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**Anna Tunnicliffe, Old Dominion University grad and Olympic Gold Medal winner, named the female ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year. What more can you say?!**

**CHRIS BEHM and JESSE FALSONE are INTERNATIONAL 505 FLEET 8 CHAMPIONS!** In spite of a "State of Emergency" declared for southeastern Virginia due to a three-day nor'easter, fifteen (15) 505s converged on Hampton to determine their 2009 champions. Friday, the third and final day of the nor'easter that had packed winds as high as 70 knots, tides approaching Hurricane Isabel levels, and wide spread power outages, the racers spent their time intended for a clinic on the water in the Hampton Yacht Club lounge instead. Guest coach **Peter Alarie** used the fogged-up windows of the darkened clubhouse (power outage, remember) to draw diagrams while discussing strategies and tactics. Saturday the racing began in earnest in leftover favorable winds under cloudy skies. At the end of 4 races on Saturday, the **Behm / Falsone** team was tied with the **Tyler Moore / Geoff Ewenson** team for first place. Sunday's racing was a different situation. The fleet was able to get in two races before the moderate breezes died away. Chris Behm and Jesse Falsone made the most of the day, however, taking two bullets and icing the championship title; their names are on the Hank Plank, named for 505 racer **Henry Amthor**. RESULTS: (15 boats) - 1. Chris Behm/Jesse Falsone (2-[4]-1-1-1-1); 2. Tyler Moore/Geoff Ewenson (1-1-2-4-3-[6]); 3. Ramsey Key/Drew Buttner ([6]-2-6-3-5-5). Event Chairmen - Tyler Moore, Chris Rasmussen; Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy; Signal Boat - Eric Mathern, Buk Lawrence, Rick Klein, and Lin McCarthy; Gate Launch - Peter Burch, Brendan Drinkwater, and Scott Almond. Mark your calendars for the **International 505 East Coast Championships, September 24-26, 2010, hosted by Hampton Yacht Club.**

**Frostbite race #3 results** were not available at publication time - the results will be published next week along with Race #4. Race 4 of the Frostbite Series will be at the same time and place, Sunday, November 15. For info contact Dick Boykin at (757) 890-0093.

**Gone too soon to Fiddlers' Green. Dabney Overton III passed from us on November 9, 2009.** He was 46 years old. Dabney sailed out of Fishing Bay and he raced big and little boats. Dabney crewed on many, many boats, including Brent Halsey's *Sweet Witch* and *Stormking*, and he was part owner with Matt Braun of a Front Runner racer. Dabney was a mainstay on Allan Heyward's *La Maga* for the entire time she has raced at Fishing Bay. Dabney's passing was unexpected; he was stricken with a massive heart attack while running. He will be missed in every corner of the sailing community. (A Memorial Service for Dabney will be held at St. Paul's Church, 7924 Richmond Tappahannock Highway, Millers Tavern, VA, at 2 PM on Sunday, November 22, 2009.)

**2010 PHRF CLASS SPLITS** - The PHRF splits for REGION 4, the Southern Bay, have been announced following the annual meeting this past weekend in Annapolis. Region 4 splits are as follows: **SOUTH DIVISION:** A fleet = up to 109; B fleet = 110 to 163; C fleet = 164 and up; Non-Spin fleet = all ratings. This is not a change from the South Division 2009 splits. **NORTH DIVISION:** (Rappahannock River area) A fleet = up to 113; B fleet = 114 to 161; C fleet = 162 and up; Non-Spin fleet = all ratings. The Region 4 splits were determined by the member clubs within Region 4.

**The 32nd Annual Gaboon Race, Sunday, December 6, 2009.** Staggered start (beginning at 1300) off Hampton Yacht Club docks; announced course around fixed marks in the harbor; finish off Hampton Yacht Club docks. Must have a current valid PHRF rating; PHRF equipment category 5P is allowed (as well as 4P). PHRF crew numbers limits do not apply (bring 'em all!). Starting times will be posted at the registration table in the HYC lounge prior to the race. For further details and to enter, please contact Phil Briggs at (757) 723-5477.

Southern Bay racer **Bill Wheary** sends, "Greetings from sunny (OK, partly sunny) and warm Nanny Cay Resort and Marina where the Caribbean 1500 fleet has gathered for several days of socializing, partying, doing laundry, provisioning, etc. ..." Two other southern Bay racers, **Carolyn Grant** and **Pete Wallio**, found their ways on other boats to the Caribbean via **Steve Black's** well known Caribbean 1500 Rally. Bill sailed down on *Cat Ion*, an Antares 44i catamaran. Bill described his trip as, "Mostly straight line sailing on a beam to close reach. We were farther west than some of the boats who sometimes experienced lighter winds and we had 6 days where the wind never fell below 20 kts. Seas generally 5 to 10 feet, some higher... Fast trip - 7days 20 hours for this heavy boat - much faster for many others but none, as comfortable, warm or dry. No foul weather gear after the start, thanks to the large enclosed *cockpit*."

**Try as they might, the skipper, Jim Baldwin, and crew of Pterobyte**, an Evelyn 32-2, could not get to the water for Frostbite Race #3. The *Pterobyte* team ran into an immovable object, a large boat lift. As of Sunday, power was still not fully restored in Hampton (due to the nor'easter) and no amount of badgering, cajoling, or threatening could get the lift to move. So, *Pterobyte* and other dry-stored boats were left high and dry on Sunday.

There's a **new personality of the canine persuasion** on the southern Bay race course. **Boo-Boo Wilkins**, a Jack Russell terrier mix, crewed on the gate launch this past weekend for the International 505 Fleet 8 Championship Regatta. Boo-Boo served as chief taster of race committee fare for Brendan Drinkwater.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Just a reminder to those of Murphy's first annual "**Sail Sockless Challenge**", stick with it! The morning of the Gaboon Race, we will gather for the SSC photo to commemorate the racers who have not yet worn socks while sailing in 2009. As Murphy, the Racing Beagle says, "*A real racer does not have to wear socks - look at me! And, by the way, who is this Boo-Boo??!!*" /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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