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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #543**

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

**Today is MEMORIAL DAY - a chance to formally honor our members of the Armed Services who have protected us all.**

**62ND DOWN THE BAY RACE - the names in the book earned their spot. *IRIE* wins the Virginia Cruising Cup and Ravin Trophy.** Forty (40) entered (that's the easy part), 32 came to the start line, and 23 finished, and 3 of those who finished did so on Sunday in the wee hours. Wind on the nose, no wind, sheets of rain, adverse current, favorable current and only a sliver of a moon - DTB 2011 had it all. Some racers' comments: *it seemed more like UP the Bay; after we got the broken rudder connection fixed, we continued racing 'cause we had to get home (Hampton) anyway; it's not easy, this race; we ran aground in Annapolis harbor; they are STILL RACING - they called here earlier this (Saturday) afternoon; this boat just will not point; we tore the jib; sail fast - the bus back to Annapolis leaves Hampton at 11pm; this is the best beer I have ever had; we're HERE! yeah, we'll do it again next year.* Winner of the Virginia Cruising Cup (overall) and the Ravin Trophy (best corrected in largest fleet)- **Greg Alden**, *Irie*, J120. *Irie* corrected on **Sledd Shelhorse's** *Meridian 2* (2nd overall), and **Jim Muldoon's** *Donnybrook* (3rd overall), winner of the HYC Trophy for First to Finish (line honors). FLEET WINNERS: PHRF A - *IRIE*, Greg Alden; J35 One-Design - *BUMP IN THE NIGHT*, Maury Niebur; PHRF B - *CALLINECTES*, Ben Cuker; PHRF C - *AUDREY*, Trevor Harney; PHRF Non-Spin - *COYOTE*, Richard Griner. Complete results are posted at [www.hamptonyc.com](http://www.hamptonyc.com) click on "results" under the DTB logo. Event Co-Chairmen: Graham Garrenton (HYC), Wayne Bretsch (STC); Principal Race Officer: John McCarthy; Official Scorer: Dave Reville assisted by Mike Biondi. **The 2012 DTB will start Friday, May 25th of Memorial Day Weekend - SAVE THE DATE!**

**SBRW 2011 - 97 entries - sitting on GO!** The Southern Bay Race Week Welcome Social, Check-in, and Skippers Meeting is this THURSDAY, June 2. Racing begins on Friday, June 3 and goes through Sunday for the One-Design and PHRF fleets. And, on Saturday, June 4, and Sunday, June 5, there is racing for the Cruising Fleets. Regatta information is available at [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com) For late registration, please contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or email [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) Y'all come racing!

**ODU'S ROBLE REPEATS AS ICSA WOMEN'S ALL AMERICA.** Old Dominion University senior skipper Stephanie Roble was named an Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) All-American for the second straight year. The Women's All-America team was announced Thursday evening at the Sperry Top-Sider/ICSA Women's National Championships banquet.

**On the RAPP RIVAH:** Yesterday the RRYC / FBYC River Races came off with 8 boats doing two races. Standings after both races were scored: PHRF Spinnaker (4 boats): 1. **Bob Fleck**, *Horizon*; 2. **Sam Marshall**, *Play It Again*. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats): 1. **Dwight Timm**, *Silver Fox*; 2. **Bill McClure**, *Thistledowne*. Principal Race Officer - Brooks Zerkel No information is available as of publication regarding the FBYC Race to Urbanna. Check the FBYC website for results.

**She's not just a sailboat racer . . . the BBC chose Victoria Hill's presentation** on the challenges of collecting scientific data in the Arctic. Her documentary was featured by the BBC as part of their Earth Reporters series. The documentary aired this past weekend on BBC World News. For international transmission times see: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-radio-and-tv-12957298> The film becomes available on the **Earth Reporters Open University website later in the week.** Victoria is foredeck on *Bad Habit* (Bob Archer, Pearson Flyer).

**HARBORFEST HOMETOWNE REGATTA.** Saturday, June 11, 2011, sponsored by Portsmouth Boat Club - start near "R18" in the Elizabeth River. First warning at 1000 (10 am). To enter, contact Larry Bryant (757) 472-5969 or Dave Bennett (757) 676-1047 or go to [www.portsmouthboatclub.com](http://www.portsmouthboatclub.com) for on-line registration. There's always a great post-race party (5-7pm) at the PBC clubhouse, and, a regatta T-shirt and hat are included in the entry fee (\$25. - \$30 for non-USSA members). Go on and get entered so that PBC can finalize their event plans!

**Merrimac Memorial Regatta draws 25 dinghy sailors.** Portsmouth Boat Club race officials got in three races on Saturday for the MMR participants. Wind reports show wind speed ranging from 0.5 to 9.4. . . with gusts of 14. As usual, it was a good time for all. Fleet winners: Sunfish (3 boats) - Johnny Meyers; Laser/Force 5 (6 boats) - Robert Suhay; Mutineer (4 boats)- Al Whitener; Moth (3 boats) - Joe Bousquet; Open Class (9 boats) - Mason Leon.

**Remember, the weekend after this coming SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK (June 2-5) is loaded with racing opportunities:**

June 11 HARBORFEST HOMETOWN REGATTA Portsmouth Boat Club, [www.portsmouthboatclub.com](http://www.portsmouthboatclub.com)  
June 11 MOONLIGHT REGATTA Fishing Bay Yacht Club [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)  
June 11 SPRING SINGLEHANDED RACE Yankee Point Yacht Club Warren Ryan (804) 462-0022  
June 11-12 CAPE DORY TYPHOONS INAUGURAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RRYC Ron Mihills (804) 438-6111

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Down the Bay is a race that all racers know can be *Good, Bad, and/or Ugly*. It was *Good* while we breezed along in 12 to 14 knots; it got *Bad* when the wind died and the flooding current built, but *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, determined it to be *UGLY*, truly *UGLY* when the milkbone and beer supply ran out on Sunday morning off Stingray Point! Argh! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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