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FEATHER WINS 'ROUND THE LIGHTS. Phil Briggs, and his crew on Phil's J36, *FEATHER*, were first to finish and overall winner in Old Point Comfort Yacht Club's annual pursuit race, 'Round the Lights. Competitors must round both lighthouses, Thimble Shoal Light and Middle Ground Light. Each racer sets his or her own course and order of lighthouse roundings. It's a unique race and calls into play knowledge of the vagaries of wind and current in Hampton Roads waters. All 59 entries started and all but 3 made the time limit. Here are the award winners by fleet: **PHRF A (7 boats)**- 1. **Phil Briggs**, *Feather*; 2. **David Eberwine**, *Sea Star*; 3. **John Blais**, *Stardancer*. **PHRF B (13 boats)** - 1. **Harry Tenney**, *Margarita*; 2. **Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*; 3. **David Taylor**, *Wham Bam*. **PHRF C (9 boats)** - 1. **Martin Casey**, *Bow Movement*; 2. **Michael Klopff**, *Swamp Rat*; 3. **Bumps Eberwine**, *Spray*. **PHRF Non-Spin 1 (7 boats)** - 1. **Andy Armstrong**, *Virginia H*; 2. **Larry Bryant**, *Whisper*; 3. **Steve Taylor**, *Insolvent*. **PHRF Non-Spin 2 (6 boats)** - 1. **Jeff Rogers**, *Halaha*; 2. **Scott Wolff**, *Sea Dawg*; 3. **Bob Wagner**, *Sea Slipper*. **Cruising Fleet 1 (9 boats)** - 1. **Kent Utley**, *Mortar Offer*; 2. **Bob Howell**, *CYMRU*; 3. **Michael Turner**, *Cat's Paws*. **Cruising Fleet 2 (8 boats)** - 1. **John Bouma**, *3/4 Time*; 2. **Ron Peterman**, *Content*; 3. **Hank Giffin**, *Coeur'd Alene*. Event Chairman - John Lones.

FROSTBITE SERIES opens Sunday, October 31. OPEN TO ALL, administered by Hampton Yacht Club. One race each Sunday through November. Racing is around fixed marks in the harbor. Starts for all PHRF classes as well as a Cruising fleet. This is a great chance for crews to build and develop skills and teamwork. Entries are due at noon the day before the race day. For information and details on entry, etc., please contact Race Chairman, **Dick Boykin at 757-890-0093.**

Helloooo. . . Did you not see the lighthouse? Some competitors in the 'Round the Lights race on Saturday had close brushes with one lighthouse or the other, and at least one even endured a "kiss". Middle Ground marks the confluence of three main bodies of Hampton Roads water - the James River, the Elizabeth River, and Hampton Roads itself, and Thimble marks the main harbor entrance channel. When very near either lighthouse the sucking sound you hear is most often current, unless. . . it's crew on the rail holding their collective breath.

FBYC FALL SERIES FINAL: Not available as of publication. Check at FBYC website www.fbyc.net.

GARY BODIE selected for the Athletic Hall of Fame of the Lower Virginia Peninsula. Gary Bodie is a graduate of Hampton High School and California Institute of Technology. He was the head sailing coach at Old Dominion, the Naval Academy and Hampton University. During his collegiate coaching career Gary's teams won 15 national championships. In 1998 he was named coach of the USA Olympic Sailing Team and coached through 3 Olympics. Gary will be inducted at the Hall of Fame along with: **Mike Tomlin**, graduate of the College of William & Mary and current head coach of the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers; **Aaron Brooks**, a Ferguson High and UVA graduate and NFL player; **Vince Brown**, renowned Christopher Newport University track coach; **Willie Brown**, Carver High and Apprentice School athlete and an ACC basketball official; and, **Buddy Lex**, a Newport News High graduate and William and Mary football star. The formal induction will be this coming May.

To Fiddlers' Green - Neal Garrett passed on from us last week on Wednesday. Neal, skipper and owner of *Strega*, sailed with the PHRF B fleet. It was only this Spring when Neal was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. He had been fighting a fierce battle every moment since then. Friends and acquaintances will remember Neal as a kind man with a gentle way. He is gone too soon. **Information:** Funeral at noon today, Monday, October 25, at Hayden-Smith Funeral Home on the corner of Armistead and Meredith in Hampton. The burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, at the Newport News end of Victoria Boulevard. There will be a reception at Hampton Yacht Club following the graveside ceremony.

How do you get a 31 footer ready to cross the Atlantic? BOB BEGGS will tell you how he plans to do it this evening at Hampton Yacht Club. And, you will be able to see Beggs' boat at the HYC docks. Beggs is winner of *The Times Clipper 2000 Round the World Race* and will be at Hampton Yacht Club for a special presentation from 6pm to 8pm TONIGHT, Monday, October 25th. There is no charge for admission. Beggs is

well know as an ocean singlehander with an extensive sailing resume. He plans to sail his 31 footer from here to Plymouth, England, this Fall. Everyone is welcome at this presentation. Meet and greet a legendary sailor and check out the boat he plans to sail across the "Pond". Bluewater sailors and adventurers all, this is for you!

FOOD FOR THE BELLY and FOOD FOR THE BRAIN: Upcoming happenings and workshops on the Southern Bay:

'O Oyster, come and walk with us!'

The Walrus did beseech.

'A pleasant walk, a pleasant talk,

Along the briny beach:

We cannot do with more than four,

To give a hand to each.' **

And, so in ** Lewis Carroll's *The Walrus and the Carpenter*, the Oysters are enticed to a walk and a talk and Likewise, the CNU Sailing Team has invited some naive oysters to an **Oyster Roast - the 4th annual, to help support the CNU VARSITY SAILING TEAM. On Saturday, November 6th**, things get started at sunset at the James River Marina located at the very end of Deep Creek Road (Newport News). In addition to OYSTERS there will be hotdogs, hamburgers, Brunswick stew, and beer from the local St. George Brewery and, music. Slurp to the beat while you enjoy tunes and sailing friends on the shore of Deep Creek. Cost = \$30 (\$20 for CNU student w/ID)

Help put wind back in the sails of SCHOONER VIRGINIA. On **Saturday, October 30**, enjoy a "Virginia Shore Dinner" and music by MOJO BONES on board the *Virginia* at the dock next to Nauticus (downtown Norfolk). Tickets can be purchased on line at www.schoonervirginia.org, click on "Ship's Store" and the first item is the ticket. \$25 (plus a \$3 service charge per ticket on line), includes a Virginia Shore Dinner (Clam chowder, shrimp, and sides). Beer & Wine tickets will be available for purchase at the event - Norfolk's own O'Conner Brewery Red Nun and Green Can, and a couple of nice wines. Our *Virginia* is a beautiful ship, even more beautiful under sail. This event is intended to help get her sailing again.

Keep those RACING JUICES flowing even when the boat is shivering her timbers! Here are 4 off-the-water opportunities:

Lunch and an afternoon with GARY JOBSON, Saturday, November 20, St. Mary's College, St. Mary's City, MD. Gary Jobson is one of everybody's favorite sailors. So, CBYRA is hosting a Saturday luncheon with Gary, followed by his presentation (video and "insider" comments) followed by a panel discussion led by Gary regarding all things sailing/racing. Cost for the luncheon, presentation, and discussion is \$50. The event will be held at St. Mary's College (on the way to the Screwpile site and within a one day round trip); Panel participants along with Gary Jobson will be Chip Thayer, John McCarthy, LG Raley, and John Loe. Chuck O'Malley will be the emcee. For info and resses, please go to www.cbyra.org or call the CBYRA office at (410) 990-9393 and speak to Caroline. OPEN TO ALL.

US SAILING Judges Workshop and Test, November 20-21 2010, Richmond, VA. This workshop is required for initial certification and re-certification as a US Sailing Judge. Some protest committee experience is recommended, but not required. The workshop is two full days and will cover rules, handling protests and redress, procedures for running hearings, writing up protest committee decisions, handling open hearings, and arbitration. Joe Krolak (IJ, SJ, CBYRA Appeals Committee) and David Pyron (IU, SJ) are the instructors. The workshop will be held at The New Community School, 4211 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23227. Cost of the workshop and exam is \$80.00 (\$110 for non-USSA members). This includes continental breakfast, lunch, beverages, handout materials, and test processing. Registration deadline: November 15th. For additional information, please contact Brooks Zerkel at 804-909-7400 or 804-272-7846

US SAILING RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, February 19, 2011, at Hampton Yacht Club. OPEN TO ALL. This full day seminar is designed for those with some race committee experience and newcomers to RC work are welcome as well. Subjects covered will include RC responsibilities, sailing instructions, RC jobs and equipment, setting a course, starting system, starting penalties, before the start, during the race, finishing, and scoring. This meets the certification seminar requirement for US SAILING Club Race Officer. The test for Club Race Officer certification will be given at the end of the seminar for those who are interested. Taking the test is OPTIONAL. Primary Instructor is John McCarthy, US SAILING certified Regional Race Officer, Senior Judge and Instructor. John has taught many workshops, clinics and seminars, including the MURPHY RULES and RACING series.

Registration fee: \$50 (\$60 for non-USSA members). For information and/or to register, please contact John or Lin McCarthy (757) 850-4225. For general information about the course, registration fees, and/or a registration form, hit "reply" to this email, and put US SAILING Race Mgt Seminar on the subject line. You will receive the info by return email with an attachment.

MURPHY RULES FOR RACERS 2011, Saturday, March 26, 2011, at Rappahannock River Yacht Club.

OPEN TO ALL. A full day of Murphy Rules (0900-1530). Coffee and pastries (gooey donuts are spotlighted) at registration, lunch, snacks during breaks, and workshop materials are included in the registration fee. John McCarthy will present Murphy Rules 2011. For information and to register early, please contact Ron Mihills at (804) 438-6111. As Murphy says, "Every good racin' dawg knows his rules!" March is a perfect time to brush 'em up.

Collegiate Update: There was college competition on the James River this weekend where Christopher Newport hosted the Webb Regatta. The seven college teams finished in the following order: 1.Christopher Newport ; 2.Hampton ; 3.William and Mary; 4.Christopher Newport (B team); 5.Delaware; 6.Vermont ; 7.Salisbury State.

FBYC Closing Day - Staggered Start Race is this coming Saturday, October 30. For info, click on www.fbyc.net.

MURPHY'S LAW: Sunday is Halloween and *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, truly loves the "Trick or Treat" concept. It would be nice, however, if my well meaning, health conscious, neighbor lady would lay off the all natural granola milk bones and hand out chocolate covered squirrels instead! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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