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

Goodness gracious, THANKSGIVING IS THIS COMING THURSDAY, NOV 25th ! There's a lot to be thankful for. . . including sailing!

FROSTBITE Race #4 sailors had beautiful conditions - sunny, not too cool, and just the right amount of "pile in the carpet". The fleets raced between 9 and 11 miles around fixed marks in Hampton Roads harbor. So, it was yet another pretty darn good day for Frostbite racing. **RESULTS: PHRF A (8 boats): 1.Christian Schaumloffel, *Mirage*; 2.Phil Briggs, *Feather*; 3.John Blais, *Stardancer*. PHRF B (8 boats): 1.Rusty Burshell, *Cool Change*; 2.Graham Field, *Independence*; 3.David Taylor, *Wham Bam*. PHRF C (6 boats): 1.Alan Bomar, *Roundabout*; 2.Bumps Eberwine, *Spray*; 3.Michael Tate, *Aquarius*. PHRF Non-Spin (2 boats): 1.Dave Lively, *Lively Lady*. Principal Race Officer, Dick Boykin; Signal Boat, Brian Deibler. **The final race of the series, Frostbite Race 5 - Sunday, November 28th - same time, same place, same format! For info please contact Dick Boykin at (757) 890-0093.****

2011 SCHEDULE FOR SOUTHERN BAY "BIG BOAT" RACING: Well over 50 southern Bay club and event officials have worked directly, and many more indirectly, to complete the 2011 racing schedule. It is ready and available for distribution. You may contact your club racing officials or you may **click on "reply" to this issue of *SBRNYCU* and on the subject line put, "Send my 2011 schedule, please"** and it will be sent to you by return email, courtesy of *SBRNYCU*. *Believe it or not, Spring 2011 will come, and most likely sooner than you think!*

From the Annual PHRF Meeting: Your PHRF delegates and officials met Saturday and decided that our 2011 southern Bay **fleet splits** for both Southern Bay (Virginia) divisions will remain the same as in 2010. The **new president of PHRF of the Chesapeake is our own former VP, Mike Dale**. Replacing Mike at the **southern Bay PHRF VP spot in 2011 is Steve Taylor**. Steve sails *Insolvent* out of Hampton in the PHRF C Fleet. **Christian Schaumloffel remains Chief Handicapper for our area**. 2011 SOUTHERN BAY FLEET SPLITS: **SOUTH DIVISION** (NC, Hampton Roads, York River): PHRF A - Up to 109; PHRF B - 110-163; PHRF C - 164 and up; PHRF Non-Spin: all. **NORTH DIVISION:** (Fishing Bay, Rappahannock River north to Potomac): PHRF A - Up to 112; PHRF B - 113-160; PHRF C - 161 and Up; PHRF Non-Spin - all. For meeting details, etc., check out www.phrfchesbay.com or, better yet, talk to your club PHRF delegate (every member club has one).

From the 2010 Caribbean 1500 website. "Tuesday, November 16

Update: Noon ---- Steve Black has been notified by the Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association (BASRA) today that "the conditions are not favorable for finding Laura Zekoll [age 46, Atlanta] alive." The search and rescue mission involving the US Coast Guard, the Bahamas Defense Force, BASRA, and local efforts since Saturday night has resulted in "no findings." The US Coast Guard has suspended its activity. The BDF will suspend its activity today. BASRA will continue aerial surveys of the vessel and area. Our thoughts and prayers are with Laura's friends and family as well as the crew of *Rule 62*." *Rule 62*, Jeanneau 46DS, owned by Richard and Debra Ross, was part of a fleet of 65 that departed Hampton, VA, on November 8, 2010, in route to the island of Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. On Saturday, in heavy conditions, *Rule 62* diverted to the Bahamas. It is reported that *Rule 62* hit a reef off Avaco Island. The four on board launched the lifeboat in an attempt to get to shore. The lifeboat did not sustain them. In the water, Laura became separated from the other three, who eventually washed ashore alive. Additional information available at the Caribbean 1500 site, www.carib1500.com

Would you rather be towed or salvaged? *BoatUS Magazine*, December 2010 issue, "Making Sense of Towing vs Salvage", page 62, offers a good explanation of salvage situations. "A towing service provides towing and light ungroundings, boat insurance polices cover salvage," the article begins. There are important nuances, the discussion and definition of "imminent peril" an important one, and the article covers them. And, best of all, there are examples of salvage and not salvage incidents. Good info to be noodling during the off season.

Southern Bay racer/tactician/navigator, **Mark Wheeler**, did all but one of the races that Dick Oland's *Vela Veloce*, custom 52, completed on her way to winning the **2010 Gulf Stream Series**. *Vela Veloce* won the Championship for East Coast Big Boat Racing over 133 other competitors. Well. . . that's what happens, Mr. Oland, when you have southern Bay talent onboard! :) NOTE: The series events run from January through November each year. The championship is awarded by the US-IRC Foundation.

High School Racing Update: Last weekend several southern Bay high school teams were in Tom's River, NJ, for the **Interscholastic Atlantic Coast Championships**. 18 Teams from Savannah, GA, to Marblehead, MA, including 4 from Virginia. **Christ Church won and Norfolk Collegiate finished in second place**. Norfolk Academy was 10th and 2 points back was Walsingham finished 12th. This weekend the action moved to New Orleans where **Walsingham Academy** (Williamsburg) finished 13th among the 33 high school teams competing in the Great Oaks Regatta at Southern Yacht Club.

Well worth noting is the US SAILING announcement recognizing the southern Bay's **Fishing Bay Yacht Club** as a recipient of the **One-Design Regatta Award**, one of only three One-Design national awards given each year. US SAILING said, "...*Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC) of Deltaville, Va. won the 2010 Regatta Award for the excellence in development, promotion, and management performed by organizers and sponsors of the 2010 USODA (United States Optimist Dinghy Association) Layline Nationals on July 17-25, 2010. Co-chairs Noel Clinard and Jay Buhl, along with webmaster Jon Deutsch were recognized for demonstrating extraordinary individual creativity and contribution to the year's most innovative one-design event of national significance. The regatta attracted broad national and international participation of 317 boats through persistent marketing and communication efforts. The small club located in a village maximized their resources through their entrepreneurial promotions, sponsorship development, community involvement, shore activities and creative dissemination of housing, tourism, historical and racing information.*" Amen to all of that!

MURPHY'S LAW: This is fair warning, Dear Readers. After Thanksgiving dinner, it is not likely you will mistake *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, for an action figure! Good gobbles to you all! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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