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NEPTUNE ATLANTIC RACE: In 25 knot breezes on Saturday, 19 hearty sailboat race teams left the vicinity of Little Creek with a finish line off 24th Street at the Old Coast Guard Station in mind. A few turned back because of equipment or crew issues, but 15 made the turn at Cape Henry and conquered the [some said 8 foot] big waves rolling onto the Virginia Beach oceanfront from the East. There was no rain, a blessing given the existing sea state, and there was a great post-race party at the Old Coast Guard Station. **RESULTS: PHRF A (3 boats): 1. Christian Schaumloffel, *Mirage*; 2. Jim Williams, *Treaty of Ghent*. PHRF B (2 boats): 1. Harry Tenney, *Margarita*. PHRF C (2 boats): 1. Bob Thomas, *Surprise*. PHRF Non-Spinnaker (4 boats): 1. Leo Wardrup, *Black Widow*; 2. Dixon Wilde, *Kingfisher*. Cruising (8 boats): 1. Jay Wright, *Glory Days*; 2. Bob Howell, *CYMRU*; 3. Tim Ketten, *April Tied*. Broad Bay Sailing Association sponsored this event in coordination with the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival. Principal Race Officer: Scott Almond**

Eighteen (18) singlehanders raced Sunday afternoon in beautiful fall conditions around Hampton Roads harbor in the Hampton Yacht Club sponsored **HYC Annual Singlehanded Race**. Most of the skippers, in a display of humility and appreciation, attributed their success to the expertise of their crew. The fleet was divided into two groups based on handicap ratings. No spinnakers or double headsails were allowed. **RESULTS: Fleet 1(5 boats): 1. Andy Armstrong, *Virginia H*; 2. Phil Briggs, *Feather*; 3. Dixon Wilde, *Kingfisher*. Fleet 2 (13 boats): 1. Jonathan Phillips, *Fine*; 2. Ben Cuker, *Callinectes*; 3. Jack Clayton, *Melantho*. Event Race Officer - Marshall Findley.**

SOUTHERN BAY MOTH-ERS IN ELIZABETH CITY - There were twenty-seven (27) boats on the Moth line for the Classic Moth Boat (CMB) Nationals. Three southern Bay racers, **Joe Bousquet** (Norfolk), and **Walt Collins** (Chesapeake) along with **Gary Gowans** (New Bern, NC) were on the awards platform at the annual **Classic Mothboat Nationals** last weekend in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The 2009 National Champion is Mike Parsons of Media PA. In the **Championship Fleet** with Parsons were John Zceleczy (2nd place) of Annapolis, Md, and **Joe Bousquet** (3rd place) of Norfolk VA. The **Generation 1 Fleet** was won by Lewis Hay of Charleston, S.C. 2nd, Frickie Martschink of Charleston SC and 3rd **Gary Gowans** of New Bern NC. The **Vintage Fleet** was won by, Randle Swann of Charleston SC. 2nd George Albaugh of Bowie, Md., 3rd **Walt Collins** of Chesapeake, Va. [NOTE: Because the Moth Boat has a development class with a lot of history, the boats are broken into performance groups that sail contemporary designs against each other; hence, the "unfamiliar" fleet names.]

PLAY IT AGAIN and MOYA win fleets in RRYC COMMODORES CUP - **Sam Marshall** (*Play It Again*) and **Tom Asch** (*Moya*) won the spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets respectively in the annual Rappahannock River Commodores Cup Regatta on Saturday. Coleman Brydon was the race officer for the event.

We didn't always have inflatable marks. Legend has it that on the southern Bay the precursor to the inflatable of today was designed and constructed by two of our most knowledgeable racers. **Buddy DeRyder** says, while telling the tale, "*We didn't have inflatable plastics back then. The first 'plastic' buoy was the infamous 'Mark G' . The original Mark G was a radar collimating tower off Chesapeake Ave [Hampton - Newport News harbor shoreline] in about 12 feet of water that the NAVY used to align ship radars from the Naval Base. After it was torn down, Dan Winters and I made the original floating "G" from a plastic trash can, some NASA foam & plastic pipe that Dan fiberglassed all together behind his sail loft. The 1977 ice storm that froze Hampton Roads carried it away (the same freeze that bent Sharp's Island Light.*" And, there you have it.

Schooner lovers, old salts, and anyone else with a drop of nautical juice in his or her blood - **SCHOONER DAYS, October 17 - 18**, is all set for downtown Portsmouth on the City's waterfront. Check out the event website (which is building as we speak) - www.schoonerdays.com The event is a maritime celebration and the finale of the **20th Annual Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race**.

Yep - they did it! Nineteen (19) dinghies, 13 of them Sunfish, sailed from Willoughby Bay to the Old Dominion Sailing Center at the mouth of the Lafayette River on Saturday. Those in the know say the boats covered a distance of 7.5 miles. Saturday in Hampton Roads was particularly breezy and not all that pleasant, but nobody said that dinghy sailors are hung up on staying dry. **Jimmy Schools and Jonathan Romero** led the effort. This could be the seed for a budding event for small boat racers. Maybe this is a "build it and they will come" moment!"

Of the 13 Sunfish making the trip from Willoughby to the ODU Sailing Center in the first-ever **Long Distance Sunfish Challenge**, **Jim Brunson** (Williamsburg) was the quickest. Top Dog in the Open Class (6 boats) of the event was **Tom Dixon** in a Javelin 14 (Hampton). Kudos to **Mitch Brindley**, head sailing coach at ODU, who welcomed the sailors and allowed use of the facilities for the post-race gathering.

CCV FALL SERIES final day - Races #4 and #5. SUNDAY - October 4 Warning for the first fleet start is set for 1030. These two races are planned as drop mark courses. A valid 2009 PHRF Rating Certificate with 4P Equipment Category is required. Racers who have *CCV Racing Memberships* are automatically entered in the Series; all others must enter and pay appropriate fees not later than the day prior to race day. For info, please contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. These two races are the final races of the Fall Series and the last of the races that count toward the Annual CCV High Point Awards. Of course, there will be a post-race social with free hot dogs, sodas, and brewskis on the HYC docks. Racing in Hampton Roads Harbor. First warning at 1030.

The **Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta** is all set for October 10-11. The event is a significant fund raiser for the Northern Neck area hospice facilities. Check out www.turkeyshootregatta.com for details. Yankee Point Marina is the regatta host and event headquarters.

To date there are more than 80 boats entered in this event which highlights sailboats of classic (25 years old or more) designs.

MURPHY'S LAW: The gauntlet is down! *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, hereby challenges all southern Bay racers, skippers and crew alike, to go SOCKLESS through the end of 2009 racing season. The 2009 Gaboon Race (December 6) will mark the official end of the season. To enter the challenge you must sail sockless in all of your racing endeavors between now and the end of the Gaboon Race. And, you must sail in the Gaboon. Let the *Sail Sockless Challenge* begin! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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