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LABOR DAY WEEKEND IS UPON US! SPEND IT SAILING!

ANNA is GOLDEN! Anna Tunnicliffe (former southern Bay 3-time All American collegian at Old Dominion University - class of 2005) won a gold medal in the Laser Radial class at The Good Luck Beijing - 2007 Qingdao International Regatta in China. Anna is drawing a bead on the trials for the 2008 Olympics, hoping to return to China for the "big dance".

Dark and stormy night...? NOT! Racers in the annual **Plantation Light Race**, put on by Hampton Yacht Club, had a great experience. Plenty of wind (10 knots and into the teens) and favorable current most of the way. Overall, it was great southern Bay night time racing. The A fleet course took them all the way to Wolf Trap Light after Plantation and all the other fleets headed back to Hampton Roads via York Spit Light. **RESULTS: PHRF A (58.9 miles, 5 boats): 1. Jim Bordeaux, Solstice, J40; 2. Christian Schaumloffel, Mirage, Hobie 33; 3. Jim Williams/Will Roberts, Treaty of Ghent, Hobie 33. PHRF B (46.1 miles, 3 boats): 1. Bob Archer, Bad Habit, Pearson Flyer; 2. Dave Bouchard, Ganar!, Santana 35; PHRF C (46.1 miles, 2 boats): 1. Alan Bomar, Roundabout, J24; PHRF Non-Spin (46.1 miles, 7 boats): 1. Harry Tenney, Margarita, Roberts 43; 2. Leo Wardrup, Black Widow, Irwin 38; 3. Jake Brodersen, Midnight Mistress, C&C 35. PRO-Bob Thomas.**

RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: The Race Committee sets the starting line 10 minutes before the warning signal. Just after the warning signal, the mark boat moves the starting pin several boat lengths to weather, thus changing the line angle by 10 degrees. The Race Committee makes no signal that this has happened and the prep signal is subsequently made. Is this an error by the Race Committee? (Answer follows in this issue of SBRNYCU.)

Last week *Scuttlebutt* (issue 2415) mentioned a young man who lost a protest in the 2007 V15 Nationals, and, consequently lost the regatta championship title by 1 point. The gentleman took the microphone at the awards presentation at St. Francis Yacht Club, graciously commended the protest committee, and said that "... they made the right decision." The young man was identified as a high school coach from San Diego, named **Steve Hunt**.

LAST LABOR DAY WEEKEND REMINDERS - September 1 - 3, 2007: As of early this morning, there are 32 boats registered for the Stingray Point Regatta, 148 going to Annapolis Race Week and, entries are still coming in for the Dink Vail Regatta (entries for DVR will be accepted right up until the Saturday morning skippers meeting) at NYCC.

* **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**- entries will be accepted as late as skippers meeting on Saturday. Small boat activities: NYCC is also hosting on Saturday (multiple fleets) and Sunday (HOD point

to Point) dinghy racing. For details on the small boat happenings, please contact Bryant McGann at (757) 446-8627 or (757) 288-6136.

* **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.

Somebody overboard? Throw a stick at him! Recently, Innovation Awards were presented at the National Marine Manufacturers Association trade show. One of the awards went to the **Mustang Survival "Rescue Stick"**@ It's a 14 inches long, non tethered, "...baton-shaped flotation device that [when tossed into the water] automatically inflates a large horseshoe shaped collar that provides 35 lbs of buoyancy", says *BoatU.S. Magazine*, September 2007. Like the NASA space shuttle, it's a bit pricey (\$140), but, with a little prep, can be used again. Check it out on www.rescuestick.com.

Media Watch: Getting the local southern Bay print media to recognize sailing-racing as a sport can be difficult. Ask any event organizer. *The Daily Press* (Virginia Peninsula, Newport News, Hampton, etc.) ran a nice blurb on Anna Tunnicliffe's gold medal win in China in their Sunday edition, sports section, "Star Track" column.

The course of the **Hampton Annual Regatta** (Saturday, September 8th), will take the boats close to **Middle Ground Light**. **Rob Gonsoulin**, owner of MGL, will have invited guests at the light with the specific purpose of watching the race. Be sure to give them a wave as you sail by!

BEYOND LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER RACING OPPORTUNITIES: Fall racing on the southern Bay - it don't get no better!

Saturday - September 8 - Hampton Annual, Middle Ground Light Race - HYC - Mark Wheeler, (757) 460-5844

Saturday - September 8 - Tri-Service Regatta - limited to LYC, OPCYC, and NNSA - John Ritter, (757) 329-6992

Fri-Sun - Sept. 14-16 - VIBE (Virginia In-Water Boat Expo and Sail Fest) - at Norfolk Waterside

Saturday - September 15 - Fall Singlehand Race - Yankee Point Yacht Club

Sunday - September 15 - Wolf Trap Race - FBYC - Brooks Zerkel, (804) 272-7846

Sunday - September 16 - CCV Fall Series Races 1 & 2 - CCV Racing - John McCarthy, (757) 850-4225

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Sunday - September 23 - FBYC Fall Series 1 - FBYC - Sharon Bauer, (804) 769-4293

Saturday - September 29 - Neptune's Atlantic Regatta - BBSA and VB Neptune Festival, Scott Almond, (757)471-2663

Saturday - September 29 - RRYC Commodore's Cup - Rappahannock River Yacht Club, Jerry Latell, (804) 776-6151

Saturday - September 29 - FBYC Fall Series 2 - FBYC, Mike Karn, (804) 359-2894

Sat-Sun - Sept. 29 - 30 - J24 Invitational - FBYC, Mike Karn, (804) 359-2894

Sunday - September 30 - Singlehand Race - HYC, Kathy Brady, (757) 723-3244

Thur-Mon - October 4-8 - Annapolis Sailboat Show - tickets available online at www.usboat.com

Fri-Sun - October 5-7 - Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta - host Yankee Point Marina, Karen Knull, (804) 462-7018

Answer to RR Quiz Question: The Race Committee acted within the rules. Rule 27.2 (RRS) permits the starting mark to be moved anytime before the prep signal.

MURPHY'S LAW: *The Murphster* is liking the sound of that Rescue Stick@ thing. First though, *Yrs Truly* will have to overcome the overwhelming beagle-desire to chase the stick. But, my problem is nothing like what my Labrador Retriever buddies will experience. We're talking major attitude adjustment here! Just picture man's best friend paddling away with man's rescue buoy! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

Dear Readers,

The Murphster and staff will take September 3rd, Labor Day off, too. Look for your Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use, issue #359, on Tuesday, September 4. Have a great weekend!

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