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SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings. Founded in April, 2000. Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, SAILING Magazine

WHITE BOAT WINS 2011 J/30 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP! Dave McConaughy, skipper, along with Tripp Behm, Jimmy and Ashley Haines, Chris Connors, Glenn Gates, Kenny Saylor, and Sue Kessler are the new J30 North American Champions! The J30 from Hampton strung together 3 bullets mid-regatta to capture the championship title at the three day event held in Annapolis over the weekend. White Boat beat 18 other boats for the class honors. The winning string was 6-4-1-1-1-8-8 for 29 total points, four ahead of the 2nd place finisher. They'll be home today - give 'em a kudos call!

CCV FALL SERIES - Twenty-one (21) racers, including Mike Veraldi, Quicky, and Leo Wardrup, Black Widow who came from as far away as Little Creek in Norfolk and Ben Weeks, Rumble from Yorktown, defied Mother Nature and the Weather Channel. They made the trip to Hampton Flats under the threat of 20-30 knot winds out of the Northeast. It was a bit lumpy on the race course, but the winds hung just under twenty and the rain stayed light and drizzly long enough for two races on opening day of the Series. And, it turned out that a couple of skippers signed on to crew in the C Fleet. Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian, crewed with Brendan Drinkwater on Brendan's Sonar 23, Sub-Surface and Chuck Monsees, Rockette, came up from Elizabeth City to crew with Pete Wallio on Not So Blue (J22). As is often the case, those who showed up had a great time. RESULTS: PHRF A (6 boats) - 1.David Eberwine, Sea Star (1-1); 2.John & Bev Blais, Stardancer (2-3); 3.Christian Schaumloffel, Mirage (4-2). PHRF B (7 boats) - 1.Rusty Burshell, Cool Change (1-2); 2.Dave Taylor, Wham Bam (4-1); 3.Bob Archer, Bad Habit (2-4). PHRF C (6 boats) - 1.Mike Veraldi, Quicky (2-1); 2.Pete Wallio, Not So Blue (1-4); 3.Justin Morris, The Hunter (4-2). PHRF Non Spin (2 boats) - Andy Armstrong, Virginia H bested Leo Wardrup's Black Widow in each of the races. Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy; Mark Boats - Bill Gibbings, Tom and Jane Fowler. The next CCV Fall Series event, Race #3, will be on October 2.

The Annual TRI-SERVICES RACE was cancelled Saturday due to high winds, soaking rain, and too choppy seas. A real kettle of messy conditions. Organizers are working on rescheduling the race. It will not be an easy task. Stay tuned through any of the armed services clubs, Old Point Comfort YC, Langley YC, or Norfolk Naval Sailing Association (the 2011 event chief organizer).

FBYC Fall Series - Racing moved into Fishing Bay proper on Saturday to avoid the horrible conditions at the mouth of the Piankatank. That worked just fine for 15 boats that finished two races and, from the results, had mirror finishes in each. RESULTS: PHRF A (5 boats) - 1.Sam Mitchener, Double Eagle (1-1); 2.David Clark, Corryvreckan (2-2); 3.Rob Whittet, Wavelength (3-3). PHRF B (5 boats) - 1.David Hinckle, Elancer (1-1); 2.Miles Booth, Shenanigan (2-2); 3.Eric Powers, Nerid (3-3). PHRF C (5 boats) - 1.Noel Clinard, Prophet (1-1); 2.Bob Fleck, Horizon (2-2); 3.Brad Miller, Schiehallion (3-3). Principal Race Officer -Tom O'Connell FBYC Fall Series continues next Saturday, September 24th. - www.fbyc.net

RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: A boat finishing hits the finish mark, crosses the finish line, and sails straight to the yacht club. No boat files a protest, but the Race Committee, who saw her hit the mark, scores her DSQ (disqualified). Has a rule been broken? (Answer follows in this issue of SBRNYCU.)

New face on the southern Bay collegiate racing scene - Guiditta (Judy) Di Laghi is a 19 year old freshman at Hampton University, where she plans to study architecture. Guiditta is a native of Genoa in Italy (the city of Cristoforo Colombo). She is sailing Laser Radial, is twice Italian youth champion and 14th at the worlds. She has sailed 420 and optimist. In a few days Guiditta is going to Annapolis for the MAISA Women Singlehanded Championship which is a qualifier for National ICSA in Chicago in November. Her dream is to be at Rio de Janeiro in 2016, at the Olympic Games with her Laser Radial.

<u>Collegiate Racing</u>: Southern Bay collegiate teams filled the awards platform, Old Dominion (1st), William and Mary (2nd), and Hampton U (3rd), at the <u>Edward Teach Memorial Regatta</u> hosted over the weekend by Hampton University. College sailors handled the rough and *WINDY* conditions with aplomb. Hampton U coach <u>Alessandro Ambrosi</u> commended the HU sailors who also helped with the actual race management of the event

and extended special thanks to Allen Kilgore for his support.

The **Albemarle Challenge Cup** drew 17 boats a weekend ago and **Pete Wallio** helmed an Olson 25 called *Newfie Dancer* to two first place finishes in the Spinnaker Fleet. Other fleet winners were: <u>Non-Spin A</u> - **Orson**, *Big Juan*;

Non-Spin B - Greg Duncan, Wild Thang; and, in the <u>Cruising Fleet</u> - Debrow, Sarah. Chuck Monsees found happiness on the foredeck he sez. Most racers in the Chesapeake Bay think of Chuck <u>driving</u> his J29, Rockette. (Note: Chuck and Pete teamed up yesterday in the CCV Fall Series, too.)

<u>Media Watch</u>: TODAY, September 19, 11am to Noon, on WAVY Channel 10: The Hampton Roads Show will feature a story about the Wednesday Night Races sponsored for so many years by HYC. The media went out on Graham Field's *Independence* for the film and to capture the essence of mid-week racing on the southern Bay. See how they did at 1100. And, did you notice the Fishing Bay Yacht Club team in the full page picture ad in *Sailing World* for the <u>Invitational Cup Qualifying Regatta?</u> FBYC made it to the 2010 qualifying series and that is when the picture was taken.

Dinghy up, Guys and Gals - this weekend is the 2011 HAMPTON ROADS SUNFISH CHALLENGE & DINGHY DISTANCE RACE - Saturday, September 24. Be among the dinghies of all stripes racing the 8 miles out of Willoughby Bay, along the big ship channel of the Elizabeth River, and hanging a left at the mouth of the Lafayette River to the finish line at the ODU Sailing Center. Supported by Portsmouth Boat Club, this is the third annual rendition of the event. It is well organized, great fun, and attended by folks from all over the Bay and far beyond. Go to http://mysite.verizon.net/vze12qukq for details and to register. contact event co-chairmen: Jonathan Romero and Rodney Paice at (757) 285-6017 or email romeroarms@cox.net

NEPTUNE'S ATLANTIC REGATTA - Saturday, October 1, 2011. "Big" boats will start from just North of Little Creek Inlet (Norfolk) to the finish line IN THE OCEAN off The Old Coast Guard Station at Atlantic Avenue and 24th Street. So, schedule-wise here is the deal: September 27th is the entry deadline; September 30th is the MANDATORY Skippers Meeting (1830) at the Raven Restaurant parking lot (12th and Atlantic at VAB); October 1st is the race (first flag at 0925) and the post-race party (1800) at the Old Coast Guard Station. This is a staggered start (aka pursuit race). There will be all PHRF fleets (spin as well as non-spin), and a cruising fleet (single headsail only, no spinnakers). This race coincides with Boardwalk Weekend of the VAB Neptune's Festival and is organized by BBSA. For info, big boat skippers contact: Scott Almond, (757) 471-2663 or racing@broadbaysailing.org

ALSO, BBSA (Broad Bay Sailing Association) is adding, for the first time this year, a "small" boats/dinghy regatta component to the Neptune. The dinghy regatta will be held off the oceanfront of Virginia Beach, also on October 1, 2011. The launch area is in Rudee Inlet. If conditions are too severe in the Ocean, an alternate site will be on Broad Bay. The post-race party will be at The Old Coast Guard Station with the big boat racers (see above). For information on the dingy regatta, including the Notice of Race and pre-registration, go to www.broadbaysailing.org or contact Greg Lanese dinghyracing@broadbaysailing.org

<u>Crowne Plaza, Hampton Marina.</u> The two-day seminar includes accommodations and meals - op-out of accommodations is available. Go to www.carib1500.com/seminar to get the details and to register. Contact: Julie Palm, World Cruising Club USA, at (757) 788-8872 or email juliepalm@worldcruising.com

Sailors' Vocabulary: MIZZEN - an object you cannot find. As in, "My GPS is mizzen and I can't find the boat!"

OCTOBER SOUTHERN BAY RACING CALENDAR: A *tankard of October* is a tankard of the best and strongest ale, brewed in October.

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Oct 1 Sat Neptune's Atlantic Regatta - Keel boats: Scott Almond (757) 471-2663; Dinghies: Greg Lanese (757) 425-0131
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Oct 15-16 Sat-Sun RRYC Rappahannock Cup

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Oct 15 Sat BBSA /Willoughby Racers Willoughby Memorial Regatta
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Oct 2 Sun CCV Fall Series, Race #3 - John McCarthy (757) 850-4225

Oct 2 Sun YRYC Frostbite Series begins,

Oct 2 Sun FBYC Fall Series - www.fbyc.net

Oct 5 Wed Octoberfest Wednesday Night Racing begins - Christian Schaumloffel (757) 496-3590

Oct 7-9 Fri-Sun HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA www.turkeyshootregatta.org

Oct 16 Sun CCV Fall Series, Races #4 and #5 - John McCarthy (757) 850-4225

Oct 22 Sat OPCYC Round the Lights Race - Steve Ritz (757) 218-2775) or Jeff Rogers (757) 449-2931

Oct 22 Sat FBYC Fall Series, www.fbyc.net

Oct 29 Sat FBYC Closing Day, www.fbyc.net

Oct 30 Sun HYC Frostbite Series opens - Dick Boykin, (757) 890-0093

Also THIS COMING WEEKEND (Sat, Sep 24 and Sun, Sep 25):

Saturday, Sep 24 - York River Yacht Club, YORK RIVER CUP - Steve Bowen (757)869-7830

Saturday, Sep 24 - Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Fall Series - www.fbyc.net

Saturday, Sep 24 - Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club, Fall Regatta, www.yprcc.org

Sunday, Sep 25 - Hampton Yacht Club, SINGLEHAND RACE - Marshall Findley (757) 722-0433

Answer to RR Quiz Question: Actually, two rules have been broken. First, the boat hit a mark of the course, thus breaking Rule 31 - Touching a Mark. She could have exonerated herself by getting clear, doing a one-turn penalty, and finishing again, but she didn't. (Rule 44.2) The Race Committee broke a rule (A5) by scoring her DSQ. A Race Committee never can score a boat DSQ. Only a Protest Committee can do that. The Race Committee could have protested the boat under Rule 60.3(a). Since the Race Committee did not protest and the boat did finish, the race Committee's only option is to score the boat where she finished.

MURPHY'S LAW: Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, has a sure-fire alternative to the often "over reaching" TV weather channels. It's called the <u>Murphometer.</u> If the Murphster's ears are not standing straight out, you ain't got near 20 knots! Put up the 'chute and let the Big Dawg bark! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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