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When you encounter **thin water** that is too thin, remember what author Don Bamford said: "*Only two sailors in my experience, never ran aground. One never left port and the other was an atrocious liar.*"

Sailboat racers are college football junkies too, and if you are an ODU or Campbell University fan and are doing the Dink Vail Regatta (Saturday, September 3), Norfolk Yacht and Country Club will allow you to tie up at their docks for the evening, pending available space. This is ODU's opening game, so hiking from NYCC along Hampton Boulevard may be a very good alternative to having to park a car.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND SOUTHERN BAY RACING OPTIONS:

**** STINGRAY POINT REGATTA** - Hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club - OPEN TO ALL. Begins the weekend on Friday, September 2, with a middle distance race that does not count in the final overall regatta standings. There will be drop mark courses racing on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4. Stingray Point traditionally leaves Monday for return delivery home and/or family Labor Day celebrations. There will be starts for PHRF Spin, PHRF Non Spin, J105, and Cruising with daily awards Friday and Saturday. On Sunday the class overall awards will be given along with the Brent Halsey Jr. Memorial Trophy and the Potts Southern Bay Challenge Cup. Get regatta and logistics details, points of contact, and entry info by going to stingraypointregatta.org. In addition to the racing, there will be a full slate of social activity: a poolside cocktail party Friday night, a buffet dinner and live entertainment; on Saturday racers will be served table side under the tent before daily awards and then enjoy a great band and dancing; and, on Sunday, there will be the appropriate Labor Day Weekend Cookout and final awards ceremony. A special reduced rate is offered on the Skippers Entry and Social Package, if entry is received prior to August 20. Various social packages are available at the website stingraypointregatta.org

**** DINK VAIL REGATTA - NOTE MAJOR CHANGE IN PREVIOUS YEARS RACE FORMAT.** Hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, on Saturday, September 3, 2011 - OPEN TO ALL. There are starts for all PHRF Classes (A, B,C, and NS) as well as a Cruising fleet. This is a sanctioned event which counts toward the BBSA Distance Racing Series and CBYRA high point standings. Organizers anticipate a 12 mile mid-distance race that starts and finishes in the vicinity of Norfolk Harbor Reach R"10". There is a welcome reception at 1830 on Friday at NY&CC - Sailing Instructions will be distributed. There is a 1600 time limit. Post-race festivities (reception and picnic buffet and awards presentation - \$10) begin at 1800. Entries are due by 1700, Thursday, September 1, 2011. You can enter on-line at www.norfolkyacht.com. The SI will be available at the Friday night skippers meeting and NYCC expects to put the Sailing Instructions at the website. **For information contact Richard Waters at (757) 489-0921.**

**** CBYRA Annapolis Race Week** - Hosted by CBYRA in Annapolis, September 3, 4, & 5, 2011. Three days of racing. For complete regatta information and registration go to www.cbyra.org/arw. Again this year the regatta parties and award presentations will be held under the big tent located at the Annapolis City Docks. Southern Bay racers planning to go should get their resses for accommodations and slips NOW! Deadline for entries is 1500, Friday, September 2.

COMING UP THIS COMING WEEKEND - Friday, Aug 19 - Sunday, Aug 21:

Hampton One-Design Nationals, Friday - Sunday at Hampton Yacht Club - HYC (757) 7220711

Cape Charles Cup, Saturday - Sunday - BBSA, Scott Almond (757)471-2663

Smith Point Race, Saturday - FBYC www.fbyc.net

Couples Race, Saturday - Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club, Warren Ryan (804) 462-0022 www.yprcc.org

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is keenly aware that it is already mid-August. The racing season is flying by. A good family friend, Bernie Moitessier once said, "Life is too short to splice wire rope." Bernie was right - don't waste time, get to racing while we can! Ahhhh-oooooooooh! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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