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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #506**

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**Only one more day after today and we can eat oysters again - September begins on Wednesday!** [Note: For in-landers, it is old-timers' wisdom that you only eat oysters during months with "R" in them.]

**BUMPS IS BACK, AND BETTER THAN EVER!!** The "not a surprise anymore" 85th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for Bumps Eberwine is on for this Wednesday, September 1st, at the HYC docks right after the regular Wednesday Night racing. DO bump along to the Birthday Party for Bumps. Stop by for Birthday Cake and Beer; drink a toast to "The Bumpster" on his 85th! Graham Field is organizing this surprise party and he can be reached at (757) 488-3931. (Donations toward the cake and beer are appropriate and will be greatly appreciated - please give them to Graham.)

**Southern Bay Racers - they're everywhere! they're everywhere!** Two southern Bay racers who now live in Mississippi on the Gulf of Mexico, **Ray Houle and his wife Caryl**, were visiting sailing buddies on Lake Lanier in Georgia and spotted a guy wearing a **GANAR!** T-shirt. **Dave Bouchard** has for years raced his Santana 35, *Ganar!* in the PHRF B fleet on the southern Bay. Turns out the T-shirt wearer's name is **Ross Selby**, who sailed on various southern Bay boats, including *Ganar!* Presently, Ross crews for John Burgess on the Admiralty 30 (JS-9000) with the **Lake Lanier Sailing Club**. And, if you are ever near Lake Lanier, Ray says they have a great Wednesday night turn-out (70-80 boats for 4-5 clubs) - you can surely "get a ride"!

**Southern Bay racer, Mark Wheeler**, has been sailing as part of the *Vela Veloce* (owner Richard Orland) crew for a number of months now. And, the ride will continue when *Vela* does the Vineyard race on September 5th, the Long Island IRC Championships on September 18/19th and then the IRC East Coasts at the end of October. Mark sailed on **Sledd Shelhorse's Meridian** at Screwpile, where they won the PHRF A0 fleet. *Vela* won the 2010 Rolex US- IRC National Championship sans Mark, since the regatta started the day after Screwpile.

In both Mackinac races, the Port Huron to Mackinac and the Chicago to Mackinac, southern Bay racer **Geoff Hummel, and his two brothers Greg and Glenn**, sailed aboard *Runaway*, a 68 foot Andrews that carried a crew of 15 and is owned by Bruce Burton, Commodore of Bayview Yacht Club. Geoff's main duties were that of navigator. He was especially impressed by the amount of carbon on the boat. He said, "...carbon everything - hull, spars, toilet seat, . . . ." Geoff is a mainstay on the *Sea Star crew* (owner-skipper **David Eberwine**), racing, and usually winning, in the PHRF A fleet.

**Mark Arnold (Chesapeake, VA) and Matt Frank (Suffolk) are 2010 Mobjack National Champions.** The 47th Mobjack National Championship was sailed at Lewes Yacht Club, on the Delaware Bay, just inside Cape Henlopen near Breakwater Harbor. Mark and Matt set a Mobjack Nationals record by stringing together 6 first place finishes. This is the 9th Mobjack National Championship for Mark and the 4th for Mark and Matt as a team. There were 27 Mobjacks competing for the title.

**Laser Racers do well (3 in Top 10) in District 11 Championships:** The turnout at this District Championships held at Corsica River Yacht Club was the best in quite some time, with 42 Laser Standards and 19 Laser Radials for a fleet of 61 Lasers racing for the district crown. From the southern Bay in the 42-boat Standard Laser fleet, **Kyle Swenson** (FBYC) finished 2nd overall. **David Tunncliffe (NCYC)** was 8th and **Jon Deutsch** (10th). **Robert Suhay** also competed in the standard rig fleet. **Austin Powers** (FBYC) and **Mary Peyton Sanford** (NYCC) competed in the 19-boat Radial fleet.

**Next Monday is a holiday!! Look for your next issue of *Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use*, #507, on TUESDAY, September 7th.**

**VOTE for ANNA!** Anna Tunncliffe is one of the 10 finalists from around the world for the Women's Sports Foundation Sportswoman of the Year! **VOTING CLOSES August 31 - TOMORROW!** Click [HERE](#) to vote for Anna for Sportswoman of the Year. Here in the southern Bay we know of Anna's accomplishments: Gold Medal in the Women's Laser Radial dinghy at the 2008 Olympic Games in Qingdao, China; ISAF world's Number One-ranked women's Radial sailor from April 9, 2008 to May 2010; voted 2009 ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the

Year in November 2009; currently, as skipper of Team Tunnicliffe, teamed up with Molly O'Bryan Vandemoer and Debbie Capozzi to take on the world and go for Gold in 2012 London Olympic Games in Women's Match Racing. Anna is a three-time Collegiate All-American and three-time Collegiate National Champion and is also a two-time recipient of the US Rolex Yachtswoman of the Year award. [The other nine finalists are Torah Bright (Skate Boarding), Rebecca Bross (Gymnastics), Yu-Na Kim (Skater), Kelly Kulick (Bowling), Ai Miyazato (Golf), Alana Nichols (Paralympic Skiing), Sanya Richards (Track and Field), Lindsey Vonn (Alpine Skiing) and Serena Williams (Tennis)] The winner will be announced Oct. 12.

The **Bay Days Festival**, the continuation of Hampton's 400th birthday celebration, and **THE HAMPTON ANNUAL MIDDLE GROUND LIGHT RACE** all come together on **Saturday, September 11**, the weekend after Labor Day Weekend. The race is OPEN TO ALL, is a sanctioned regatta, offers starts for PHRF A,B, C, and Non-Spin (2 headsail) as well as J24 one-design. Racing will be in the harbor using CCV Harbor marks, including Middle Ground Light. First warning is at 1030; there is a time limit at 1600 hours. Entry deadline is Friday, September 10. For information, please contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. Race in the Hampton Annual and stick around for Bay Days festivities including FIREWORKS! Another great summer weekend in Hampton Roads.

On the Rappahannock River, September 11 brings the **Fishing Bay Yacht Club's Wolf Trap Race** - see [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net), and **Yankee Point Yacht Club** has their **Fall Regatta** scheduled. Great Indian Summer racing - be sure to do all you can.

#### **Last reminder for 4 of many Labor Day Weekend Racing Options**

\***16th Annual STINGRAY POINT REGATTA**, at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Saturday and Sunday, September 4-5. This is a southern Bay favorite that incorporates all the flavor of Fishing Bay and the Rapp [Rappahannock] River. Starts are offered for PHRF classes (spinnaker and non-spinnaker) as well as qualifying one-design (big boats). There are two days of racing (Saturday, and Sunday). Monday has been left open so racers can have a leisurely sail home or attend the family cook-out or both! For details and to register on line, go to [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net). If you have questions or comments, contact Event Chairman, Alex Alvis at (804) 370-8241.

\* **10th Annual DINK VAIL REGATTA (DVR 10)**, at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on Saturday, September 4. Starts are offered for PHRF fleets (A, B, C, NS). This is a one race event that includes a welcome reception on Friday at 1830 in the Lounge at NY&CC, a continental breakfast on Saturday at 0800 on the NY&CC patio, and a reception and awards banquet at 1800, Saturday. For info and entry, please contact Bob Hume at (757) 288-9985.

\*New on the Southern Bay Labor Day list of opportunities, aimed at dinghy racers, is the **LABOR DAY CLINIC and REGATTA at the ODU Sailing Center, Norfolk.** The clinic will run Saturday and Sunday, September 4-5, with the regatta set for Monday, September 6. There is a gang of coaching talent involved in this event. Look here: Laser Full Rig - Brad Funk; Laser Radial - Anna Tunnicliffe and Erika Reineke; Club 420 - Adrienne Patterson and Michael Collins; Optimist - Tom Coleman ("Mr. Green Fleet") and Nick Turney; Techno 293 - Alessandro Ambrosi; High School Team Racing - Charles Higgins; College Racing - Mitch Brindley. Contact David Tunnicliffe at [david@tunnicliffeconsulting.com](mailto:david@tunnicliffeconsulting.com)

\*Not in the southern Bay area, but if a longer holiday weekend is in your plans, **CBYRA's Annapolis Race Week** goes the distance (Saturday through Monday). The 44th edition of this event will be the first at it's new shore side venue in the heart of downtown Annapolis. The public also is encouraged to attend shore side activities staged in the City Dock area. For details and entry info, go to [www.cbyra.org/arw](http://www.cbyra.org/arw).

**Closer than you think for HOD Racers.** The **Serio Regatta**, honoring "Pappy" Serio, the undisputed Father of the HOD Class, is coming up on **September 18th** at Hampton Yacht Club. This is one more chance, in a summer already growing short, to sail yourself silly in your Hampton One-Design. The emphasis in this regatta will be to get in a lot of races. An anonymous sponsor has picked up the tab for the entry fees for the racers. So, **registration/entry is FREE.** For info please go to [www.hamptonyc.com/onedesign](http://www.hamptonyc.com/onedesign)

**MURPHY'S LAW:** If the Don Equis Man is "the life of parties he has never attended," than *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is surely the nemesis of all squirrels yet to be chased. Stay anxious, my friends! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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