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SATURDAY, JUNE 21st is the FIRST DAY OF SUMMER. And, we thought it was summer when temps hit 100+ degrees last week.

FEATHER wins Hospice Regatta. **Phil Briggs'** J/36, *Feather*, won the overall trophy for the Greater Hampton Roads Hospice Regatta as well as the PHRF A fleet on Saturday. As overall winner of the regatta, *Feather* earned the right to represent the Hampton Roads area in the National Hospice Regatta Championship next Spring. The event was sailed in the vicinity of Hampton Flats in near perfect conditions - a steady southwest wind in the 8-10 knots range throughout the race. Eighteen boats came out to race, including **Rob and Sue Stephens**, who entered the Hospice (Cruising) Fleet, racing their Tartan, *Shady Lady*, for the first time in Hampton Roads competition. **RESULTS:** PHRF A - 1. *Feather*, **Phil Briggs**; 2. *Voodoo 2*, **Lissenden/Birch**; 3. *Mirage*, **Christian Schaumloffel**. PHRF B - 1. *Virginia H*, **Andy Armstrong**; 2. *PF Flyer*, **Larry Preddy**; 3. *Wham Bam*, **Dave Taylor**. PHRF C - 1. *Fine*, **Jonathan Phillips**; 2. *Spray*, **Bumps Eberwine**; 3. *Incentive*, **Louie Lewis**. Cruising - 1. *Shady Lady*, **Rob Stephens** PRO-Glenn Giles; Official Scorer-Carol Giles; Mark Boats - Bill Gibbings and Dave Hamilton.

Looking for crew? The CCV "Learn to Crew on a Racing Sailboat" Class has a big bunch of newbies ready, willing and able to go and learn on boats racing in the HYC Wednesday Night Series. These people have paid money, given up a month of Tuesday and Wednesday nights for classroom and on-the-water training, and sailed on Hampton Frying Pan Flats (renamed after the weekend of the heat wave) in their introductory sail. These people want to crew with you! **Skippers may contact Dave Taylor at (757) 344-5292.**

Southern Bay Moth racer Joe Bousquet will be packing up his foiling Moth any day now and heading for Weymouth, UK. Joe will be sailing in the International Moth Worlds Regatta. The foiling Moths have caught fire among international Moth boat racers and Joe thinks the majority of the boats in the Worlds fleet will be foilers, as opposed to the "low-rider" standard International model. Joe built his Moth in his home over the winter. A week ago, in just his third time on the boat, Joe crossed Willoughby Bay, 18 inches above the water. Nobody knows yet whether these babies will need race committees or air traffic controllers.

Greg Cutter, *Gremlyn*, Elliott 770, is working in the Sargasso Sea aboard the research vessel *Knorr*. In his email, Greg said the *Knorr* is the very ship that Bob Ballard used to find the *Titanic*. He also said that even though they are 400 miles offshore and pretty far downwind of us, they can still smell the smoke from the forest fires burning in the southeastern USA.

Back on course...and it's FINE! The red Kirby 25, that many southern Bay racers remember as having belonged to **Mark Cable** and then to **Brendan Drinkwater**, is back on the race course. After passing through a few other hands, the red gem is now sailed by **Jonathan Phillips** under the name of *Fine*. And, she sailed just fine on Saturday, as Jonathan walked her away from the rest of PHRF C at the start and held off *Spray* by 22 seconds at the finish in the Hospice Regatta.

BERMUDA OCEAN RACE is underway: This is the time of year that southern Bay bluewater racers race off to Bermuda. This past Friday, three boats that home port in the southern Bay started for Bermuda from the Severn River in Annapolis Harbor. The course of the BOR takes them down the Bay, out the Thimble Shoal channel, and through the Virginia Capes, where they hang a right to Bermuda. They have until this coming Friday, June 20, to complete the race. Racing out of Yorktown is *Solstice*, **Jim Bordeaux's** J/40. **Dave Wiker** and the rest of the *Solstice* crew should be back home before the end of the month. Also, racing are **Norman Dawley's Pursuit**, a custom 48, out of Norfolk, and **Frank Kendall's Razor's Edge**, a Sabre 36-2 from Falls Church, VA. Entries for this race number 26 and include, from USNA, the same two Navy 44-2 boats, *Integrity* and *Renaissance*, that raced in Southern Bay Race Week a couple of weekends ago. The official distance start to finish is 752 nm.

NEWPORT BERMUDA RACE starts this coming Friday, June 20: A much larger contingent than the BOR, entries number over 200 for the Newport Bermuda Race, is on hand for this classic. Sailing out of the southern

Bay is **Conrad Hall's, Morris 40, Shearwater** from Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. **Mark Shaw** will be skipper of the Hall boat and crewing will be **Bill Wheary, Frank Stewart, and Don Patterson, Jr.**, all from NYCC, along with **Simon Tucker** of New Zealand. Sailing in the St. David's Lighthouse racing division will be the **Ed Whitmore's Swan 46, Ticket to Ride**, also of NYCC. Along with Ed will be **Mark Wheeler, Bryant McGann, Jim Forrester, Brendan Drinkwater, Chad Wilkins, Evan Harrell, Dan Bowman, and Randy and Gordie Stokes**. At last report 208 entries were planning to be at the start on Friday. The Notice of Race (NOR) for the Newport Bermuda race stands as a testimony to the scope of this event; it is 19 pages long...before amendments.

2008 SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE REGATTA is only 33 days away! (July 20-22) - The Southern Bay Brigade is forming. On top of their game and already entered are 10: *Midnight Mistress* (**Jake and Pat Brodersen-HYC**); *Lola* (**Dennis Hannick-DYC**); *Schiehallion* (**Brad Miller-FBYC**); *Meridian* (**Sledd Shelhorse-HYC**); *Blade Runner* (**Brad Davis-FBYC**); *Black Widow* (**Leo Wardrup-BBSA**); *Corryvreckan* (**David Clark-FBYC**); *Voodoo 2* (**Lissenden - Birch - Krushelnisky-HYC**); *Namesake* (**Craig Olsen-HYC**); and *Flying Colors* (**Richard Payne-HYC**). To enter and for additional details go to www.splc.us Save money - enter now, before the late fee kicks in (July 2nd)!

SCREWPILE FACTS: For the music lovers - **The CalypsoNuts** will play at the Sunday night post-race party, and **The 25th Hour Band** on Monday night. On Tuesday, closing day, **The Screwilers** are on stage. Holiday Inn Select resses: If you hope to stay at the regatta headquarters hotel, you better call the **Holiday Inn Select (Solomons) direct 410-326-6311** right now! Need a slip for the boat - Call **Zahniser's Yachting Center and speak with Dockmaster Terry Walters at 410-326-2166**. Do this right now, too! And, get entered - the entry fee goes up after July 2nd.

Racing this coming weekend and the next:

Fri-Sat	June 20-21	Cock Island Race	Larry Bryant, (757) 484-4966
Sat	June 21	FBYC Moon Light Regatta,	Mike Dale (804)347-7409
Sat	June 21	YPYC All Women's Race,	(804) 462-7018
Sat	June 28	The Hanbury Cup, CNUSF	Jim White Christopher Newport University Sailing Center

Something special for wooden boats: The **Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta** (October 10-12) has announced a special competition for wooden boats built to a 1965 or earlier design. The competition will be scored within the Flying Cloud Division of the Sunday pursuit race. For info on the regatta go to www.hospiceturkeyshootregatta.com or call event chairman Allan Young at (804) 438-5317.

Concerning changes to the US SAILING prescription to RULE 46 (membership in USSA - should it be mandatory?): US Sailing has put up, at their website, very clear information regarding the "whys and wherefores" of the issue. Get informed on the topic before you register your opinion - check out http://www2.ussailing.org/Universal_Membership_Questions_and_Answers.htm and http://www2.ussailing.org/What_US_SAILING_Does.htm Last week a number of you tried to take your voice heard on the **monkey survey website**, but found it "unresponsive". Don't give up - CBYRA members can let CBYRA hear from you at CBYRAoffice@CBYRA.org - they'll be speaking to US SAILING for us. Understand and be heard.

Speaking of US SAILING - Did you know that if your are a USSA member, you can get two for one admission at the **Virginia In-Water Boat Expo and SAILFEST** at Waterside (Norfolk) this Fall, September 14-16. Don't forget to flash your membership card when you purchase your tickets! Go to www.ussailing.org for details.

MURPHY'S LAW: Smoke from the eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia forest fires has on occasion invaded the race courses on the southern Bay. It's hard to tell, even for this highly sensitive, racing beagle nose, whether the smoke is from those forest fires or the hot-and-fast southern Bay racers sailing the courses. Git it on! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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