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

**John Bertrand wins Laser Masters.** John Bertrand, a name familiar to America's Cup aficionados, captured the 2009 Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Championship hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club this past weekend. Twenty-five (25) Laser sailors, all over the age of 35, competed over the two days. Bertrand won all six races to sweep the event. Two southern Bay racers, **James Jacob** (FBYC - 2nd) and **Henry Amthor** (HYC-7th), finished in the top 10 overall. Jon Deutsch was event coordinator.

**Schooners Galore! Thirty-two (32) schooners**, led in the water by *Pride of Baltimore II* and *Virginia*, braved the winter-like weather and completed the 20th Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race Friday. Conditions at the start of the race included 20-25 knot winds with gusts to 30 and air temperature in the 40s. Oh, and don't forget the rain. Race official Bill Mellen said that most of the schooners reported winds of 15-20 for the second half of the race and none "...reported damage and all crew members arrived in Portsmouth in one piece." The *Pride of Baltimore* grabbed line honors, making the 127 mile trip in 14:03:30, finishing at 3:43:20 Friday morning. The *Virginia* finished at 4:29:00 Friday with an elapsed time of 14:49:00. *Pride* and *Virginia* corrected to 2nd and 3rd place respectively in the AA Class. *Lady Maryland* (Rich Hilliman, Baltimore, MD) was the winner of the AA Class. There were 15 entered schooners that did not start.

KUDOS are in order for **SpinSheet Magazine** for publishing in the October edition the official program for the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race which also included info on the City of Portsmouth's Schooner Days festivities.

**Goin' to Rochester in 2010** - When the **Hospice Regattas National Championship** is sailed this coming spring at Rochester Yacht Club in New York, there will be three (3) teams from the southern Bay and beyond. Going from the Greater Hampton Roads Hospice Regatta will be **Leroi Lissenden (Richmond, VA) and the Voodoo 2 team**. Invited from the Albemarle Hospice Regatta will be **Chris Elliott (Edenton, NC), and the Matador team**. The latest addition to the southern Bay contingent will be **Robert Fleck (Hardyville, VA), Horizon**, who won the Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta Lightning fleet earlier this month.

**Annapolis Sail Boat Show** officials have released a very favorable preliminary attendance report - one of the best attended ever, maybe in the top 3. There were some great boats there and plenty of jazzy gear. All southern Bay racers' reports say the docks were plenty full of sailors, local as well as international.

**THE 505s ARE COMING!** Hampton Yacht Club will host the **International 505 East Coast Championships in September, 2010**. Even sooner than that, the **505 Fleet 8 Championship Regatta** will be at Hampton, **November 14-15, 2009**. The International 505 is the high performance, 2-man dinghy that is almost as much fun to watch as it is to sail. Earlier this month, Hamptonian **Henry Amthor** and crew finished 2nd in class at the Heineken High Performance Dinghy Open in Rye, New York. Another Hampton 505 racer who will be competing, **Tyler Moore**, finished 5th in the 505 Worlds in August.

To no one's surprise, **Ric and Sharon Bauer's** lovingly restored Hinckley 41, *Desperado*, was deemed the prettiest girl at the dance recently. The skippers of the 114 boats sailing at the Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta voted *Desperado* the Most Beautiful Boat in the regatta. And, the winner of the 11 boat Lightning (racing) Fleet was Robert Fleck in his S2 7.9, *Horizon*. **Frank Murphy** in *Last Boat III*, a Morgan 24, won the Flying Cloud Division.

THIS COMING WEEKEND - **'ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE is all set for Saturday, October 24**. Administered by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, this is the staggered start race where boats must round BOTH the Middle Ground Light and the Thimble Shoal Light before completing the course. Each racer gets to decide in what order to round which lighthouse. Organizers need your **entry absolutely no later than Friday, October 23rd**. So, pull out the charts and current tables, gather the crew, and check the sails. For info and to enter, please contact Dennis Miner at (757) 867-1028 or Mark Wolfe at (757) 989-5064.

### **NOVEMBER DATES OF INTEREST FOR SOUTHERN BAY RACERS:**

November 1	Sun	return to Eastern Standard Time, i.e. Daylight Saving Time ends
November 1	Sun	Frostbite Series begins - sponsored by HYC, OPEN TO ALL, contact Dick Boykin (757) 890-0093
November 3	Tue	Election Day
November 6	Fri	CCV Awards Party and End of Year Bash - contact David Taylor (757) 344-5292
November 7	Sat	Christopher Newport Sailing Team Alumni Regatta and Oyster Roast - Dan Winters (757) 722-5711

November 7 Sat BBSA Willoughby Racers Hot Buttered Rum Race - Scott Almond (757) 471-2663  
 November 7-8 Sat-Sun HYC Fall Fling Regatta (small boats) - Chris Rasmussen (757) 850-2103 or Dave and Leigh Chapman (757) 726-9640  
 November 11 Wed VETERANS DAY  
 Novem 14-15 Sat-Sun International 505 Fleet 8 Championships - Hampton, VA  
 November 26 Thur THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

**DINGHY RACERS - Mark your calendar for November 7-8 for the HYC FALL FLING.** Open to all Lightnings, Lasers, 420s and FJs and J24s (J24s on Saturday only). Organizers encourage high school and collegiate teams to compete in the 420/FJ fleet. For info and details, contact Chris Rasmussen at (757) 850-21203 or Dave and Leigh Chapman at (757) 726-9640.

**IMPORTANT - JUNIOR RACERS TAKE NOTE: 2010 USODA Nationals are coming to Deltaville, July 17 - 25.** Fishing Bay Yacht Club in cooperation with the Deltaville Community, the Deltaville Maritime Museum, Deltaville Boat Yard, Deltaville Marina, Harbor House and others will host the event. Preliminary information indicates the Team Racing Championships will be from July 17-20, the Girls National Championship on July 21, and the National Championship from July 22-25. Southern Bay Opti racers will have the luxury of the USODA National Championship in their own backyard!

**Sailing boats and Slurpin' Oysters for the CNU Sailing Team:** The Christopher Newport University Alumni Regatta is one of the most popular events on the CNU Sailing Team's calendar. The 2009 Oyster Roast, on the evening of the regatta, will be hosted by the Sailing Team in cooperation with Marty Moliken and the James River Marina. **All of this happens on Saturday, November 7.** Report Time for the Regatta is 9:00am. The Oyster Roast is the evening of the regatta. The menu includes oysters, several varieties of beer from the St. George Brewery, Hampton's own, and all sorts of other culinary features typical of a traditional Chesapeake Bay Oyster Roast. There is a \$25 entry fee (which includes the Oyster Roast) for alumni who sail in the regatta. The Oyster Roast fee for non-sailors is \$25. The proceeds go to the support of the CNU Sailing Team. This is a fun event for all supporters of CNU sailing in particular and collegiate sailing in general.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Sorry this issue is a day late - *SBRNYCU* was in the geographic area where the electronic wizards (server) were experiencing big problems. *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, was called in to consult on the best way to dig a hole (one of my many areas of expertise) to access the underground cables. We're rollin' now! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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