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IT'S THE DAY WE HONOR OUR FELLOW SAILOR, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. CHRIS WAS MOST DEFINITELY A RACER, MOST LIKELY OF THE BLUEWATER STRIPE. HONOR CHRIS BY LEAVING WORK EARLY AND GOING FOR A SAIL!!

2008 HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA IS IN THE BOOKS! One hundred and thirty (130) boats raced in the event which opened on Friday night with the usual welcome party at Yankee Point Marina. Twelve fleets (two Divisions) competed on Saturday on drop mark courses, and, on Sunday, did an up-the-river-and-back pursuit race. That many boats racing up the Rappahannock River from the mouth of the Corrotoman to Urbanna and back on a perfect day (10-15 knots) was a perfect ending to a great regatta. Every single boat finished ahead of the time limit. **Steve Bowen and his crew on DREAM ON (\$2 7.9)** are overall winners of the Lightning Division (PHRF classes), and, as such, will represent the Hospice Turkey Shoot at the National Hospice Alliance Regatta this coming Spring. *Dream On* sails out of Yorktown, Virginia. In the Flying Cloud Division, **Frank Birdsall's SPITKIT (Flying Scot)** won his 11 boat fleet each day and won the Flying Cloud Division overall trophy by virtue of his win (among all Flying Cloud Division boats) in Sunday's pursuit race. Event Chairman - Alan Young; Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy; Official Scorer - John Ritter; Mark Boats - Jim Young and Howie Grover; USCG Aux OIC - Jim Wroth.

'ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE - October 25 - sponsored by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club. This is a CBYRA sanctioned event for PHRF boats and it counts in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Race Series sponsored by Broad Bay Sailing Association. There is a Cruising fleet for non-PHRF boats. All boats must meet the PHRF 4P equipment and accommodations requirements. Don't miss the opportunity to save money (\$5) by entering before October 18th. This event features a pursuit start and is unique in that each racer decides which lighthouse, either Middle Ground Light or Thimble Shoal Light to round first. Be sure to study your tide and current charts! Send your entries to OPCYC, c/o Dennis Miner, 205 Eric Nelson Run, Yorktown, VA 23693. Or, call Dennis at (757) 867-1028. This is a great event with a nice post-race party and awards at the OPCYC clubhouse on Ft Monroe. Your entry fee covers skipper as well as all crew.

In CCV Fall Series Race #4, Cyrano, for want of a clevis pin, lost her headstay. The crew, it turns out, performed admirably, but even then, after a prolonged and excellent repair effort, were not able to continue racing. Here is part of a message they [via crew member Carla Nagel] sent to their owner/skipper, **Bob Mosby**, who was on vacation in Italy at the time: Regarding the failing headstay, *"We are stuck on the two reasonable explanations as to why this occurred. The first revolves around the fact that an unwitting crew member brought a banana on the boat....not knowing the evil nature of bananas on boats....Said banana was tossed overboard to punish it on the ride home....The second plausible explanation is that Bob did not want us showing him up while he was in Italy---and put a secret Italian curse on us. Enjoy Italy, Bob. Ciao."*
 What? Should Bob worry??

BOLO (Be On Look Out) for Schooners! THE GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY SCHOONER RACE starts Thursday, October 16, within sight of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge (Annapolis side) and finishes sometime Friday, October 17th, near Thimble Shoal Light, with the grand schooners docking in host city Portsmouth, Virginia. This year there are 53 schooners, including our own *VIRGINIA*, racing. Sponsoring clubs are Broad Bay Sailing Association (Virginia Beach), Fells Point Yacht Club (Baltimore), Portsmouth Boat Club (Portsmouth), and Town Point Yacht Club (Norfolk). The **October issue of SPINSHEET MAGAZINE** contains the Official Preview Program for the event and is already available (and FREE) at the usual distribution locations. Even if you are not fortunate enough to be actually racing on one of these beauties, it is a wonderful thing to see them under full sail!

If you are planning on attending the **CCV AWARDS PARTY AND YEAR END BASH** (November 7th), the deadline for a special rate at the Hampton Marina Hotel is this Wednesday, October 15th. Call the hotel at (757) 727-9700. For info and resses for the event, call Karl or Senta Petersen at (757) 271-2869. Also, Dave McConaughy is looking for racing pictures of CCV racing and racers for the party slide show - contact him at (757) 595-3547.

OYSTER ROAST AND A REGATTA TOO!! **Saturday, November 8th**, will be the **CNU 2nd ANNUAL ALUMNI REGATTA AND OYSTER ROAST**. This event serves as a fund raiser for the **Christopher Newport University Sailing team**. Alumni, parents, friends, and supporters are invited to join current team members. There's a regatta involving the CNU team members, former and current, followed by a true Chesapeake Bay Oyster Roast on the grounds of the James River Marina located across the Creek from the CNU Sailing Center. Sailing and slurpin' - ya just can't beat that! Plan for a modest charge - it is, after all, intended to raise funds for the team! For info please contact CNU head coach Dan Winters at CNUsailing@aol.com or assistant coach Jim White at jwhiteii@cox.net

Remember, too, coming up this weekend is the Rappahannock River Yacht Club's **Rappahannock Cup** and Fishing Bay YC continues their Fall Series.

NOVEMBER Event Alert: Looking ahead...

Sunday, November 2nd, first race of the annual **Frostbite Series** sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club.

Friday, November 7th, the **CCV ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY AND YEAR END BASH** - Hampton Marina Hotel Grand Ballroom - Call Karl or Senta Petersen at 757-271-2869 for info and resses.

MURPHY'S LAW: Yes! Of course, *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, will be on hand, ...ooops, on paws, to see all the southern Bay racers, share in the heavy hors d'oeuvres and libations, congratulate the award winners and dance the night away at the annual CCV Party! Both pairs of hi-heel sneakers have already been "re-souled" and pronounced Boogie Ready! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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