage*, **Hardesty/Collins**. **RESULTS: (Cape Charles to Buckroe):** PHRF A: 1. *Feather*, **Phil Briggs**; 2. *Cyrano*, **Bob Mosby**. PHRF B: 1. *Graceful*, **Rob Beck**; 2. *Callinectes*, **Ben Cuker**; 3. *Virginia Lee*, **Mike Brannon**. PHRF C: 1. *Lona B*, **Carey Hardesty**; 2. *The Hunter*, **Justin Morris**; 3. *Boo Nasty*, **Dave Bettis**. PHRF Non- Spin (2 hs): 1. *Black Widow*, **Leo Wardrup**; 2. *Margarita*, **Harry Tenney**; 3. *Puff Card*, **Walter Boatwright**. PHRF Non-Spin (1 hs): 1. *Solas*, **Robert Burnell**; 2. *Kingfisher*, **Dixon Wilde**; 3. *Makaira*, **Wally Parolari**. Cruising A: 1. *Mariah*, **Doug Rose**; 2. *Anjalei*, **Jim Forrester**; 3. *Quantum Leap*, **Jay Rickles**. Cruising B: 1. *Alibi II*, **Bill Storm**; 2. *Thrillseeker*, **Andy Shanks**; 3. *Nepenthe*, **Jim Lant**. PRO-John McCarthy; Official Timer/Scorer-Scott Almond; Signal Boat-Art Quarnstrom; Auxiliary RC Boat- Ken Stepka.

Plantation Light Race - August 24, THIS FRIDAY - Evening Start. Check the headlights on your boat and prepare to race in the "cool, cool, cool of the evening..." This is an annual favorite sponsored by Hampton YC. The race starts in Hampton Roads Harbor (first warning at approximately 1900 hours (7PM). Possible courses are in the Notice of Race (page 99 of the 2007 CCV Racing Guide). There is no time limit, so, plan to race into the night, and maybe later, depending on the winds. This is a sanctioned CBYRA event. Entries are due no later than Thursday, August 23 at 1700 hours. For info contact Bob Thomas at (757) 898-9407. Because boats probably will finish at disparate times, awards are presented at the HYC awards ceremony in December.

LATANE MONTAGUE is Hampton One Design National Champ: Latane Montague and crew Chris Kennedy had three bullets in the 6 race event to win a tiebreaker and the title. Their finishes were 4-1-3-1-[5]-1. **Gordon Wolcott**, the third generation of Wolcott's sailing HOD's, finished 2-2-[4]-2-1-3 and in 2nd place. **Drew Johnson** took 3rd overall. Thirteen entries raced in the event hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. The Dougherty Trophy for Most Valuable Crew went to **Woody Granger**, who sailed with **Gordon Wolcott** (2nd place); both are high school aged sailors. Race Chairmen: Malcolm and Kathy Brady.

Recently southern Bay racers lost one of their own, **Dana Dillon**, to a devastating illness. Over the weekend, Dana's crew sailed on **Jim Forrester's Anjalei**, taking along a token of remembrance of him on board. They took a 2nd in each of the two races.

Once a racer, always a racer...every time, anywhere: **David and Sherl Eberwine** were sighted in Cape Charles at Bay Creek, not racing, but relaxin' this weekend. David is a long time mainstay and booty-kicker with his J36, *Sea Star*, on the southern Bay racing circuit. That was Dave and Sherl at the finish Saturday and the start Sunday off Plantation Flats, buzzing around in a 2-person rubber dinghy.

Unofficial word around the docks is that, if possible, the **Stringray Point Regatta** will consist of 3 races on Saturday and 2 on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. More racing = more fun!

Can you top this?! Sunday morning at Bay Creek, **Susan Williams**, sailing with Willoughby Racer husband John on *Fresh Air*, came upon a downed party participant, unconscious in the women's shower. Susan in her inimitable style, had HIM removed along with the pile of clothing and the Miller Light his friends had left for him earlier. Remember, what happens at Cape Charles, stays at Cape Charles!

Mark Arnold Captures His 10th Mobjack National Championship: The 2007 Mobjack Nationals were hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club in conjunction with the FBYC 68th Annual Regatta. Mark's championship string was 1-2-1-1-1-[3]- 1. **Len Guenther** finished 2nd and **Meg Roberts** 3rd.

Ron Primm, speaking for the Dink Vail Regatta (Labor Day Event), says they will accept entries for the regatta right up until the skipper's meeting at 0800 on Saturday, September 1, 2007. But, you do not have to wait - go ahead and enter now! Call Ron at (75) 623-6234. This is a very nice Hampton Roads area event.

Close, so close: After racing more than 20 miles on Sunday, **Phil Briggs' Feather**, and **Bob Mosby's Cyrano** finished within one second of one another (corrected time).

Labor Day Cometh: September 1 - 3, 2007 - Here are three events available for memory-making:
STINGRAY POINT REGATTA: Fishing Bay / mouth of the Piankatank in the Chesapeake Bay. Hosted by Fishing Bay YC. Racing on Saturday and Sunday with Monday intentionally left open for deliveries home or casual sailing. Fishing Bay Yacht Club has been hosting this event for many years and it is one of the "best darn little regattas" on the Bay. For info contact Event Chairman David Hinckle at (804) 271-7500 or email at Stingray@fbyc.net On-line registration is available and encouraged at www.fbyc.net
7th Annual DINK VAIL REGATTA: Norfolk/Hampton Roads racing area. Hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. PHRF racing as well as a Cruising fleet on Saturday. Saturday morning continental breakfast and sign-in, and post-race cocktails and awards banquet. On Sunday "beer can racing" just for the fun of it. On Monday, "on your own" - pool and food counter, Fitness Center and Tennis are open. To enter or for info, contact Regatta Chairman Ron Primm at (757) 623-6234.
CBYRA ANNAPOLIS RACE WEEK: Great competition from all over the Bay and beyond. Three days of solid racing and solid partying. If you are going, you need to get entered and make arrangements for your boat and crew accommodations now. For info contact the CBYRA Office in Annapolis at (410) 263-0839 or email at office@cbyra.org. Regatta Chairman is Bobby Frey.

John Dodge, who has roots generally all over the southern Bay and particularly in Fishing Bay and Richmond, was aboard *American Eagle* when she won the 12 Meter North American Championship in Newport earlier this month.

MURPHY'S LAW: WHEW! What a weekend! Three parties and 40 gear-bustin' miles of racin'. This *Racing Beagle* needs a serious nap. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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