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COCK ISLAND RACE officials are recalculating the race results due to a computer-related error. They will have the correct results as soon as possible. Preliminary information indicates that eighty - three (83) boats actually raced in the 21st rendition of the Cock Island Race Saturday. It is a fair assumption to make that 106 boats (the number of entries) worth of people did the famous Cock Island parties on Friday and Saturday. While not "sanctioned" by racing high-point keepers, the event is "highly regarded" by folks looking for a great time on the Portsmouth downtown waterfront. This was the grand gathering for the "party-interrupted-by-a-race" event. All the Spinnaker and the Non-Spinnaker 1 fleets sailed a course a little over 8 nautical miles; everyone else went 6.26 nm. The fleets started between 0905 and 0945 and every boat finished before high noon.

SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE - If you race, really race, on the Chesapeake Bay, you must be on the starting line July 20, 21, and 22, at this all time favorite event! And, you must bring home a Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2008 T-shirt... with your boat's name on it! This year SPLC will offer an official regatta T as well as the regatta T with entered boats' names on it. The cut-off date to get your name on the shirt is not yet announced, but you better shake your bones - there are over 80 entries already, and eventually space on the shirt becomes an issue. Don't be last and end up in the arm pit! **To enter Screwpile, go to www.splc.us and follow the easy entry directions. Print out the entry form, complete it and send it to Screwpile Challenge - 2008, PO Box 66, Hollywood, MD 20636.** Do this now to get on the T-shirt and do it now to beat the price increase (\$75) that happens after July 2nd. Save the \$75 for shirts and rum!

NORMAN DAWLEY and PURSUIT win PHRF 1 division in the [Annapolis to] Bermuda Ocean Race. Of the 26 boats that started the race, 19 beat the June 20, 2100, time limit to Bermuda. Dawley, from Lusby, Maryland, sailed his custom built 48 footer (LOA) (official homeport is Norfolk) across the finish line in 4 days, 10 hours, 49 minutes, and 21 seconds. *Razor's Edge*, a Sabre 36-2 sailed by **Frank Kendall** of Alexandria, Virginia, finished 2nd in the PHRF 3 division. From Yorktown, Virginia, **Jim Bordeaux** and his crew of **Rock Bell, AJ Booker, Scott Blandford, Ben Norfleet, and Dave Wiker** brought Jim's *J/40, Solstice*, in 3rd in PHRF 3 division. Well done!

NEWPORT TO BERMUDA Update: Early this morning the fastest of the fast, 98 foot *Speedboat* and Volvo 70 *Puma, il mostro*, found themselves with little to zero wind not coming from exactly where they were not going - that is, on the nose from the direction of Bermuda. They were about 175 miles out from the objective. The rest of the fleet, over 200 boats, looks to be well over 300 miles from Bermuda. Things will get better for everyone today, though, as weather experts expect the wind to veer to SSW and climb to more than 20 knots going Northerly. Should be a nice ride to the finish for most... "they" say.

Sailing out of the southern Bay in the Newport Bermuda Race is **Conrad Hall's, Morris 40, Shearwater** from Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. **Mark Shaw and Frank Stewart** are co-skippers 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 Whitemore'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.**

il mostro, which translates to *the monster*, is the name of the **American entry** in the upcoming **Volvo Ocean Race**. Puma Ocean Racing's big black Volvo 70 sports a paint job intended to mimic it's namesake Puma shoe. **Ken Read** is skipper and the bowman, **Jerry Kirby**, is 52 years old - how's that for a [late] Baby Boomer! *il mostro*, often referred to as *Puma*, is in the **Newport to Bermuda Race**, but once they finish, it will be back to the training schedule for the Volvo Ocean Race.

Where's the love... and integrity? What if you had spent a bundle of cash and time and effort on getting ready for the Newport to Bermuda and you were "knocked out of the race" a little over a week from the start? That's what happened to the *Swan 42, Orbit*, as she was moored in Newport while making final preparations for the race. Sometime during the night of June 11, *Orbit*, became victim of a hit-and-run that left her with damage that

penetrated the hull above the waterline - damage that kept her out of the race. A \$10,000 reward for information about the accident has been offered. See *Scuttlebutt*, Issue 2621, 6/19/08.

THE HANBURY CUP, Saturday, June 28. This is sponsored by the Christopher Newport Sailing Foundation to help support the CNU Intercollegiate Sailing Team. Racing starts in mid-afternoon, warning is at 3:30pm. The Skippers Meeting is at the Air and Space Museum in Hampton at 2:30pm - that's where the course will be announced. To enter and for details, contact Jim White, 261 Ashridge Lane, Newport News, VA 23602 - (757) 249-8758.

US SAILING heard the outcry: This from a US SAILING news release - emphasis added: *Portsmouth, R.I. (June 17, 2008) - US SAILING, national governing body for the sport of sailing, has announced today that its Board of Directors last night voted to withdraw a proposal that would require US SAILING membership of racing sailors.*

"We have heard from our members and we thank everyone for their input," said US SAILING President Jim Capron. "Many sailors and sailing organizations have told us that racing sailors should be members, but that their membership should be voluntary. We also appreciate that many of these sailing organizations have indicated their willingness to help grow our membership. We look forward to working with all of you to strengthen both our organization and our sport."

Jack Herbert, working on the Navigation Response Team in New York City, bumped into an old southern Bay expatriate in Long Island Sound. On his way to board a Tartan he is racing on there, Jack noticed a very nice J/29 moored nearby. Yep, it was **Case Whitemore's Patriot**, in which he "terrorized" the southern Bay for quite a while.

Word is that **Chris Duer**, who for a short while raced in the J/24 fleet in Hampton Roads, has accepted a job with Santa Cruz Yachts and will be moving to St. Augustine soon. Good luck to Chris - nice location!

When the **southern Bay gang gets to Bermuda**, and, if they can hang about a bit, they can check out the St. Georges harbor for *R/V Knorr*. She is expected to arrive there around the 27th. Fellow racer, **Greg Cutter** invites all the homies over for a tour of his current "office". He said, **"We'll be going into St. Georges on the 27th to switch out crew (and drink a bit), so maybe we'll get to see some Southern Bay buddies in town. If so, they're welcome to come over to the Knorr for a tour!"**

Almost a couple of years ago now, 4 baby boys, and likely future southern Bay racers, were born in a short time frame to southern Bay racing parents: **Parker Moore** (Jane and Tyler Moore), **Jackson Latell** (Andrea and Jerry Latell), **Mike Almond** (Megan and Scott Almond), and **Jack Peddy** (Brigid and Tom Petty). Now, there is a 5th - Tyler and Jane Moore have a second son and Parker has a little brother. **Charles Spencer Moore** came on board Wednesday, June 18th - all are well.

IMPORTANT JULY RACING DATES: High Summer and High Racing Season - Got to Git After it!

Wed	July 2	Screwpile Light House Challenge - last day to avoid "late entry fee" for Screwpile
Fri	July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY! Land of the free, home of the brave!
Sat-Sun	July 5-6	HYC 79th Annual One-Design Regatta - (small boats), Henry Amthor (757) 722-8377
Sat-Sun	July 12-13	Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta, www.fbyc.net/LeukemiaCup
Sat	July 12	Veterans' Cup, LYC John Ritter (757) 329-6992
Wed	July 16	Deadline for Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge entries
Sat	July 19	BBSA Little Bay Challenge, Scott Almond (757) 471-2663
Sat	July 19	Check-in for Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge
Sun-Tue	Jul 20-22	RACING! at SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE
Sat	July 26	CCV Moonlight Triangle Race
Sat	Aug 2	Little Creek Cup, BBSA - Scott Almond (757) 471-2663

Plan ahead for Friday, September 12th-Sunday, September 14th - The 4th Annual Virginia In-Water Boat Expo and SAILFEST. Town Point Park & Waterside Marina, Downtown Norfolk, Virginia US SAILING members get 2 for 1 ticket break. Go to www.ussailing.org to see how. The Downtown Norfolk waterfront plans to hosts many of the leading marine industry manufacturers displaying the newest boats, engines, and accessories on land and in water.

MURPHY'S LAW: This is the T-Shirt Time of the year. *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, aka The Murphster*, saw a great one last week. Printed on the back was, "Rum is the answer! Now, what was the question?" /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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