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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #404**

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

**Inaugural CCV MOONLIGHT RACE sails in perfect conditions.** This is the race that replaces the "Not Smith Point Race", a daytime race that was designed to ease the angst created by the late afternoon and nighttime thunder boomers characteristic of its predecessor, "The Smith Point Race". Perhaps this is the perfect solution - it certainly was for the 23 boats that crossed the starting line off Buckroe between 5 and 5:30PM Saturday and the finish line between 10PM and midnight. PHRF A and PHRF B sailed a more than 30 mile triangular course and all other fleets 21+ miles. The breeze was steady at 14 to 16 knots, the skies clear (not a hint of thunder or lightning), and spirits high. A number of crews had nighttime novices aboard and the conditions guaranteed new converts. **PRELIMINARY RESULTS:** PHRF A (4 boats): 1.**Lloyd Griffin**, *Cash Flow*; 2.**Dave Eberwine**, *Sea Star*; 3.**Phil Briggs**, *Feather*; 4.Christian Schaumlöffel, *Mirage*. PHRF B (9 boats) (protest pends): 1.**Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2.**Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*; 3.**Andy Armstrong**, *Virginia H.*; 4.**Graham Field**, *Independence*. PHRF C (4 boats):1.**Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*; 2.**Rodney Paice**, *Wiki Wiki* 3.**Jonathan Harn**, *Noco Loco*; 4.**Randy Pugh**, *Elusive*. PHRF Non-Spin (5 boats): 1.**Harry Tenney**, *Margarita*; 2.**Tom Peddy**, *Impulse*; 3.**Tom Connors**, *Fins Up*; 4.**Jeff Rogers**, *Halaha*. Cruising (1 boat): 1.**Michael Cummings**, *Vivaldi*. PRO = John McCarthy. Special thanks to Dick Boykin for handling the electronic scoring.

**To Fiddler's Green:** **Pat Patterson** passed on Saturday after a valiant fight with cancer. Of Pat, one of his friends wrote, *"You may have heard this already but Pat Patterson of "Orion", an HYC member and Cruising Club of America member died yesterday (Saturday) after a long battle with cancer. Pat's sailing experienced includes several trans Atlantic races and cruises (one on a square rigger), probably 15 Newport to Bermuda races, many Annapolis to Newport races and passages as well as a lifetime of sailboat racing in the Chesapeake Bay."* Most of the southern Bay racing community will remember Donald "Pat" Patterson as always a gentleman, on and off the race course, in the true sense of the word.

**Good News for Boaters - No New Permit Required!!** Both branches of Congress have passed "The Clean Boating Act of 2008". Therefore, the long standing exemption for recreational boats from permit requirements and the attached penalties designed for industrial polluters ( read that commercial shipping) has been made permanent. It has been two years since the "bad" court decision that caused all this was issued. Just goes to show, from little ripples, big waves grow! Boaters' emails caused a hurricane of protest and, finally ,action. *Kudos* to BoatU.S. for keeping us focused.

**Things that go bump in the night.** Part of the allure of nighttime racing is the feeling of the "monster under the bed" that can creep into a racer's consciousness while flying blindly through the dark. Saturday night, the lumpy conditions and wind in the mid teens to 20 knots caused a lot of bumps in the night. Most were foredeck and bowmen suffering purple boat bites. They all earned their right to swagger -- if they could -- when they reached the dock after midnight.

There are other **nighttime events** coming up on the southern Bay. The Plantation Light Race, sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club, starts at 7PM in the harbor, and, depending on the courses goes from approximately 46 to 58 miles. This year the "moon is right" for this favorite on Friday, August 15th. For entry info and details contact Bob Thomas at (757) 898-9407. Entries are due no later than Thursday, August 14 (5PM). And, next year, the overnight Down the Bay Race will be back, running from Annapolis to Hampton during Memorial Day weekend, straight through, no stops in between. You'll have to pack your toothbrush. And, of course, Fishing Bay Yacht Club offers their Moonlight Regatta each June.

**Members of the Olympic Sailing Team** are in every national sailing publication's spot lights now. "So, who is going with you as personal coach and mentor?" is a favorite question put to our top sailors. Nice to see a couple of college coaches at the top of the Olympians' lists. **Mitch Brindley**, Old Dominion University head coach has been there for **Anna Tunnicliffe**. Anna is quoted in *Sail Magazine*, August issue, as saying of Mitch, "He knows my head. Who better than someone you've spent four years of your life with?" And, **Andrew Campbell** has been working with **Bill Ward**, who once coached Andrew at Georgetown University. Anna is sailing for the Laser Radial gold and Andrew for the top medal in Lasers. It all begins August 8.

**Coming Up THIS weekend:**

**Little Creek Cup**, Saturday, August 2 - sponsored by Broad Bay Sailing Association and open to all. Sanctioned racing for all PHRF classes and a non-sanctioned Cruising class (NOTE: PHRF Non-Spin is single headsail only) Entries are due no later than this Wednesday, July 30. Racing will be off Ocean View; Friday skippers meeting and Saturday post-race party will be at the PDX Grille (formerly Bay Pointe Grille) on Little Creek. For information contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663 or go to [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org) The slogan for this event is "Sailing for a Cure" - proceeds benefit St. Jukes Children's Research Hospital.

**44th Virginia Governor's Cup and Junior Regatta** on August 2-3, hosted by Ware River Yacht Club. 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 Scot, Laser, and others. If there are not 5 of a kind, boats can expect to be grouped with like boats for Portsmouth rating system racing. There will be junior classes for 420s, Lasers, and Optis. For registration forms, check [www.wareriveryachtclub.com](http://www.wareriveryachtclub.com) or contact Joe Morgan at (757) 345-2862 or Rick Klein at (804) 693-5629. This is a traditional small boat regatta - families with kids, great small boat sailors from around the Bay and beyond, camping, socializing, eating, racing, and lots of laughing!

The usual route for dinghy sailors is to leave the Governor's Cup (see above) and head for **Fishing Bay Yacht Club's Annual One Design Regatta**, set for the following weekend (August 9-10). Plenty of racing for adults and juniors - for details go to [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net). Event Chair is Noel Clinard and Race Chair is Rick Klein (804)693-5629. This is the 69th year for this event - they must be doing something right!

**Don't let Labor Day Weekend (August 30 - 31, & September 1) slip up on you.** There are two great events scheduled on the southern Bay and, of course, CBYRA Annapolis Race Week in Annapolis. Here's the skinny - pick one and nob your hobbs during the holiday!

**STINGRAY POINT REGATTA:** Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31. PHRF and J/105 one-design sanctioned racing. Hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club. OPEN TO ALL. Welcome party on Friday evening, catered dinner and live band on Saturday, and hot buffet breakfast on Sunday. Save \$25 on the entry fee by getting registered by the August 22nd cut-off. You can **register on-line at [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net) or contact Mike Dale at (804) 347-7409.** This regatta is unique among regattas - if you race on the southern Bay, you must do Stingray... and there is no time like the present!

**DINK VAIL REGATTA:** Saturday, August 30. Norfolk Yacht and Country Club puts out the welcome mat for all. On Saturday, here is PHRF sanctioned racing as well as racing for a non-sanctioned Cruising Class. NYCC hosts a Friday night reception, a Saturday morning continental breakfast, and a post-race soiree and awards event. Entries are due at NYCC's front desk no later than 1700, Thursday, August 28. For additional info **contact Ron Primm at (757) 623-6234 or go to [www.norfolkyacht.com](http://www.norfolkyacht.com)** This is a great opportunity to include racing in the holiday weekend with plenty of time for other activities and concentrated relaxin' on Sunday and Monday.

**ANNAPOLIS RACE WEEK:** (August 30 - 31, & September 1) This is the big daddy of the weekend for racing. Three days of sanctioned racing in 'Naptown. Entries and fees must be received by Saturday, August 23rd (some classes have earlier deadlines). **Entries may be submitted on-line and fees paid by credit card at [www.CBYRA.org](http://www.CBYRA.org). For more info go to [www.CBYRA.org](http://www.CBYRA.org) or call CBYRA office at (410) 269-1194.** This is a large, regatta in a small city on a holiday weekend - if you're going, you better take care of logistics NOW! There will be great competition and great socializing!"

**MURPHY'S LAW:** The Olympic Sailing will take place in Qingdao, China. That's pronounced *ching-dow* - like cha-ching at the cash register and rhymes with bow! Now, if *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, could score some airline tickets.....! All the way to China is a lot of cha-ching - but, the TV coverage is shaping up pretty good. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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