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RUMBLE Takes SBRW BLACK SEAL CUP! Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran of Yorktown, Virginia, stormed Southern Bay Race Week in their J29, *RUMBLE*. Sailing in the highly competitive PHRF B-1 fleet with a crew of friends from Yorktown, Seaford, and Hampton, the long time J29 racers put together a string of 6 bullets in 7 races over three days of varying conditions. *Rumble* turned in a string over 3 days of racing of 1-1-1-1-1-2. Five other boats along with *Rumble* had outstanding performances during the regatta that earned them **BOAT OF THE DAY** awards: Day 1 (sponsored by Winters Sailmakers) - (East Course) *Rumble*, **Weeks & Cochran**; (West Course) *Horizon*, **Bob Fleck**. Day 2 (sponsored by North Sails, Hampton) - (East Course) *Jubilee*, **Cal Huge**; (West Course) *Midnight Mistress*, **Jake and Pat Brodersen**. Day 3 (sponsored by Doyle Sails, Hampton) - (East Course) *Afterthought*, **Craig Wright**; (West Course) *Whisper*, **Larry Bryant**. Final results at www.blacksealcup.com

Crewing on Black Seal Cup winner, *RUMBLE*, was a special friend of racing on the Chesapeake Bay, **John Hanna**, of Seaford, VA. Cap'n Hanna, as many of his friends know him, owned and skippered his beloved Pearson *BATTLEWAGON*, for many races and put all that experience to work for *Rumble* this past weekend.

When racers come to Southern Bay Race Week, they know they very likely are going to have to deal with a variety of racing conditions. And SBRW 2010 was exactly that. Friday's racing required perseverance in light and fluky winds until the beloved sea breeze came in, the course was spun 180 degrees, and 10 knots seemed like a wonderful gale. Day 2 brought perfect sailing conditions - 10-15 knots all day from WSW. If that didn't suit, pull out the golf clubs! The third and final day of the regatta started out blustery and tested a different set of racing skills and equipment standards. Eventually on the East Course gusts over 30 were noted and one report had one gust at 38 knots. Racing was stopped during the second race. The West Course was able to complete two races in less severe conditions, but in significantly more than moderate wind. SBRW 2010 racers got a panorama of Chessie's best efforts.

Jennifer McCullough and Richard Winters, crewing on Bob Mosby's *Cyrano*, did have their wedding Saturday at SBRW, and, dressed in wedding attire, accepted their daily racing award and honored the racer's chant of "KISS, KISS!" in the party tent.

SBRW 2010 Fleet winners. Of the 77 entries, here are the top dogs of the 10 fleets: PHRF A-1 - Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian (Farr 36), 4-1-1-1-2-2-3 (14). PHRF A-1 - David Eberwine, Sea Star (J36), 1-1-3-3-3-1-3 (15). PHRF B-1 - Ben Weeks & Michele Cochran, *Rumble* (J29), 1-1-1-1-1-1-2 (8). PHRF B-2 - Mike Austin, *Moving On* (Beneteau F8), 1-1-2-2-1-3-1 (11). J/24 One Design - Mick Veraldi, *Quicky*, 3-1-1-1-2-1-1 (10). PHRF C-1 - Bob Fleck, *Horizon* (S2 7.9) 1-1-1-1-1-1-1 (8). PHRF C-2 - Brendan Drinkwater, *Number 2* (Sonar 23) 3-2-1-1-1-2-1 (12). PHRF NS2 - Jake and Pat Brodersen, *Midnight Mistress* (C&C 35-3), 1-1-2-1-1-1-3-5 (15). PHRF NS1 - Walter Boatwright, *Puff Card* (Tartan 37-2), 7-5-7-2-2-1-1-1 (26). Cruising - Larry Bryant, *Whisper* (Hunter 40), 1-1-2-1-2-1-1-1 (10). Principal Race Officer and East Course: John McCarthy; Race Officer West Course: Brian Deibler. Mark Boat Captains (East Course) - Bill Gibbings; Dave Hamilton; Rick Klein/Mike Dale. Mark Boat Captains (West Course) - Tom Fowler; Jim Babcock. Event Chairman - Jack Pope. Final results at www.blacksealcup.com

They do more than Fife and Drum in the historic area! Racers from the Yorktown area put the grab on the B fleets at SBRW 2010. **Mike Austin's** *Moving On* took home top honors in B-2 and, of course, *Rumble* dominated B-1.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2011 - Friday, June 3 - Saturday, June 4 - Sunday, June 5, 2011. Y'all come racing!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE, elected as Chesapeake Magazine's "Best on the Bay" ! Make your arrangements now to be at Screwpile 2010, July 18-20, Solomons, MD Info and

entry forms at www.splc.us

If ya go to **SCREWPILE**, ya gotta dance!!! The bands are lined up **The 25th Hour**, **Screwdrivers** and **Around Mid-Night**. There will be a open house at the SMSA club house starting at 5:30 on Saturday night following the skippers meeting (5pm in the regatta headquarters tent).

Mike Worrell passed away Saturday morning. Most folks knew of Mike because he ran the **Worrell 1000**. In it's early days it was a race of two-man beach cats, non-stop from Lauderdale to Virginia Beach, with beach touches only long enough for rotation of one of the crew for the up coming leg. It later evolved to a race with much more sophisticated boats and overnight stops. As one racer put it, ". . . folks had mixed feelings about him, [but] Mike did a lot for local beach cat sailing" as well as focusing a brief, but bright spotlight on "big time" cat racing in the US.

HARBORFEST HOMETOWNE REGATTA (this coming Saturday, June 12). Harborfest Hometowne is hosted by Portsmouth Boat Club and is sailed on the same weekend as Norfolk's mega-summer festival, Harborfest. This year Harborfest is tangentially involved in recognizing the participants of the regatta. "Harborfest will call the award winners of the regatta up on the big Harborfest stage on Saturday night and their names will be on the Nauticus big screen for all to see," explained principal race officer **Larry Bryant**. The awards presentation and cook-out dinner will be at the PBC clubhouse on Elm Street in Portsmouth (5pm-7pm), leaving plenty of time for a ride over to Harborfest (by ferry, car, or cardboard raft) and the special recognition there. Make no mistake, PBC is the organizer of this race and continues to do all the heavy lifting. It is nice to see the regatta mentioned on the Harborfest schedule, but it remains in the wonderful HOMETOWNE REGATTA format that PBC has had in place since Harborfest dropped the old Michelob Challenge/Parade of Sail event years ago. Entries are due no later than 5pm, Monday, June 7. **For entry forms, regatta info, click on www.portsmouthboatclub.org or contact Larry Bryant at (757) 472-5969** Go race, enjoy PBC hospitality, and do the festival - a full day!

If you fly a Scot, the **Flying Scot Capitol District Championships will be June 19-20 at Rappahannock River Yacht Club in Irvington, Virginia**. Event Chairperson is **Debbie Cycotte**. Event organizers expect between 20 and 30 Flying Scots. For information and points of contact, please call Burke Johnson at (757) 812-9635 (cell). **Do it now - this event is weekend after this coming.**

MURPHY'S LAW: WOW! At SBRW the *Murphster* danced all four legs off, went swimming twice (intentionally on Day 1), met and made more racing friends than you can wag a tail at, learned to mix a Dark 'n' Stormy, and raced my brains out! Please pass one more Alka-Seltzer@ and turn down the volume one more notch. *Yrs truly the Racing Beagle* is in a blissful recovery state! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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