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SLEDD SHELHORSE, RUSTY BURSELL, ALAN BOMAR, and BEN CUKER win fleets at Hampton Annual Middle Ground Light Race highlighting for racers the *Bay Days Festival* activities on Hampton River Saturday. Last year the edge of a passing mini-hurricane / big blow washed out *Bay Days* and pushed the Hampton Annual back to Sunday. That was not the case this year as the racing and the event were both blessed with a beautiful day. Race history will reflect the marvel of the 100+ degree wind shift as racers had to overcome "the shock" and douse chutes in the very middle of the last leg of the race around fixed marks. **RESULTS: PHRF A (9 boats) - 1. Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian 2; 2. Dave Eberwine, Sea Star; 3. Christian Schaumloffel, Mirage. PHRF B (6 boats) - 1. Rusty Burshell, Cool Change; 2. Andy Armstrong, Virginia H; 3. Greg Cutter, Gremlyn. PHRF C (5 boats) - 1. Alan Bomar, Roundabout; 2. Justin Morris, The Hunter; 3. Matt Haskell, Dutch Courage. PHRF Non-Spin (7 boats) - 1. Ben Cuker, Callinectes; 2. Larry Bryant, Whisper; 3. Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher.** Hampton Yacht Club is organizing authority of this event. Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy.

CCV FALL SERIES OPENED with a full day of racing on Sunday. The first two races of this 5 race series were blessed with good breeze and clearing skies. Thirty-one racers gained points toward the CCV High Point Trophies while competing for the Fall Series awards. **RESULTS (2 races): PHRF A (8 boats) - 1. Dave Eberwine, Sea Star; 2. Lloyd Griffin, Cash Flow; 3. Bob Mosby, Cyrano. PHRF B (12 boats) - 1. Rusty Burshell, Cool Change; 2. Greg Cutter, Gremlyn; 3. Bob Archer, Bad Habit. PHRF C (7 boats) - 1. Alan Bomar, Roundabout; 2. Jonathan Phillips, Fine; 3. Bumps Eberwine, Fine. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats) - 1. Leo Wardrup, Black Window; 2. Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher.** Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy; Mark Boats - Bill and David Gibbings; Jane and Tom Fowler. **Race #3 of the Fall Series will be this coming weekend, Sunday, September 20**, same location and starting time. The race format will be a middle distance race around fixed marks in Hampton Roads harbor. This race is also part of the Chesapeake Bay Distance Series (for PHRF class boats) sponsored by Broad Bay Sailing Association. For information please contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

Ian Bates, Downtown Hampton Public Piers original Dockmaster and currently Bluewater Yachting Center's Dockmaster, is returning to his homeland of Australia. Ian's personal charm and hospitable professionalism will certainly be missed. Best wishes to our favorite Aussie and his family!

Sea Star, Dave Eberwine's J/36, had a "guest skipper", **Brian McCauley**, this weekend. A first for the day in the CCV Fall Series and a second in the Saturday Hampton Annual Middle Ground Light Race, would have to be termed a good report. Brian, in the recent past, raced very successfully in PHRF A in his beautiful 38 footer, **Conspiracy**.

From "Laserman" **Jon Deutsch** comes word that two southern Bay racers did particularly well at the Laser District 11 Championships held this past weekend at the West River Sailing Club. **Kyle Swenson** was 5th among 33 in the standard rig fleet and **Austin Powers** finished 2nd among 11 in the radial laser fleet.

UVA upgrades sailing program: The University of Virginia has taken a step forward in their sailing program. They now have 6 FJs that are in very good condition, a new location on Lake Anna, and a new dedicated faculty advisor, **Patrick Garcia**. The Christopher Newport and William and Mary varsity teams went up to Charlottesville Labor Day weekend for a scrimmage and to help UVA break in their new digs - favorable comments all around.

Schooner Racing Update. Here's a report directly from **Captain Stefan Edick** of the *VIRGINIA*: "After taking firsts in the annual Esperanto Cup Race during the Gloucester Schooner Festival in 2007 and 2008, schooner *Virginia* just missed a "three-peat", finishing second to the schooner *American Eagle* of Rockland, Maine, by 26 seconds (less than a boatlength). The margin was exactly the same as *Virginia's* win over *American Eagle* last year! The victory was the 8th by Capt. John Foss and *American Eagle*, setting the record for most wins in the 25 year history of the event. *Pride of Baltimore II* finished 3rd, 3 minutes behind." [NOTE: *VIRGINIA* should be back on the Bay later this week, most likely Wednesday, Sept 16]

Pete "Crash" and Jen Morrison have said they are getting their "new to them" S2 9.1, *Trespassers W*, ready for a Fall shakedown / break-in on the race course. They are planning to do a mid-October through early December set of races. Pete and Jen were previous owners of a beautiful J/109, *Liberty*, that they often brought to Hampton Roads to race.

HEADS-UP - The 23rd race for the YORK RIVER CUP is this Saturday, September 19. Defending the York River Cup

is the 2008 winner **Mike Austin**, who won it in his Beneteau FC8, *Movin' On*. The 2009 race will be at the mouth of the York River in the vicinity of York River R22. York River Yacht Club, the organizing authority, has gone all out on this event. The YR Cup Race has been moved from its previous June date to mid September in anticipation of likely, lovely Fall breezes. There will be a post-race **poolside cookout party** at the Crowne Point Marine YRYC location (cost \$6 per person) - let them know you plan to attend with your race registration. Skipper Meeting is at 1030 on Race Day at the YRYC club room at Crowne Point Marina. For entry and info contact Jim Bordeaux at (757) 890-0220 or email him at jimwbx@cox.net

DOUBLE EAGLE and HORIZON win spinnaker fleets in Wolf Trap Race. Fourteen (14) boats hit the line for the Fishing Bay Wolf Trap Race, which is part of the FBYC Distance Racing Series. The racers tackled the 24 mile long course mid-day Saturday and most finished by late afternoon. **RESULTS: PHRF A - 1.Sam Mitchener, Double Eagle; 2.Brad Davis, Blade Runner; 3.David Clark, Corryvreckan. PHRF B/C (combined) - 1.Bob Fleck, Horizon; 2.Allan Heyward, La Maga; 3. Wayland Rennie, Trilogy.** Principal Race Officer - Brooks Zerkel

Deadline for entries for the 2009 Neptune Atlantic Race (September 26, 2009) is, a week from tomorrow, September 22. Contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663.

MURPHY'S LAW: It is soooo good to see the return of college football to the list of TV viewing options. *Yrs truly, the Racing Beagle*, given a special affection for teams with mascots of the canine persuasion, is a fond backer of the University of Georgia. That bulldog, *UGA*, is really something! You can bet he would be a heck of a winch grinder if he was a racing bulldog! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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