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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #495**

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**Try sailing - it's NOT easy!** - Bill Schanen, [SAILING Magazine](#)

**SBRW 2010 - 77 ENTRIES AS OF NOW. Entries are still being accepted. Contact Lin McCarthy at [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) or (757) 850-4225 for quick entry and info on docking and accommodations. Remember, 4 nights of great parties, 3 days of great racing, and bushels of fun and southern hospitality. Y'all come on and race! [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com)**

**61st DOWN THE BAY RACE. Thirty-one (31) boats left Annapolis Friday in search of Hampton - 24 found it.** Thirty-six (36) boats entered the DOWN THE BAY RACE, and 31 started at Annapolis in light air on Friday morning, sailed into 20 knots on the nose most of the night and struggled through moderate to dying breezes late Saturday. It was not an easy race - 24 boats finished. The first boat to finish (*Meridian 2*, Farr 36, **Sledd Shelhorse**) made the trip in 23 hours, 6 minutes, and 18 seconds, and to her go Line Honors. The last boat to finish (*Coeur d' Alene*, Crealock 37, **Hank Giffin**) took 44 hours, 5 minutes, and 41 seconds. and to her go DTB finisher braggin' rights. Like all the finishers, both *Coeur d' Alene* and *Meridian* skippers and crew proved to have ample sand and grit. The DTB stories will live and grow forever. It is why racers must race DOWN THE BAY. **RESULTS: PHRF A - 1. also Overall Winner (corrected time) - Greg Leonard, Heron, J120, Bowie, MD; 2. also Line Honors winner - Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian 2, Farr 36, Hampton/Virginia Beach, VA; 3. Maury Niebur, Bump in the Night, J35, West River, MD. PHRF B - 1. Tripp Behm and Dave McConaughy, Family Tradition, J30, Hampton, VA; 2. Eric Powers, Nereid, Tartan 40, Chesterfield, VA; 3. Harry Tenney, Margarita, Roberts 43, Norfolk, VA. PHRF C - 1. Brad Miller, Schiehallion, Beneteau 30, Hanover, VA; 2. Martin Casey, Bowmovement, Catalina 27, Norfolk, VA; 3. Steve Taylor, Insolvent, Columbia 10.7, Suffolk, VA. PHRF Non-Spin: 1. Bob Howell (Cary Hardesty), Beneteau 45, Virginia Beach, VA; 2. Jim Forrester, Anjalei, Catalina 387, Norfolk, VA. Event Co-Chairmen: Graham Garrenton (HYC) and Wayne Bretsch (STC); Principal Race Officer and Finish; John McCarthy; Start Race Officer: Dick Neville. See complete results by going to [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) DTB 2011 start is Friday, May 27, 2011 in Annapolis.**

### **DTB 2010 notable quotes:**

- "I skippered *Coeur d'Alene* down the Bay this weekend, finishing last overall but we had a fantastic experience. Heading into 15-20 Knot winds and 3-4 ft seas for almost two days was a significant outing/manly experience. Trying to grab a few hours sleep in a port/starboard watch bill in a rack bouncing up and down at a 30 degree angle and then bracing your legs across the bunk when the guys topside tack doesn't get any better! I have more black and blue marks on my arms and legs than when I played football and lacrosse at the Naval Academy!"
- "They say there is water below on starboard tack, but on leeward it gets sucked out. They're ok."
- "We're still out here and we ARE going to finish."
- "In a rough Down the Bay Race Solomons is like the Scylla tempting seamen to come closer."
- "My grandfather did Down the Bay and so did my dad."
- "Big rollers - we got knocked around a lot."
- "There's no such thing as a dry race boat."
- "Where did they put the wrist bands?"
- "After we crossed the finish line about 7AM this morning, we all had a beer and talked about next year."

**A gaggle of Carolinians are coming to SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK (Friday - Sunday of this week).** Of the 77 boats already entered in SBRW 2010, 6 make up a strong **Carolina Contingent: Pete Hunter, Kill Devil Hills, NC, WAIRERE, Thompson 30; Cal Huge, Summerville, SC, JUBILEE, Archambault 40RC; Lloyd Griffin, Elizabeth City, NC, CASH FLOW, Hadley 40; Craig Wright, Raleigh, NC, AFTERTHOUGHT, J109; Chuck Monsees, Elizabeth City, NC, ROCKETTE, J29; Glenn Doncaster, Raleigh, NC, NANUQ, Sabre 426.** In addition to racing, these folk are experts on B-B-Q and sweet tea!

**Do yourself a favor - check your entry info** (sail #, spelling, rating info, etc) on the documents for the regatta(s) you have entered. SBRW 2010, for instance, has posted a preliminary scratch sheet at the event website [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com) CHECK it when you click it! The data reflected is what (usually) will be in the event scoring database.

The smallest boat to finish DOWN THE BAY was **Audrey**, a Merit 25, skippered by **Trevor Harney**, from Leesburg, VA. This coming weekend Trevor and his friend **Denis Bessette**, from King George, VA, will be racing *Audrey* in SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK in the PHRF C class. If you check Audrey out this week, she is laying at the HYC docks waiting for SBRW action, picture her in 20 knots on the nose coming down the Bay. She made the trip in just under 23 hours.

**Media Watch:** *Kudos* to the **Daily Press** and writer **David Nicholson** for the Sunday full-page spread on junior sailing in Hampton. It's in the Good Life Section, page 10.

Portsmouth Boat Club had 33 dinghies come out for racing in the **Merrimac Memorial Regatta** this past Saturday. Saturday off Portsmouth City Park offered 10 knots of wind and calm water - perfect! **MMR fleet winners:** Laser - **Cameron Barclift**; Moth - **Mike Parsons**; Multihull - **Ron Roth**; Open - **Steve Spratt** (JY 15); Sunfish - **John Meyer, Sr.**; Event Chairman - Jonathan Romero

**IF YOU ARE DOCKING AT HAMPTON PUBLIC PIERS, NOTE THIS:** The Hampton Public Piers OFFICE will be in the process of moving on May 26 thru May 28, 2010. During these three days, computer and telephone service may be limited, so please contact the Dockmaster and staff via cell phone. **Dockmaster Greg Harrison (757-532-2791) and Assistant Dockmaster Kate Lawrence (757-593-9085).** The new address is 710 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669 (Formally the Cousteau Society Building, located behind the Crowne Plaza Hotel). The telephone and fax numbers will remain the same. Out-of-town racers - please note that the new location for the office is only steps away from the dockmaster's old digs!

**Portsmouth Boat Club wrapped up their Spring Barnacle Series** a week ago. The winner of the first Non-Spinnaker fleet is **Doc Harbour** in *Slice* (O'Day 34). The winner of the second Non-Spinnaker fleet is **Ron Peterman** in his Columbia 28, *Content*. The Barnacle races are sailed in the Elizabeth River between the Norfolk and Portsmouth downtowns.

Heads-Up! After the dust settles from SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK (June 4-6), coming up is the **HARBORFEST HOMETOWNE REGATTA (Saturday, June 12)**. Harborfest Hometowne is hosted by Portsmouth Boat Club and is sailed on the same weekend on the Elizabeth River as Norfolk's mega-summer festival, Harborfest. Entries are due no later than 5pm, Monday, June 7. **For entry forms, regatta info, click on [www.portsmouthboatclub.org](http://www.portsmouthboatclub.org) or contact Larry Bryant at (757) 472-5969** Go race, enjoy PBC hospitality, and do the festival - a full day!

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle* hopes to get shanghaied by the crew of that Crealock 37 that did down the Bay. All those hours (44) at sea might not have been all bad. It's a CREALOCK, for goodness sake - just the right degree of plush and very hearty (much like the *Racing Beagle*)! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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