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COLUMBUS DAY - Thank goodness Christopher found our section of the world, even without a working GPS!

SCHOONER LOVERS, OLD SALTS, and anyone else with a drop of nautical juice in his or her blood - THIS COMING WEEKEND is the **2009 Schooner Days, October 17 - 18**. Check out the event website - www.schoonerdays.com
Schooner Days is all set for downtown Portsmouth on the City's waterfront. It is a maritime celebration and the finale of the 20th Annual Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race.

IMPORTANT TO PHRF RACERS: Who is the best informed to decide PHRF splits for our region? It's that time of year again - the Annual Meeting of the PHRF Board of Delegates is scheduled for November 14 in Annapolis. **One thing that is being unofficially tossed around the dock rumor mill is the possibility of uniform Bay-wide rating bands.** For as long as anyone can remember, Region 4 (the southern Bay region) has determined its own splits each year. The basis for that method of operation is that the local region reps are better informed on the impact the splits have on the local region fleets in particular and racing in general. If you have thoughts about this or other PHRF matters, voice them now to your PHRF Delegate and/or Handicapper. **Let your club's PHRF delegate or the southern region VP for PHRF know your concerns PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING**. If you like having a say about your fleet splits, now is the time to speak up. NOTE: The PHRF website is www.phrfchesbay.com and delegates and handicappers are listed there. **The PHRF VP for Region 4 is Mike Dale - cell (804) 347-7409.** Mike welcomes your input.

Amthor/Romey 2nd in 505 and Oliver 3rd in A-Cat at Heineken High Performance Dinghy Open in Rye, NY. A contingent of 4 southern Bay boats spent the weekend racing in Rye, New York, at the Heineken High Performance Dinghy Open. **Henry Amthor** (2nd) and **Christian Rasmussen** (14th) raced in the International 505 class; both are from Hampton. **Tracy Oliver**, from Virginia Beach, finished 3rd in the International A-Cat class and **Joe Bousquet** from Norfolk finished 4th in the International Moth class. Saturday in Rye was wild and windy - 18 to 30 knots! To see all the results details check out www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=276

Welcome! HU Coach Alex Ambrosi. Hampton University's new sailing coach, **Allessandro Ambrosi**, is probably pleased with the Pirates third place showing in the first HU-hosted regatta since his arrival. At the HU Bay Days Regatta this weekend, HU finished third behind first place Old Dominion University and second place University of Virginia. Local Peninsula rival, Christopher Newport University was fourth overall. Ben Cuker's race boat, *Callinectes*, served as the regatta signal boat and Lydia Cuker managed the racing.

Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Championship on October 17-18 at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. If you are a Laser racer over 35, this is for you! Organizers say, "There will be a wide range of [racers'] skill levels [ranging] from sailors who have started sailing a Laser within the last year to Laser World Champions. It'll be a terrific opportunity to sail with some great competition no matter where you finish in the fleet. And with the Masters handicap system, the more grey hairs you have, the better your scores." For info and registration, please go to the FBYC website www.fbyc.net or check out www.laserdistrict11.org or contact Jon Deutsch at jon@laserdistrict11.org

Anna, you go, Girl !!! Anna Tunnicliffe has won the US SAILING 2009 Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship. It all came down to the final day of racing, but Anna and her team of Molly O'Bryan Vandemoer, Liz Bower, and Debbie Capozzi. The championship was sailed last week, October 7-10, at Rochester Yacht Club (NY).

Keep an eye peeled for schooners on the Bay and heading up the Elizabeth River the middle of this week. The **20th GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY SCHOONER RACE is October 13 -17**. The beauties race from just off the Chesapeake Bay Bridge (Maryland) to Hampton Roads and berth in Portsmouth. For details check out www.schoonerrace.org.

If you are a **multihull racer**, the US Multihull Championship is all set to take place October 18-22, in Clearwater, FL (Clearwater Yacht Club is hosting). They are sailing for the **Hobie Alter Cup**. The regatta format indicates ladder events with fleet racing in doublehanded catamarans.

Octoberfest is up and racing! Five (5) spinnaker and six (6) non-spinnaker boats welcomed the opening of the **Octoberfest Racing** last Wednesday evening. The racing is sponsored by CCV and is scheduled for every Wednesday evening in October. There is no entry fee, but you do need to submit an entry form. Contact Dave Taylor at (757) 344-5292 for information.

A favorite holiday gift of any racer is the **Best of Dr. Crash Calendar**. The publishers are running a special "buy 3 and get another free" deal right now. You can order the calendar by calling 888-847-2121. You never know who will be

featured in the Dr.Crash - occasionally it is someone you know or know of!

MURPHY'S LAW: This is a two-dog-bone-day at the Murphy manse. We're celebrating. Cousin Leonardo Murphy sailed with Christopher Columbus. *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has a tintype of Cousin Leo wearing low-tech striped sailing pantaloons. He looks good, too!

/S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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