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FROSTBITERS BITTEN AGAIN! It was a beautiful, windless (a racers' oxymoron) day Sunday, and conditions left the Frostbite Series with three races to score instead of five. Here are the PRELIMINARY SERIES STANDINGS: PHRF A (7 boats) - 1.Phil Briggs, Feather (3-1-1); 2. Christian Schaumloffel, Mirage (2-2-2); 3. John Blais, Stardancer (6-3-3). PHRF B (12 boats) -1.Rusty Burshell, Cool Change (1-5-2); 2.Neal Garrett, Strega (4-4-3); 3.Graham Field, Independence (2-9-1). PHRF C (7 boats) - 1.Bob Thomas, Surprise (2-3-2); 2.Mike Klopf, PDQ (9/dnc-1-1); 3.Alan Bomar, Roundabout (1-9/dnc-5). PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats) - 1. Bob Nunn, One o Five (1-3-3); 2. Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher (5/dnc-1-2); 3. Dave Lively, Lively (5/dnc-5/dnf-1). Principal Race Officer - Dick Boykin. Frostbite Series awards will be presented at the Hampton Yacht Club Annual Award Night, December 8th.

THIS COMING WEEKEND: 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.

When you burned your socks, you meant it! If you are sailing sock-less, you are part of the MURPHY CHALLENGE! A group picture will be taken of all of Murphy the Racing Beagle's friends, who like Murphy, sail sock-less. The photo will be taken Sunday, December 6, at the Hampton Yacht Club "back porch", immediately prior to the 32nd running of the Gaboon Race. We'll plan to snap the shot at 11:30. So, bare your feet and go down in history as a participant in **The First Annual Murphy** Challenge!

PDQ is just that, PDQ! Mike Klopf is the proud owner of this jazzy little SR Max, a popular Florida boat. Mike plans to race PDQ in the southern Bay. PDQ won both of the two Frostbite races in which she competed in PHRF C.

Typhoons, Penguins, Flying Scots, Beach Cats, El Toros, Snipes, and Thistles sound like members of a group of Lewis Carroll characters. Nope - they are some of the many boats found on the Chesapeake Bay.

Dinghy Racers Winter Wear: Mitch Brindley, ODU Head Sailing Coach, has pulled together some very sound advice regarding gear that is great for winter dinghy racers. Note: Surfer wetsuits are NOT suitable for sailing a dinghy. To have Mitch's thoughts emailed directly to you just hit reply on this SBRNYCU issue and put "Cold Weather Wear Advice" on the Subject line. Mitch's words of wisdom will come right to you.

This is BIG! World famous artist and marine conservationist Robert Wyland, will design the 2010 Hampton BAY DAYS FESTIVAL (September 10-12) official poster. Wyland art projects are often BIG; he painted the whale mural on the Dominion Towers parking garage wall in Norfolk. The Hampton Annual Middle Ground Light Race will be run on Saturday, September 11th, of the BD Festival.

IDA may have topped IZZIE: A southern Bay racer, John Boon, who sails out of the York River area, has posited that the high tides brought two weeks ago by the nor'easter, spawned in part by the remains of Hurricane Ida, may have broken the records set by the infamous Hurricane Isabel. John is a well known scientist whose opinion regarding water levels and tidal topics is highly regarded worldwide. For a full report see www.wydaily.com/local-news/3465-ida-may-have-brought-record-tides-to-bay

One more Caribbean 1500 southern Bay racer, Stargazer II, Paul Starosta's Dufour 50, was listed as home ported in Plymouth, PA, but Paul sails out of Hampton. He finished 3rd (corrected) in Rally Class 3; Paul took line honors in his class. Kudos!

Did you know there are more than 44 Cape Dory Typhoons in the southern Bay area and 30 of them are on Carter's Creek in Irvington? The 2009 winner of the Rappahannock River Yacht Club Typhoon Class is Chuck Carmichael. So, if a Rapp River racer says to you that he or she "...raced a typhoon," do not look askance at him, even if it was a sunny day!

MURPHY'S LAW: Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, is spending the week prepping for the First Annual Murphy Challenge official group photo. First step is a two-for-one pedicure. Ooh - la - la! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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