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SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings. Founded in April, 2000.

"In 1492 Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue." We celebrate his discovery of our part of the world today, having adjusted the date to suit the Federal holiday calendar. Take a sail to honor Chris!

130 BOATS SHOOT THE BIRD! The 2007 HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA topped records for number of boats (130) and amount of funds raised (more than \$40,000). 130 boats (11 fleets) raced for two days on the Rappahannock River - drop mark courses on Saturday and a pursuit race on Sunday. The event began Friday night with the welcoming reception, competitors' briefing and food and drink, including rock fish cooked on the Yankee Point Marina decks. More than 450 racers, sponsors, and friends enjoyed three days of glorious weather, racing, socializing, and meals under the big tent on the banks of Myer Creek. The winner of the right to represent the Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta at the National Hospice Regatta is **JERRY LATELL in his S2 7.9, OLD SCHOOL.** He and his crew will be going to Annapolis in May 2008. In the Flying Cloud Division, not competing for the berth in the National Regatta, **WAYLAND RENNIE** in *Trilogy* took top honors. PRO - John McCarthy, Signal Boat Captain - Chris Robertson, Mark Boats - Jim Young and Ron Kolis.

CCV FALL SERIES, Races #5 and #6, THIS COMING SUNDAY, October 14. Racing in Hampton Roads Harbor. All PHRF Fleets. First Warning scheduled for 1030. For details or to enter, contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. (Deadline for entries is 1300 hours on Saturday, October 13.) These two races are triply important - they count for the CCV Fall Series, the much coveted CCV High Point, and CBYRA High Point standings. One more almost last time to see your fellow racers before they cover up with their foul weather gear! Also this coming weekend up on the Rap Rivah, is the Yankee Point Yacht Club Fall Regatta #2 on Saturday, and at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, on Sunday, Fall Series 3.

The schooners are coming! The schooners are coming! This is the 18th annual running of **The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race**, founded by Lane Briggs (1932-2005). The actual start of the race will be at 1330 on Thursday, October 11, from just south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge off Annapolis. The 42 schooners will race through the night, finishing off Thimble Shoal and proceeding to assigned dockage in the Portsmouth - Norfolk, Greater Hampton Roads area.

Willoughby Racers Memorial Regatta. The annual memorial race held in Norfolk's Willoughby Bay is a pursuit race. The event is hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association's Willoughby Racers. **RESULTS: Fleet 1 (6 boats): 1. Bowmovement, Martin Casey; 2. Scoundrel, Cliff Porter; 3. Scarlet Waters, Fred Scarlet / Steve Waters. Fleet 2 (5 boats): 1. Summer Breeze, Bill Bounds; 2. Bluejacket, Doc Foster. 3. Foxy Lady, Philip Harrison. Fleet 3 (6 boats): 1. Puff Card, Walt Boatwright; 2. Lonnie J, Ray Moore; 3. Lona B., Carey Hardesty.** Race Chairman: Jim Williams.

LASER FEVER - Leon Garber, organizer honcho along with **Emory Nemeth**, of the ever-growing Sunday afternoon "Dinghy Crazies" racing in Willoughby Bay (Norfolk), is encouraging Laser bubbas to get just a bit organized by forming a local fleet. Anyone with info on the Hampton Roads area Laser fleet(s) (if there is one) or interested in joining as a racer, should get in touch with Leon at (757) 615-7154 or email him at leongarber@aol.com. Strike now, while the iron is HOT!

Schooner **Virginia** will be racing in the GCBSR Thursday and Friday. Last year she took 2nd in her class behind the *Pride of Baltimore*. Cross your southern Bay fingers and toes for our fine lady, *Virginia*.

Time does fly! Hampton Yacht Club celebrated its 100th anniversary this past weekend.

Lots of southern Bay racers are "intimately" familiar with the **Tiki Bar in Solomons** - site of the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta. The Tiki Bar officially closes for the season on Saturday, October 27th. In addition to the regular closing day mayhem that will go on all day, that evening they will have a ticket-required Halloween Bash, beginning at 8pm. For info, contact the Tiki Bar at (410) 326-4075. Proceeds from the evening Halloween Bash will go to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southern Maryland, Inc. It will all be a happening - guaranteed!

GOT PHOTOS? Huey Fourquet is putting together the **slide presentation featured at the CCV Awards Party** on November 9. If you have racing, or party-ing, or people pictures you want to share, get them to Huey. He wants the presentation to spotlight CCV racers and friends, in all their racing, party-ing, socializing glory!!! So, send questions or photos to Huey at huey@ccvracing.org (Be sure to identify your photos and the photographer.)

Keep the lights on! Coming up on Saturday, October 20, the '**Round the Lights Race**. Especially loved by racing navigators and tacticians. Also, enjoyed by crewbies and rail riders 'cause they get to theorize on which way is the best route to which lighthouse, Middle Ground or Thimble Shoal. For info and to register, contact OPCYC Dennis Miner at (757) 867-1028.

CCV Racing officials have announced the addition of awards to be given to all boats that qualify for the much coveted CCV High Point Awards. In 2007, including 2 races this coming weekend at the conclusion of Fall Series, CCV will have run 12 High Point Races. To qualify, racers will have to have started a minimum of 9 of these races. These awards will be presented in conjunction with the fleet High Point Awards at the annual presentation ceremony, beginning with this year's upcoming event set for November 9th.

MURPHY'S LAW: Chris Columbus and his fleet, *Santa Maria*, *Pinta*, and *Nina*, bumped into San Salvador Island on October 12, 1492. Which just goes to show that it may be a good thing for us that Chris did not have GPS! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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