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MERIDAN X and MIDNIGHT MISTRESS take firsts in fleets at Screwpile. The 12 southern Bay boats who raced at the 20th rendition of the mid-summer event in Solomons, Maryland, were treated to trademark SCREWPILE fare - racing, rum, and good times all around. The party began with check-in on Saturday (July 14th) and wound up Tuesday (17th) late afternoon with the final awards presentation. The gathering of 123 race entries included boats from the Chesapeake Bay and beyond, 30 of which were multihulls racing for Corsair championships. The racing on all three courses was challenging at times when the air went light to fluky. But, a substantial sea breeze hit for the last race of the last day and racers were treated to perfect conditions and a post-race spinnaker ride to the harbor. It turns out that the weather gods had been smiling on the regatta. The day **after** Screwpile, the temperatures soared to 100+ degrees. Two southern Bay boats won their fleets. **Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian X** (Farr 400) won the PHRF A0 two boat duel that was decided by the tie-breaker rule. **Pat and Jake Brodersen, Midnight Mistress** (C&C 35), won the PHRF Non-Spin class after battling for three days with southern Bay friend **Leo Wardrup, Black Widow** (Irwin 38), who finished 2nd in the 6 boat fleet. In the PHRF A1 fleet (14 boats), **Pete Hunter, Warriere** (Thompson 30), took 3rd place, **Sam Mitchener, Double Eagle** (J109) was 5th, and **Leroi Lissenden, Voodoo 2** (Tripp 38) finished 8th. In the 18 boat fleet PHRF B fleet, **Dennis Hannick, Goin'**, brought the Tripp 26 in 5th, and **Miles Booth, Shenanigan**, Tartan 10, was 15th. In PHRF C (10 boats), **Brad Miller's Schiehallion** (Beneteau 30), finished 8th, and in PHRF A2 **Rod Whittet and Steve Utley, Wavelength** (C&C 37), were 15th in the 19 boat fleet. In the J105 One-Design fleet (12 boats), **Dave Wilbar, Special K** finished 10th and **Mike Karn, Inevitable**, 12th. The dates for SCREWPILE 2013 are July 21, 22, and 23, 2013 (check-in on Saturday, July 20th). Mark it down!

Racing with "eyes to the skies" on Saturday in Hampton Roads, twenty-six (26) boats raced in the **HOMETOWNE REGATTA** sponsored each year by Portsmouth Boat Club. This was the first year for the regatta at its new July slot on the calendar, moved from the June Harborfest weekend. Weather prognosticators had predicted wet and stormy for the afternoon, and race officials were able to avoid thunder boomers by shortening the race on the course in a timely manner. The Garland Culpepper Perpetual Award for winning his class by the largest corrected time margin was awarded to **Bob Archer, Bad Habit** (Pearson Flyer) in the PHRF B fleet. RESULTS: PHRF A (4 boats) – 1.**Christian Schaumloffel, Mirage**; 2.**Phil Briggs, Feather**. PHRF B (3 boats) – 1.**Bob Archer, Bad Habit**; 2.**Graham Field, Independence**. PHRF C (4 boats) – 1.**Bumps Eberwine, Spray**; 2.**Ralph Edwards, Sorellina**. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats) – 1.**Walt Boatwright, Puff Card**; 2.**Louie Lewis, Incentive III**. Cruising Fleet (11 boats) – 1.**Joe Creecy, Anhinga**; 2.**Frank Hunt, Patriot**; 3.**Robert Burnell, Tempo**. Principal Race Officer – Larry Bryant.

Little Bay Challenge was bedeviled with thunder squalls and racer Dave Nichol said that there was “. . . so much rain with heavy wind that at times it was almost impossible to see.” **Bob Archer**, who has been doing the Little Bay Challenge since 1995, and the crew of *Bad Habit* sailed on through the rain and wind to win the fastest fleet out there. RESULTS: Red Fleet (8 boats) 1.**Bob Archer, Bad Habit**; 2.**Butch Patterson & Larry Boone, Schock Full o' Nuts**; 3.**Larry Bryant, Whisper**. White Fleet (8 boats) 1.**Walt Boatwright, Puff Card**; 2.**Graham Field, Independence**; 3.**Bumps Eberwine, Spray**. Blue Fleet (10 boats) 1.**Justin Morris, The Hunter**; 2.**Steve Ritz, Excelsior**; 3.**Dave Washbourne, Valcour**. Yellow Fleet (11 boats) 1.**Jeff Rogers, Halaha**; 2. **Viola**; 3. **Cliff Porter, Scoundrel**. Principal Race Officer – Scott Almond. In the points competition among Hampton Roads clubs and sailing associations, Hampton Yacht Club finished 1st, Old Point Comfort was 2nd, and Willoughby Racers (BBSA) was 3rd out of the 7 area groups who had boats participating. Overall LBC had 41 entries of which 37 raced and 28 finished. BBSA and PBC teamed up on this event, with BBSA handling the racing and PBC doing the party.

Deltaville Maritime Museum was devastated by fire last Wednesday, July 18th. Damage is extensive. Four main display rooms and the pavilion and all the boats under it were destroyed. Go to the Southside Sentinel website – http://www.ssentinel.com/index.php/news/article/fire_destroys_deltaville_maritime_museum/ - for details

on the fire and info on how to help the rebuilding effort. This museum has become a star of the southern Bay. Many remember the significant role the Museum and its supporters played in the highly acclaimed 2010 Optimist National Championship Regatta. Contributions may be sent to: Deltaville Maritime Museum, PO Box 466, Deltaville, VA 23043.

In the buff, Anna T. for ESPN, The Magazine. [From *Scuttlebutt*, #3629, Wednesday, July 12, 2012] Tunncliffe, the 2008 Olympic gold medalist in the Laser Radial and a favorite for the gold in Women's Match Racing in the upcoming London Olympics, was one of 27 athletes chosen to participate in the fourth edition of *ESPN the Magazine's* "The Body" issue. This annual issue has featured some of the world's top athletes in the buff, often with the appropriate sporting equipment providing enough cover that the magazine doesn't require with [sic] an R rating. Anna Tunncliffe Funk, married to Laser sailor Brad Funk, is the first sailor to be included in the series. <http://www.sailingworld.com/racing/olympic/naked-ambition>

MATCH RACE CHALLENGE 2012 – sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club, Saturday, July 28 – Sunday, July 29. The 2012 MRC is for J24s. Racing will be off the entrance to Hampton River. Spectator boats are welcome.

Roanoke Island Maritime Museum 12th ANNUAL ONE DESIGN REGATTA THIS SATURDAY, July 28, 2012. Boats are expected from Edenton, Elizabeth City, Winston-Salem and, of course, Roanoke Island (Manteo) and surrounds. **Open to Optimist, 420, Sunfish, Taz sailboats.** A youth and masters division, age 16 and older, will be run for the Sunfish fleet. The regatta is held on the Manteo waterfront in Shallowbag Bay. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. with the first race starting at noon. Entry fee of \$20 per boat includes one dinner and one t-shirt. Additional dinner tickets and t-shirts will be available for purchase. Awards will be presented to the top three boats in each class. This year's event is sponsored by the Front Porch Café, Oregon Inlet Billfish Round-Up, and the Town of Manteo. Special awards and door prizes will be provided by Gunboat, West Marine, Annapolis Performance Sailing, Ronstan, Sperry, and Ullman Sails. This is a great family event and a *regatta you can actually watch*. The deck of the Marshes Lighthouse is the perfect spot to cheer your favorite sailor. For info, Notice of Race, and entry form call the Museum at 252.475.1750, email: sailing@townofmanteo.com, or stop by the Museum at 104 Fernando, St. Manteo, NC. **Tell your friends you are racing in Shallowbag Bay this weekend! North Carolina's Outer Banks!**

Saturday, July 28th – Broad Bay Sailing Association offers at Old Dominion University Sailing Center their 2nd Annual Small Boat One-Design Regatta. For information, contact Cary Hardesty at (757) 575-6812 or email onedesign@broadbaysailing.org.

Before you know it – don't miss these southern Bay early August events:

** **Plantation Light Race**, sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club, the start is on Saturday, August 4th at 1900 (first warning). This is an overnight race from Hampton to Plantation Light at Cape Charles and return. Legends are made in this race . . . sometimes. A valid 2012 PHRF rating is required. There is no time limit, so not a good idea to schedule an early Sunday morning birding expedition in Williamsburg! For info and entry, please contact Bob Thomas at (757) 898-9407 or (757) 864-3913.

** **Admirals Cup Regatta**, sponsored by York River Yacht Club and Seaford Yacht Club, is on Saturday, August 4th. Enter before August 1st, if you can. Racers are invited to the Summer party at Seaford YC after the racing. For info, contact Dan Fox (YRYC) at (757-759-1967 or Chuck Eldred (SYC) at (757) 898-1025.

** **48th Annual Virginia Governor's Cup Regatta (Ware River Yacht Club, Gloucester, VA) on Saturday and Sunday, August 4 & 5.** This is a dinghy one-design regatta. Expected classes include Sunfish, Albacore, Hampton One-Design, Buccaneer, Laser, Mobjack, Mutineer, and Laser. There is also a Junior Regatta at the same site and date. Information and registration forms are available at www.wareriveryachtclub.com or, contact event chairman Clayton James at (757) 941-5200.

** **73rd FBYC Annual One Design Regatta** for dinghies and small keel boats. This will happen in Fishing Bay/Deltaville on August 11-12. This regatta is open to Albacores, Flying Scots, Front Runners, Hampton One-Designs, Lasers (Full and Radial), Optimists, Typhoons, and 420s. The East Coasts Championship for the San Juan 21 class will also be included. Other classes may be added (contact FBYC). For info, www.fbyc.net

** **CCV Founders Race**, one of the CCV High Point races, will run on Sunday, August 12th, of Ocean View (Willoughby Bank). Racers with *CCV Racing memberships* are entered automatically. All others should contact Bob Thomas at (757) 898-9407 for info and entry. There is racing for PHRF classes as well as Cruising class boats.

Heads-up for just over the horizon southern Bay events:

** Cape Charles Cup Aug 18-19 Norfolk to Cape Charles to Hampton BBSA keel boats,

racing and cruising fleets

** Stingray Point Regatta Aug 31-Sep 2 Labor Day Weekend in Deltaville FBYC keel boats,
racing and cruising fleets

** Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge & Dinghy Distance Race Sep 22 Willoughby Bay to Lafayette
River PBC Sunfish and other dinghies

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, noticed that at Screwpile during the lulls between breezes, racers made the most of swimming opportunities. It brings to mind words from a favorite sailing sage. Jimmy Buffett has opined that the best thing for an abrasion is to swim in saltwater, and, Margaritaville Man continues “. . .*saltwater is also good for the mental abrasions . . .*.” Just goes to prove, sailboats to race, saltwater to swim in, and rum to share are a powerful therapeutic elixir. The Murphster suggests a possible tax deduction based on the medicinal benefits of all summer regattas. Ah-oooooh! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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