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The 31st GABOON RACE proved to be bone chillin' and certainly thrillin' in winds that stayed NW between 19 and 25 knots with the highest confirmed gust at 33 knots. "How cold was it?" you say. It was soooooo cold that one racer was moved to declare, "Good grief, it MUST be cold, Bumps Eberwine is wearing socks!" The air temperatures hovered in the low thirties. Twenty-one (21) boats left the starting area (Hampton River) in the staggered start race and completed a pre-set 9 nm course, most in record times and many under reduced sail. Reefing the main was not to be sneered at yesterday. Only three boats even attempted to hoist spinnakers and then only briefly. Other than damage to one boat's rudder, everyone made out fine and returned with all the crew that went, although most looked like smiling popsicles when they got back. Here are the award winners in each fleet: PHRF A: 1. **Bob Mosby**, *Cyrano*; 2. **Phil Briggs**, *Feather*; 3. **Jim Williams/Will Roberts**, *Treaty of Ghent*. PHRF B: 1. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2. **Chris Hall**, *Quicksilver, Jr*; 3. **Chuck Monsees**, *Rockette*. PHRF C: 1. **Justin Morris**, *The Hunter*; 2. **Bob Houseman**, *Bobinski*. Event chairman - Phil Briggs (for 31 consecutive years!); Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy; Mark Boat - Marshall Findley and Susan Downing in *Kerry Sue*.

Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (on the Potomac in the shadow of the Nation's Capital) is the newest member of Region 4 (southern Chesapeake Bay CBYRA member clubs). The Daingerfield Island Sailing Club 2009 commodore is Richard Knab. **Dana Shafie** represented DISC at the CBYRA Annual General Meeting.

More southern Bay Players in the Volvo Race Game - *Midmorning Buzz* - David Taylor, *SailingAnarchy-de - Christian Schaumlöffel* and, *The Pretender* - Butch Patterson. Well, we're keepin' 'em off the streets!

All you never thought you could know about the rules! MURPHY RULES - 2009: The revised racing rules (RRS 2009-2012) take effect this coming January. *Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use* will present a MURPHY RULES one-day seminar that will emphasize these significant changes. **Norfolk Yacht and Country Club will host the seminar on January 24, 2009, Saturday, 0900 - 1530. The focus of the clinic will be an interactive discussion of the racing rules with special emphasis on the rules changes that become effective this January.** Course instructor John McCarthy will explain all the important changes and work them into his unique "rules made easy" format. The fee is **\$40 (\$35 for attendee's family member) and includes morning refreshments, lunch, and all clinic materials.** PRE-register by calling (757) 850-4225 or by email to mcbear@earthlink.net (include your name, address, and phone number and on the subject line put MURPHY RULES. Reserve your spot by registering early.

There's more going on in Austin, Texas, than UT football - apparently they race sailboats too! Yesterday a sailboat racer from Austin, **Markus Langhans**, upon seeing sailboat masts on the Hampton city skyline, found his way aboard one of the Gaboon race boats - **Larry Preddy's *PF Flyer***, and went racing. The club race community, within one-half hour of his arrival, fixed him up with foul weather gear, a boat, a skipper, crew mates, and post-race nourishment. Now that's hospitality - southern Bay style!

Southern Bay expatriate, **Sanford Richardson and wife Alex** were spotted this past weekend. They send word that they are doing fine and invite all their southern Bay friends to stop by for a visit whenever in the Annapolis area. Sanford still owns and skippers the "big red boat", *Kahuna*, and he and Alex expect to hit the race course hard this coming summer. No surprise there!

PHRF Class Splits of Region 4 (Southern Chesapeake Bay) for 2009 - announced as follows:

REGION 4 - SOUTH DIVISION: A - Up to 109; B - 110 to 163; C - 164 and Up; Non-Spin - all

REGION 4 - NORTH DIVISION: A - Up to 112; B - 113 to 166; C - 167 and Up; Non-Spin - all

There is NO Change from the 2008 class splits.

Media Watch: Check out the photo (pages 40-41) spread in the December issue of *SpinSheet Magazine* to see a close-up of **Jake Brodersen's big toe**. Jake's wife Pat and crew of *Midnight Mistress* are in the photo too. It

was taken at Screwpile 2008. And, southern Bay racer exemplar, **Sledd Shelhorse**, owner and skipper of *Meridian 2*, is featured in the same *SpinSheet* issue in the Annapolis Performance Sailing Chesapeake Race profile on page 75.

2009 DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE - Jan 1, 2009 - Start is off the Hampton Yacht Club docks and finish is off the Old Point Comfort YC docks at Ft Monroe. Racing is in the Harbor. Super pre-race breakfast buffet available at HYC (beginning at 0900) and post-race celebration at OPCYC beginning at 1530. Staggered start race - starting times available at the skippers meeting (1000 at HYC). First warning at 1125. PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spin classes as well as Cruising class. For info and to enter, please contact Dennis Miner at (757) 867-1028. Line up your crew - line up your "ride". Get 2009 started right!

CBYRA has elected and installed their 2009 Executive Board, Board of Directors, and Division Reps.

Those with whom southern Bay clubs will interact are: President - Art Libby; Executive VP - Garret Cameron; Secretary - C.B. Currier; Treasurer, Karin Masci, and VP for Region 4 is John McCarthy. Tom Roberts will move to Region 4 official scorer and high point recorder. Division Reps are: Cruising One-Design (COD) - Andy Cole; One-Design - Elliott Oldak; Juniors - David Houck; Handicap - Bruce Bingman; US Sailing Area C Delegate - Wayne Bretsch. Beth Kahr continues as Executive Director for CBYRA and may be reached at (410) 269-1194 concerning CBYRA services, publications, etc.

PHRF elected new officers for 2009 in November and those with southern Bay responsibilities are: Mike Dale, VP for Region 4 and Christian Schaumloffel, Chief handicapper for Region 4. The new president of PHRF of the Chesapeake is Bruce Bingman and the Secretary-Treasurer is Bob Thomas. Stewart Buckler continues as PHRF Executive Secretary.

MURPHY'S LAW: None of us is immune from the financial concerns of the day. *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has experienced financial woes too! The *Murphster's* Beagle Beer stock has tanked. A Beagle Bail-Out is what is needed. Plans are to re-invest the Beagle Bail-Out bucks in rum flavored dog biscuits with hopes for beer flavored dog bone spin-off. Now..., if only Congress will agree. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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