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

**If you slept through the clock change yesterday, get on schedule today - we are back on EASTERN STANDARD TIME.** And, in case you need to know, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME comes back in the wee hours of March 14, 2010.

### **FLYING COLORS** flew around the course yesterday to win PHRF A in the opening race of the Frostbite Series.

The wind was a'howling and the rain was a'pouring, but 17 boats remained undeterred, finished the race, and consumed a gazillion gallons of hot chowder back at the HYC lounge. **RESULTS: PHRF A (8 boats) - 1. Richard Payne, Flying Colors; 2. Christian Schaumloffel, Mirage; 3. Phil Briggs, Feather. PHRF B (6 boats) - 1. Rusty Burshell, Cool Change; 2. Graham Field, Independence; 3. Ben Cuker, Callinectes. PHRF C (2 boats) - 1. Alan Bomar, Roundabout; 2. Bob Thomas, Surprise. PHRF Non-Spin (1 boat) - 1. Bob Nunn, One-o-Five.** Principal Race Officer - Dick Boykin. **Race 2 of the Frostbite Series will be at the same time and place, Sunday, November 8. For info contact Dick Boykin at (757) 890-0093.**

**CARIBBEAN 1500 is set to start at high noon today (weather permitting, of course).** These blue water folks have been in Hampton (officially) for a week getting ready to go. *Anxious* has to be the word of the day. Follow the fleet at [www.carib1500.com](http://www.carib1500.com)

The **HAMPTON UNIVERSITY SAILING TEAM**, coming off a strong weekend at Christopher Newport University, winning the team competition in The Webb Regatta, finished 2nd in the **Henry Luce Regatta**, hosted by HU, Saturday and Sunday off Strawberry Banks. Hampton U finished ahead of Christopher Newport, Villanova, College of William and Mary, Monmouth, St. John's, and Virginia Tech. Columbia University won the regatta. Coach Alessandro Ambrosi said the racers got in 6 races per division on Saturday and 2 races per division on Sunday.

**P - A - R - T - Y!! CCV AWARDS AND YEAR END BASH - THIS FRIDAY, November 6, Crowne Plaza on the downtown Hampton waterfront.** This is the season wrap-up and celebration where the 2009 CCV High Point Award winners are recognized. It is a racers' P-A-R-T-Y! In addition to the awards presentations, there will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, free wine and keg beer, cash bar, and live entertainment by THE PHUN DOCTORS. Get out your party duds and dancin' shoes. Crew, skippers, friends, and families - everyone is welcome. Ressies are \$40 per person. Contact the Crowne Plaza directly at (757) 727-9700 for a special room rate if you plan to stay over. **For party rессies contact Dave Taylor at (757) 344-5292.**

**THIS COMING WEEKEND - LIGHTNINGS, LASERS, 420s, FJs AND J24s are all invited to the 2009 FALL FLING REGATTA**, sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club on November 7- 8. OPEN TO ALL. Lots of great racing and the trademark OYSTER ROAST on Saturday night at Leigh and Dave Chapman's home, just a short walk from the yacht club. Word is that there is a group of Lightning sailors who sally forth from New Jersey and Pennsylvania each year for the racing, the hospitality, and the tasty bivalves! For info contact HYC at (757) 722-0711 or check out [www.hamptonyc.com](http://www.hamptonyc.com) Also, you may contact Chris Rasmussen (757) 850-2103 or Dave and Leigh Chapman at (757) 726-9640.

Think about this - in 2008 PHRF of the Chesapeake published a list of additional requirements to meet the 4P equipment standards. One of the additions was a knife, i.e. **"A knife on deck or in the cockpit is now required."** So, how's that working out? What does this mean concerning the state of racing? Who on the boat has the knife? Is it an anti-mutiny tool? Does the tactician have it to enforce his or her decisions? Or, is it a dual purpose tool used to lift pop tabs on tinnies and to spread horseradish on sandwiches?

The *Gremlyn* crew, **Greg Cutter** is owner/skipper, are headed south to Lake Lanier (Georgia) for the Elliott 770 Nationals this coming weekend. Cross your fingers and toes for our southern Bay team.

The **high school ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP** will be hosted this coming weekend by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. Southern Bay teams will be racing against the best schools from all the districts east of the Rockies. Christchurch School and Norfolk Collegiate qualified for the Atlantic Coast Championships at the Mid Atlantic qualifier at Toms River, NJ, in late October. Five at large berths will be filled by southern Bay teams because the host (NYCC) is local. The five at large teams are Walsingham (Williamsburg), Maury (Norfolk), Norfolk Academy, Smithfield, and Deer Run (Richmond). Time to cross up the fingers and toes for our young racers.

**CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOL takes Virginia High School Championship Regatta title.** The varsity team from Christchurch School finished first by one point Saturday at the season ending Virginia Interscholastic Sailing Association (VISA) championship regatta hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. Regular season VISA champion NORFOLK

COLLEGIATE finished second for the day and WALSINGHAM was third. Nine high school teams competed.

The **Chesapeake Bay PORTS** real time advisory system is still up and running. **Dial 1-866-247-6787** and follow the "punch this" directions. You can get meteorological conditions at several southern Bay points including the Willoughby Degaussing Station, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, York River East Rear Range Light, Yorktown, south Carney Island, and others.

If new jingling bells are in your future, i.e. you're going to purchase a new cell phone, here's an idea for discarding your old phone. Check out [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com) The money obtained from recycled phones goes to buy prepaid calling cards for American troops.

**Here's a whale of a story, printed in SCUTTLEBUTT 2962 (Friday, October 30, 2009, issue)** This is a whale of a tale told about what happened to the J/World crew sailing in the Baja Ha-Ha late this past week. "Shortly after [Thursday] morning's Baja Ha-Ha check-in, the crew of *J/World*, the J/120 skippered by former Punta Mita Yacht & Surf Club commodore Eugenie Russell, experienced one of the highlights of the cruising life: They spotted a whale. Then they saw another. They quickly realized that they'd sailed into a pod of whales - big whales. That's when they felt a bang, then another and another. At least one whale was attacking *J/World's* rudder! According to Wayne Zittel, owner of the boat and the J/World Sailing School, Eugenie and her four crew checked under the floorboards and found green water coming in. He reports that they pumped for a few minutes before realizing it was futile - the boat was a goner, and they would be too if they didn't get the hell out of dodge. The crew threw a couple sea bags and the boat's ditch bag into the cockpit, set off the EPIRB, and then scrambled to launch the liferaft. "The boat sank so fast that they barely had time to get in the raft, much less grab the bags," Zittel said. ... What they did manage to grab were two handheld VHF's, which are quite possibly what saved them so quickly. Less than four hours after activating the EPIRB, a Coast Guard helo was passing over the area. "It looked like the helo might miss the raft," Zittel reported, "so they just called them on the VHF." (more of the story is in *Latitude 38*). NOTE: The Baja Ha-Ha is an annual cruisers rally. They sail the 750 mile route from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas. This year 170 boats started the cruise on October 25th.

**Hot Buttered Rum Race on Willoughby Bay is this coming Saturday, November 7th.** Skippers meeting is 10am on the steps of Willoughby Harbor Marina. Two starts. Warning flag is 12 noon. Registration and Notice of Race are available for viewing and download at [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org). Hot Buttered Rum party follows race at Rebel Marine.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** So, the whale attacked the J Boat. If it had been a **race** boat, the J Boat would have thrown a red flag and then taken that whale up... all the way to the beach! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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