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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #551**

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

**PTERODACTYL (PHRF A), BAD HABIT (PHRF B), ROUNDABOUT (PHRF C), and CYMRU (Cruising) win fleets in Moonlight Triangle Race.** At 6pm twenty-one (21) boats and crew started the Moonlight Triangle Race after a one hour delay as a thunderstorm and its lightning passed over Norfolk. Of the 21 fourteen (14) finished the race. The story of the race is the appearance of a Chesapeake Bay whopper that came in at dusk and kept her foot on racers' necks for the better part of an hour. "We had winds up to 35-40 knots for well over half and hour," one racer reported as he described sailing north with the storm first on main only and then on #3 only. Another boat was in water shallow enough to anchor and did so until the storm pushed through. All 14 finishers crossed the line off Ft Monroe by midnight (+ a few minutes). So, what started in very light air conditions eventually included storm conditions that moderated and allowed safe passage home for everyone. **RESULTS:** PHRF A (4 boats): 1. **Gene Thayer**, *Pterodactyl* (Evelyn 42); 2. **Jim Williams**, *Treaty of Ghent* (Hobie 33); 3. **Phil Briggs**, *Feather* (J36). PHRF B (9 boats): 1. **Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit* (Pearson Flyer); 2. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change* (J30); 3. **Butch Patterson**, *Schock Full o' Nuts* (Santana 30/30); PHRF C (4 boats): 1. **Alan Bomar**, *Roundabout* (J24) - only finisher in fleet. PHRF Non-Spin (0 starters). Cruising Fleet (4 boats): 1. **Bob Howell**, *Cymru* (Beneteau 42); 2. **Gary Prizzia**, *Outpost* (Beneteau 423). Race Chairman - Dave Taylor. The Moonlight Triangle is a CCV race and counts for the CCV high point standings. NOTE: The big thunderstorm is said to have been full of strong wind, thunder (naturally) but no lightning, dark, dark clouds, and, get this, not a drop of rain! **The next CCV event that will count for the CCV high point standings is on Sunday, Aug 7 - Founders Race - point of contact is Bob Thomas (757) 898-9407**

**To Fiddler's Green:** The sailing community and particularly the racing family lost a good friend yesterday. **Philip Denvir**, co-owner and operator of Premier Sailing School, headquartered in Irvington, Virginia, passed away suddenly at home Sunday morning. Phil and his wife Arabella are well know throughout the sailing world, including their home of Ireland. Phil will be greatly missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with Arabella in this sorrowful time.

**CAPE CHARLES CUP is the southern Bay weekend regatta set for August.** This year the event where **cruisers race and racers cruise [almost]** begins with the Friday evening skippers meeting on August 19, in Norfolk at Bay Point Marina, races from Little Creek to Cape Charles on Saturday, August 20, overnights (aka party) at Bay Creek Marina, and races from Cape Charles to Hampton (finish line off Buckroe area) on Sunday, August 21. The most memorable legend of the Saturday night party at Bay Creek on the Eastern Shore still involves a male racer found soundly asleep and sans clothing in the ladies shower just before breakfast on Sunday. The documentation of the names involved remains sealed. So, if point-to-point racing, a great party, great awards, T-shirts, hats, and all kinds of regatta stuff tickle your fancy, the Cape Charles Cup is for you and your crew. For details contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663 or [CCCu@broadbaysailing.org](mailto:CCCu@broadbaysailing.org) or check out [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net) **The final cut-off date for entries is 1500 hours August 15th,** but you help organizers (Broad Bay Sailing Association) if you enter asap. Be part of CCC the legends!

**RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: He hollered what. . . ?** A more experienced helmsman hails "Starboard!" to a newbie, who although he is on starboard tack, is not sure of himself, and to avoid a crash tacks to port tack. A third skipper sees and hears the whole thing and protests. Can the 3rd boat protest? What should happen to the "big mouth"? What do you think? (*Answer follows in this issue of SBRNYCU.*) NOTE: This question and answer comes from *100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes* by Dave Perry.

**2011 ALBEMARLE HOSPICE REGATTA - August 6 - Pasquotank River in North Carolina.** This year's regatta is hosted by the [Pasquotank River Yacht Club](#) and participating sailboats will compete on a closed course on the Pasquotank River. The race is open to spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and cruising class sailors. The cruising class is a fun way for sailors to show their support for hospice care in North Carolina, even if they do not normally race. The regatta also hosts small boat classes for youth and adult sailors. Enter now. You can go to <http://www.albemarlehospiceregatta.com> for details on schedules and entry. Get on it - there is something here for every sailor and it's for a good cause, too!

**J24 fleet grows by one.** Good news for southern Bay J24 skippers, crew and wannabees. **Alan Bomar**, *roundabout*, has gotten his hands on a J24 that was owned by a Naval Officer over at Little Creek Amphib Base. Plans are to have *SQUEEZE* (as in *squeeze play*) up and out there by the end of this month.

**Broad Bay Sailing Association's 39th annual Richard B. Johnston Memorial Regatta will be held on July 30th** at the Old Dominion University Sailing Center. Richard raced a Mobjack and then a Shark Catamaran until he was disabled by cancer. He passed away in 1974. Regatta registration opens at 0800, competitors meeting at 1000, first start is at 1100. Place: ODU Sailing Center; Who: Hampton One-Design, Laser, Sunfish, and an open class; INFO: check out [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org)

**Those planning on doing the Cape Charles Cup (Aug 20-21)**, will find a ton of info on the destination, Cape Charles, Virginia, including the new **upgraded town docking** situation, in *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*, August 2011 issue, pages 19-25. Wendy Mitman Clarke and photographer Steve Earley show that Cape Charles "downtown" is a much improved, but still gracious, place.

**One last SCREWPILE note**: Many, many other southern Bay racers who skippered and crewed on "other than southern Bay" boats deserve kudos, too. *KUDOS! KUDOS!* Case in point: **John Dodge and his brother Scott** both sailed on *Yellowjacket*, winner of the PHRF A0 class. John is a well known friend of southern Bay sailing and is a former CBYRA President, Region IV (southern Bay) Vice President, and one of the founders of the Stingray Point Regatta hosted each Labor Day by Fishing Bay Yacht Club. He is Richmonder by geography and a southern Bay racer at heart. His roots are most definitely on our side of the Potomac.

**Racers love to have their pictures taken, especially while racing.** Sharon Green, a long standing, world famous racing photographer, offered advice recently to those wanting to be in the camera's eye. She said, at the Transpac Race skippers' meeting in Long Beach, *"When you see the helicopter, clean up the deck, look around, and put on your shirts."* (from *Scuttlebutt*, #3388, July 21, 2011)

**BEWARE OF E15 - BOATUS Warns Boaters of 15% Ethanol Fuel.** *The following is reprinted in part from Scuttlebutt, issue 3384, July 15, 2011.*

[BE CAREFUL, if you refuel your] trailered boat at your local gas station or minimart, which may soon offer a fuel, **E15 (or 15% ethanol), that is prohibited by the federal government for use in boat motors and violates engine manufacturer warranties.** EPA's recent debut of its proposed solution - **a small, orange label affixed to the gas pump titled "Attention"** - has only heightened the need for boaters to be vigilant, said the Alexandria, Virginia based association. "As this new fuel starts appearing at the local fuel pump, we see the real likelihood of putting the wrong fuel in your boat," said BoatUS Vice President of Government Affairs Margaret Podlich. "It could lead to costly engine or fuel system damage, and potentially leave you stranded out on the water with a disabled vessel, compromising your family's safety. When a boat's engine stops running, you can't pull over to the side of the road," added Podlich. Earlier this year, the EPA authorized the use of E15 in 2001 model year and newer motor vehicles. However, the agency did not authorize its use in marine engines or a range of off-road vehicles, tools and equipment. Currently, most boaters in the US have transitioned to E10 (10% ethanol), the maximum percentage of ethanol permitted in gasoline before most engine manufacturer warranties are voided. However, many boaters still go out of their way to find ethanol-free fuel. -- You can read more at <http://www.boatus.com/pressroom/release.asp?id=695>

#### **AUGUST RACING ON THE SOUTHERN CHESAPEAKE BAY:**

Aug 6 Admirals Cup - YRYC-SYC, Steve Bowen (757) 869-7830 or Chuck Eldred (757) 898-1025  
 Aug 6-7 Virginia Governor's Cup, Ware River YC, Clayton James (757) 941-5200 or Rick Klein (804) 693-5629  
 Aug 7 Founders Race - CCV, Bob Thomas (757) 898-9407  
 Aug 12 Plantation Light Race - (overnight-non-stop) - HYC, Bob Thomas (757) 898-9407  
 Aug 19-21 Hampton One Design Nationals - HYC, (757) 722-0711  
 Aug 20 Smith Point Race - FBYC, Jerry Latell, [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)  
 Aug 20 Couples Race - Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club (YPRCC), Warren Ryan, (804) 462-0022  
 Aug 20-21 Cape Charles Cup - (2 days mid-distance event, stopover between races) - BBSA, Scott Almond (757) 471-2663  
 Aug 28 Tom Brady Masters Race - HYC, John Blais (757) 357-0621

**47th Annual Virginia Governor's Cup Regatta and Sunfish Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship. August 6-7, Ware River Yacht Club, Gloucester, VA.** This is a long standing annual small boat regatta. Anticipated classes include Sunfish, Albacore, HOD, Buccaneer, Laser, Mobjack, Mutineer, 505, Flying Scot, Frontrunner, Moth, and others. Classes with fewer than 5 boats will be grouped in Portsmouth handicap system classes. For

info: contact, for pre-registration and general info, Clayton James (757) 941-5200, and race committee chair, Rick Klein (804) 693-5629. Or, click on [www.wareriveryachtclub.com](http://www.wareriveryachtclub.com)

**Answer to RR Quiz Question:** Yes, the 3rd boat can protest, IF she was involved in or saw the incident. Rule 60.1, Right to Protest, etc. permits a third boat to protest an incident involving other boats. And, about the accused: a boat that deliberately hails "Starboard" when she is on port tack has not acted in "compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play," according to a previously decided case. The pushy, "experienced" helmsman could be penalized under rule 2, Fair Sailing and, if applicable, his DSQ cannot be used as a throw-out in the series. NOTE: This question and answer comes from *100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes* by Dave Perry.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** The Romans set the Dog Days for around the middle of July. They figured that the heat from the Dog Star, rising then, gave off heat that combined with the heat from the Sun to make it so darned hot. *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is of the opinion that the past few weeks prove the theory. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

**RACEBOAT FOR SALE:** Fast and fun and a bargain! North America's former Hobie 33 champion "**Treaty of Ghent**" is for sale. Upgrades include Harken sail handling gear, nearly-new North Genoa's, Nexus networked instruments, new Tuff Luff and aluminum trailer (dunked 5 times). Strong 9.9 Yamaha OB. PHRF 96 performance for only \$17,500. Will (617-5084) or Jim (623-2628). (Advertisement)

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