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

HEY, GUV, CHECK YOUR CHINA! Mark and Kathy Wheeler have taken the GOVERNORS CUP by virtue of having won the Hampton One-Design Class, the largest fleet at the weekend showdown at Ware River! Preliminary reports show that the Hampton One Design class won the rights to the coveted Cup by having the most boats racing (12). A total of 79 boats raced, 49 on the adult course, with an additional 30 youngsters on the junior course. **RESULTS:** HOD (12 boats) - 1. Mark/Kathy Wheeler; 2. Latane Montague; 3. Trevor Pardee. ALBACORES (9 boats): 1. Bob Robinson; 2. Barney Harris; 3. Jim Englert. BUCCANEERS (11 boats) - 1. Jimmy Yurko; 2. Jeff Neurauter; 3. Mike Sigmind. LASERS (6 boats) - 1. Jon Deutch, 2. Taylor Morgan; 3. Ric Bushey. MOBJACKS (5 boats) - 1. Mark Arnold; 2. Meg Roberts; 3. Case Whittemore. Additional results, including boats racing under the Portsmouth Yardstick rating system and Juniors, are expected later today. Principal Race Officer - Rick Klein. Ware River Yacht Club (Gloucester, Virginia) hosted this event, as they have for many, many years.

Barney Harris, racing in the Albacore Class at the **Governors Cup** is just back from the **Albacore Internationals** in Scotland where he won it all. He is the 1st US sailor to win the Internationals in Europe. That ain't chopped liver! *Kudos* to Barney!

14th Annual Little Creek Cup - Drift factor overcome by racing breezes. Twelve (12) PHRF boats and 5 Cruising fleet competitors persevered through light air starts and it paid off with 8-9 knots for the duration of the racing on Saturday. And, everyone who raced was finished in time to leave the mid-afternoon heat to the "...mad dogs and Englishmen". **RESULTS:** PHRF A - Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher, and PHRF C - Mike Veraldi, Quicky were Lone Rangers in their respective fleets on the course. PHRF B (5 boats) - 1. **Eric Schwab, Five Speed**; 2. **Butch Patterson, Schock Full-o-Nuts**; 3. **Mike Brannon, Virginia Lee**. PHRF Non-Spin (5 boats) - 1. **Sonny Smith, Restless VIII**; 2. **Leo Wardrup, Black Widow**; 3. **Walter Boatwright, Puff Card**. Cruising Fleet (5 boats) - 1. **Bob Howell, CYMRU**; 2. **James Baker, Klimax**; 3. **Hank Giffin, Coeur'd Alene**. Principal Race Officer - Scott Almond.

Night Races and Eastern Shore Places - three (3) highlights of the August southern Bay racing scene. There are two keystone night racing events that come in August - The Plantation Light Race and the Moonlight Triangle Race. Enjoy the cooling evening breezes and the wonders of summer nighttime sailing on the southern Chesapeake. And, right between these two events comes the two-day, two-race Cape Charles Cup regatta from Norfolk's Little Creek to Cape Charles and then, after an overnight stopover at Bay Creek Resort Marina, back to Buckroe. Here's the nitty-gritty on each event:

1. THE PLANTATION LIGHT RACE start is Friday, August 14, in Hampton Roads Harbor. The course for your fleet most likely will sooner or later take you to a rounding of a specific Cape Charles (on the Virginia Eastern Shore) lighted buoy. There are alternative courses, so be sure to read and understand the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction. Hampton Yacht Club is the organizing authority for this race. For entry info and details, please contact race chairman Bob Thomas at (757) 898-9407. The course distances range from 44.7 nm to 58.9 nm. There are starts for PHRF A, B, C and Non-Spin (double headsail allowed). The race is non-stop, through the night. There is no time limit, so check the weather and wind predictions before you provision your boat. This is the kind of race of which legends and tall tales are made!

2. THE CAPE CHARLES CUP (Saturday, August 22 and Sunday August 23) is a two-day happening that takes the fleet from just off the entrance to Little Creek (Norfolk) on Saturday, August 22, to a finish line at the Cape Charles entrance buoy. Most boats over-night at Bay Creek Resort Marina, special post-race party and awards presentations are here, and some choose to dock at the nearby Cape Charles downtown marina. On Sunday, the race goes from Cape Charles to a finish line in the vicinity of the Buckroe area (Hampton). There are starts for PHRF A, B, C, Non-Spin (double headsail allowed) and Non-Spin (single headsail only). There is also a Cruising fleet. A Cape Charles Cup will be awarded to both of the PHRF fleet and the Cruising fleet overall winners. For this one, too, be sure to check out the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction for intended course info, docking arrangements, etc. Organizing Authority for the "Cape Chuck Cup" is Broad bay Sailing Association. For entry info and details, please contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663. Principal Race Officer is John McCarthy (757) 850-4225. Event Chair is Jim Williams.

3. THE MOONLIGHT TRIANGLE RACE start is at 1700 (5pm) on Saturday August 29. This is a mid-distance race, with possible courses ranging from 15 nm to 30 nm. This race is open to PHRF A, B, C, and Non-Spinnaker. CCV is the Organizing Authority for this non-stop race which starts in the Bay off Buckroe and finishes between CCV Bay "Q" and the southernmost rock groin at Ft Monroe. Again, be sure to read the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction where the possible courses are identified. Racers who hold CCV Racing Memberships are automatically entered in this event. For entry and details please contact Tom Peddy at (757) 638-3358.

Southern Bay Junior Racers Head for National Championship Regatta. **Kyle Swenson** (Fishing Bay Yacht Club), is headed for the US SAILING National Junior Championship Regatta by virtue of his win in the recent Area C qualifying regatta. Kyle will be competing for the **Smythe Trophy** that goes to the National Junior Singlehanded Champion; he and his fellow competitors will be racing in standard rig Lasers. At the same regatta, going after the **Bemis Trophy** will be the doublehanded team of **Jake Spracher and Oliver Ross** (Hampton Yacht Club). Jake and Oliver earned their spot at the National Regatta by taking second at the Area C qualifying regatta. They will be sailing a Club 420 with spinnaker and trapeze. The 2009 Chubb US Junior National Championships run August 9 - August 13. The host yacht club is Pleon YC along with co-hosts Boston YC, Corinthian YC and Eastern YC. So... cross your fingers, eyes, and toes as our southern Bay youngsters head for Massachusetts to go after the coveted Smythe and Bemis trophies!

Moonlight Regatta: Sixteen (16) PHRF racers turned out Saturday for this Fishing Bay Yacht Club event, the 3rd race in the FBYC Long Distance Series. The course took the fleet 17.50 nm after starting in the evening just after 7:30 pm.

RESULTS: PHRF A (7 boats) - 1. **Brad Davis**, *Blade Runner*; 2. **Sam Mitchener**, *Double Eagle*; 3. **Mike Karn**, *Inevitable*. PHRF B/C combined (5 boats) - 1. **Miles Booth**, *Shenanigan*; 2. **Wayland Rennie**, *Trilogy*; 3. **Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion*. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats) - 1. **Thomas Lakin**, *Sweet Liberty*; 2. **Dick Cole**, *Nutcracker*. Race Chairman - Jere Dennison

COMING UP this weekend:

Saturday August 8

Admiral's Cup Regatta York River YC and Seaford YC Contact Steve Bowen (804) 642-4746, and/or Chuck Eldred (757) 898-1025

Tom Brady Masters Race Hampton YC Contact Marshall Findley (757) 722-0433 or (757) 285-8482

Sunday August 9

Founders Race CCV Contact Tom Peddy (757) 638-3358

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has never won anything as nice as the Governors Cup. There is a golden dog dish in the trophy cabinet, though, for out crunching all comers at an eating contest. The aftermath of experiencing milkbone breath and your fellow crewbies' reaction to it does cut down on any desire to be a repeat champion, however. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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