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SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE - JULY 20, 21, & 22, IN SOLOMONS, MARYLAND - WWW.SPLC.US WWW.SCREWPILE.COM WWW.SCREWPILE.NET PHRF and One-Design fleets - Sanctioned racing - Real racing for racers from all parts of the Chesapeake Bay and beyond! AYC, HYC, WRSC, MRSA, SCC, BCYA, EYE, SIYC, HHSA, TAYC, ESSA, FBYC, NASS, GSA, RCRA, CBYRA, OBSA, NYRA, CYCOP, MYC,DYC, DISC, RBSA, BBSA, CFYC, NERYC, MRSA, HIYC, SRYC, SSA, SMSA and... are represented so far in the 120 plus entries to date.

Off the Disabled List - Rockette, Chuck Monsees' J/29 has her stick up! The mast was damaged months ago and the loss considerably shortened the season for the Elizabeth City - Hampton team. The Rockette-eers had a very successful sea trial at a recent Albemarle Plantation Sailing Association regatta, taking two bullets in a small class. Skipper Chuck Monsees says there are still "mechanical issues" to be worked out before they are ready for full on racing, but they are getting there.

Amthor and Murphy finished in the top 10 at the North Carolina Laser Masters regatta held in Oriental, North Carolina, weekend before this past. In the 18 boat fleet, Henry Amthor (HYC) finished 2nd overall and Frank Murphy (FBYC) took 6th overall and 1st in Grand Masters. While they were sailing a terrific squall blew through - it sank a Catalina 22 - but, according to Henry, the Laser sailors just laid over to keep the sails from shredding and waited for the squall to pass. He implied the water, however, was a-buzzzzz.

Media Watch: The July issue of *SpinSheet Magazine* has a great feature on Solomons, Maryland, and the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge (July 20,21, and 22). The school bus yellow hull on the cover is none other than the southern Bay's *Meridian 2*, **Sledd Shelhorse's** Farr 36.

79th HYC Annual One Design Regatta: The top three Hampton One Design finishers each had 7 points over 3 races, but when the ties were broken **Gordon Wolcott and Woody Granger** stood at the top. **Mark Wheeler and Graham Garrenton** were second and **Eddie and Sarah Wolcott** were third in the 8 boat fleet. The racers spent Saturday and Sunday drifting, waiting, and hoping for sea breezes, but were able to get in only one race on Saturday and two on Sunday.

FEATHER wins the HANBURY CUP. Phil Briggs and crew on his J36, Feather, won the Hanbury Cup trophy for 2008. The race is run for the benefit of the Christopher Newport University Sailing Team. The sailors raced between 8 and 6 nautical miles, depending on their fleet, in a pleasant summer breeze that sometimes in some places reached into the 20 knots range. RESULTS: PHRF A (4 boats) -1.Phil Briggs, Feather; 2.Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian 2. PHRF B (4 boats) - 1. Larry Preddy, PF Flyer; 2.Rusty Burshell, Cool Change. PHRF C (5 boats) - 1.Lewie Louis, Incentive; 2.Jonathan Harn, Noco Loco; 3.Bumps Eberwine, Spray. PHRF Non-Spin (2 boats) - 1.Andy Armstrong, Virginia H. Race Chairmen- Malcolm and Kathy Brady.

MOONLIGHT TRIANGLE RACE - Saturday, July 26. This is the inaugural edition of a CCV mid-season event. The Moonlight Triangle replaces the old Not Smith Point Race and the older Smith Point Race. The possible courses are set and listed in the Notice of Race published in the 2008 CCV Racing Guide (pages 95-96). Skippers having CCV Racing Memberships do not have to file an entry form, but all others must submit a standard entry form no later than 1300 hours, Friday, July 25th. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1700, i.e. 5:00 PM. The race will start in the area of CCV Bay Mark "Y" off Buckroe. This is a CBYRA sanctioned race and also counts towards the CCV High Point awards. For information and to enter contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

It's Up to Twenty-One (21) Southern Bay and Beyond Racers Headed for Screwpile: Cash Flow (Hadley 40), Lloyd Griffin; Double Eagle (J-109), Sam Mitchener; Chilcoot (Quest 30), Alex Alvis; PF Flyer (Pearson 30), Larry Preddy; Wavelength (C&C 37), Rob Whittet; Inevitable (J/105), Mike Karn; Wairere (Thompson 30), Pete Hunter; Black Widow (Irwin 38), Leo Wardrup; The Hunter (Hunter 26.5), Justin Morris; After Thought (J109), Craig Wright; Boomerang (B25), Jerry Latell; Pegasus (J24), David Kelsey; Flying Colors

(J105), Richard Payne; Namesake (Olson 30), Craig Olsen; Voodoo 2 (Tripp 38), Lissenden-Birch-Krushelnisky; Corryvreckan (J105), David Clark; Blade Runner (J105), Brad Davis; Meridian 2 (Farr 36), Sledd Shelhorse; Schiehallion (Beneteau 30), Brad Miller; Lola (Thompson T750), Dennis Hannick; and Midnight Mistress (C&C 35), Jake and Pat Brodersen. And, former southern Bay stalwart, Kahuna (Farr 395), Sanford Richardson. The DEADLINE FOR SCREWPILE ENTRIES IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 16th. Go to www.screwpile.net or www.splc.us for entry forms and "how to". Get your stuff together and get ready to go racing!

In case you missed it, **Bill Hardesty with Erik Shampain, Steve Hunt (a southern Bay homie) and Jennifer Wilson**, all sailing out of San Diego, won the the **Etchells World Championship** title June in Chicago. Their regatta string was 7-1-1-[39]-8-13 for a total of 30 points, finishing 8 points ahead of the 2nd place overall finishers. CONGRATULATIONS!

Southern Bay racer and former Region 4 VP and CBYRA President, **John Dodge**, is on the mend. John did the 12 meter NYYC regatta recently and expects to be aboard Farr 40 *Yellow Jacket* at **Screwpile** later this month.

10th Annual Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta - Saturday, July 12 - Sunday, July 13. Racing activities happen at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. This is an event with two days of PHRF, some one-design, and cruising classes racing, plenty of awards, and most importantly, for a good cause. To learn details and/or to enter, go online at www.fbyc.net/LeukemiaCup

For those who are not racing at SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE, BBSA offers the **Little Bay Challenge on Saturday, July 19**. This event is restricted to boats using jib and main only - no double headsails and no spinnakers allowed. The price is right - FREE - if you enter before 5PM on Friday, July 18; after that you pay a \$10 late fee. The skippers meeting is at 11AM on race day at Willoughby Harbor Marina and all racing is within the confines of Willoughby Bay, aka Little Bay. For info contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663. There is a post-race party; charge is \$10 per person, prepaid with entry or at skippers meeting.

Heads Up for the Governor's Cup! Ware River Yacht Club is hosting the 44th Virginia Governor's Cup and Junior Regatta on August 2-3. This is a small boat (dinghies) regatta and organizers expect several adult classes (5 boats or more) including Albacore, Hampton One Design, Mobjack, Buccaneer, Mutineer, 505, Flying Scott, Laser, and more. If there are not 5 of a kind, boats can expect to be grouped with like boats for Portsmouth rating system racing. Bring the kids to race too - there will be junior classes for 420s, Laser, and Optis. SAVE \$10 on the ENTRY FEE by registering this week, no later than Monday, July 14. For registration forms, check www.wareriveryachtclub.com or contact Joe Morgan at (757) 345-2862 or Rick Klein at (804) 693-5629.

At the **Olympic Sailing Venue in Quingdao, China**, sailors are likely to encounter a "green" problem. Not an EPA bureaucratic issue, but a green algae bloom has covered the water. It may be really easy to spot our Olympic Team sailors when they return home; they'll be the ones with the light green slime look.

In addition to the southern Bay racers going to **Screwpile**, there will be a bunch of <u>southern Bay race</u> <u>management</u> folks working at the regatta. The team, led by **John McCarthy** as PRO of one of the three courses, will include **Eric Matherne**, **Glenn and Carol Giles**, **John Ritter**, **Buk Lawrence**, **Lin McCarthy**, **Mike Dale**, **Rick Klein**, **Brooks Zerkel and Cathy Clark**.

Fishing Bay Yacht Club is set to host the <u>2008 Laser Masters Atlantic Coast Championships</u> this coming September 6-7. It won't be the first rodeo for Laser Masters at FBYC. The club has hosted the Atlantic Coast Championships in 1997, 1999, and 2003, and the US Masters Championship in 2000.

MURPHY'S LAW: It's summer time on the Chesapeake and racers need to brush up on wind knowledge. Here's what old salts say: In light air, if you see cats' paws of wind on a smooth surface, it's OK to rub the boat's backstay and whistle for the wind to come to you. But, if the wind is blowing, be careful not to whistle on board, 'cause the devil will send gale force winds... and then you'll be in a melluva hess! Or, you could just pop another brewski and wait for the sea breeze. /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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