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**Good Grief!** It will officially be **FALL** tomorrow, September 22nd! Better get in all the racing you can before 2009 expires!

**RUMBLE rambles to 2009 YORK RIVER CUP win!** Ben Weeks' *J/29, Rumble*, won the York River Cup on Saturday. Weeks took first in the PHRF A/B fleet, followed by Mike Austin, *Movin' On* (2008 YRC winner) in second, and Brian Gregory's *Hornet* in third. Gary Van Tassel, *Bellatrix*, and Steve Bowen, *Dream On*, finished first and second respectively in the PHRF C fleet. First and second respectively in the PHRF Non-Spinnaker fleet were *Shenandoah, Mastracci / Fox*, and *Jade*, owned and sailed by Barry Campbell. (Jim Bordeaux - YRYC Race Captain)

**Every day is a good sailing day**, but... there has never been a better day than yesterday for the **CCV Fall Series** middle distance race. The 35 race boats spent from just short of 3 hours to almost 4 hours (depending on the fleet and boat) to negotiate the course laid out among fixed marks in Hampton Roads harbor. Both the PHRF A and the PHRF B fleets went just over 15 miles and the PHRF C and PHRF Non-Spinnaker Fleets went just over 11 miles. The challenge of the harbor currents and sometimes subtle wind shifts made the day a welcome change from windward - leeward courses. **RESULTS: PHRF A (9 boats): 1. David Eberwine, Sea Star; 2. Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian 2; 3. Lloyd Griffin, Cash Flow. PHRF B (11 boats): 1. Rusty Burshell, Cool Change; 2. David McConaughy, White Boat; 3. Bob Archer, Bad Habit. PHRF C (11 boats): 1. Mike Veraldi, Quicky; 2. Bumps Eberwine, Spray; 3. Justin Morris, The Hunter. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats): 1. Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher; 2. Leo Wardrup, Black Widow; 3. Tom Connors, Fins Up.** Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy. Official Scorer - John Ritter. **PLEASE NOTE: There is a break before the final weekend of CCV Fall Series racing. The final races (#4 and #5) are scheduled for Sunday, October 4.** Same time of day and place.

**RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ:** If you miss a mark of the course and no one protests, did you break a rule? (Answer follows in this issue of SBRNYCU.)

**FBYC Fall Series** got in two short races Sunday with **LOOSE CANNON** and **HORIZON** winning their fleets. *Loose Cannon*, Strother Scott, and *Blade Runner*, Brad Davis, tied for first for the day in **PHRF A**, but *Loose Cannon* won the tie breaker by virtue of his first place in the second race. Sam Michener's *Double Eagle* took third place with a first and a fifth. In the **PHRF B/C (combined)** fleet Robert Fleck's *Horizon* had a third and a first to win the day. Denton Roberts' *Ardent* took second place and Allan Heyward's *La Maga* was third for the day. Principal Race Officer - Lud Kimbrough

**Dave and Angela Bettis have an even bigger Boo.** The Bettis' have a "new to them" boat. As of this date, Dave and Angela have not settled on a name for the Pearson 39 which they plan to bring to the race course in the 2010 season. This, of course, puts the Bettis' *Boo Nasty* (Ranger 33) on the market.

**On the Rapp River this coming weekend.** The Rappahannock River Yacht Club will be hosting the **RRYC COMMODORE'S CUP regatta (two races) on Saturday, September 26th.** This is a sanctioned regatta **OPEN TO ALL.** RRYC offers PHRF spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes. The racing will be on drop mark courses on the Rappahannock River between the Rappahannock River Bridge and Towles Point. Awards and refreshments at the RRYC clubhouse (Irvington, VA) following the racing. A valid 2009 PHRF Rating Certificate is required to enter. **For info please contact Ron Mihills at (804) 438-6111.** Also on **Saturday, September 26, is Fishing Bay Yacht Club's Fall Series Day 2.** For info and entry go to the FBYC web page at [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net).

**2009 NEPTUNE'S REGATTA, sponsored by Broad Bay Sailing Association, is THIS Saturday, September 26.** Deadline for entries is TOMORROW, Tuesday, September 22. **OPEN TO ALL.** Mandatory Skippers Meeting is Friday, September 25, at The Raven Restaurant (in the parking lot) at the corner of 12th and Atlantic Avenue at the Oceanfront, Virginia Beach. This is the race that starts just north of Little Creek inlet and finishes off the Old Coast Guard Station located at 24th and the boardwalk at the Oceanfront at Virginia Beach. There is a great post-race party and awards presentation at the Old Coast Guard Station in the midst of the Neptune Festival. Post-race party begins at 1800 / 6PM and awards presentation begins at 1915. Complimentary dockage is available at Lake Wesley (just inside Rudee Inlet) on Saturday night. So, if you want to sail in the ocean, at least the part just around the corner of Cape Henry, get entered in this race. **For entry and info contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663.**

**For those who "want to sail alone" there's the HYC Singlehand Race on Sunday, September 27.** **OPEN TO ALL.** For info contact Marshall Findley at (757) 722-0433 or (757) 285-8482. Skippers Meeting is set for 1200 hours on race day at Hampton Yacht Club. Bring your life jacket and plan to wear it at all times. No spinnakers are allowed and neither are autopilots or whisker poles. Racers may not make headsail changes. Time for the first warning signal, starting

sequence, and classes will be announced at the Skippers Meeting. And, you will not have shanghai crew in order to race!

### **October Southern Bay Racers' Calendar:**

October 3 Saturday BBSA Willoughby Memorial Regatta - Scott Almond, (757) 471-2663  
 October 3 Saturday YPYC Fall Regatta #2  
 October 4 Sunday CCV Fall Series Races #4 and #5 - John McCarthy (757) 850-4225  
 October 4 Sunday FBYC Fall Series 3 - Ric Bauer (804) 769-4293  
 October 7 Wednesday CCV Octoberfest [Wednesday evening] Races begin - Dave Taylor (757) 344-5292  
**October 8-12 Thur-Mon U.S. Sailboat Show at Annapolis [www.usboat.com](http://www.usboat.com) , (410) 268-8828**  
 October 10-11 Sat - Sun Turkey Shoot Hospice Regatta for Classic Sailboats - [www.hospiceturkeyshootregatta.com](http://www.hospiceturkeyshootregatta.com)  
**October 12 Monday Columbus Day**  
 October 17 Saturday FBYC Fall Series 4 - Tom Roberts - [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)  
 October 17-18 Sat-Sun RRYC Rappahannock Cup  
 October 17-18 Sat-Sun Laser Masters at FBYC - [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)  
 October 24 Saturday FBYC Staggered Start Race - Allan Heyward - [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)  
 October 24 Saturday OPCYC 'Round the Lights Race - Dennis Miner (757) 867-1028 or Mark Wolfe (757) 989-5064  
 November 1 Sunday HYC Frostbite Series opens, Race #1 - Dick Boykin (757) 890-0093  
 November 1 Sunday FBYC Frostbite Race - [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)

**Answer to RR Quiz Question:** Those who grasp the essence of our sport already knew the answer. Sailboat racing is a Corinthian sport, governed by the spirit of honor and fair play. If you know you broke a rule, for instance, did not round all of the marks of the course, it is your obligation (not option) to retire. The Basic Principle of our sport requires anyone who breaks a rule (whether protested or not) to take a penalty or retire. But, the most basic principle of all is that character and integrity involve what you do even when no one is watching.

**Wine, Women and Song! The Schooner Virginia's Second Annual Celebration and Fundraiser** is all set for October 2, 6 - 9 PM, in Downtown Norfolk at Dockmaster's (formerly Black Finns) at Waterside Festival Marketplace. There will be live music, a silent auction, and lots of fun. This is a celebration of *Virginia's* 2009 Youth Sail Training Season and Education Missions. It's a special affair (\$100 per person, and there are special prices for group tables), for a good cause. Dress is nautical casual. Call the schooner office at (757) 627-7400 for reservations.

**Northwest Passage, Antarctica, Three Circumnavigations.** Here's a chance to meet **Roger Swanson and his wife Gaynelle Templin**, who have accomplished all of the above. Roger and Gaynelle are the first American sailors to complete an east to west voyage through the fabled northwest passage. They are also believed to be the first sailors ever to complete the northwest passage in a single year (2007). Roger's presentation will include pictures of the voyage and he will tell us what it was like to sail in the world's most challenging environments. The yacht is a Bowman 57. The event is **FREE** and will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 3pm to 4pm at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. **Call 423-4500 for a reservation.**

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Yesterday a racer told *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle* that, "Nothin' makes a boat go faster than dollar bills." He's talking about his plan to buy a new sail for 2010. Now is the time, too. Lots of sailmakers have Fall and boat show specials. Talk to your Sail Guru now. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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