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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 601**

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

**Yes, it was HOT , but so was the racing!** With constant breezes and not even a threat of a boomer, the **2012 HYC MATCH RACE CHALLENGE** had two great days of racing Saturday and Sunday in Hampton Roads harbor. Eight (8) J24s and their crews, one group from as far away as Red Bank, New Jersey, dived and danced with one another through 42 matches over 11 flights, i.e. sets of races. When all was said and done, the visitors from New Jersey, **Steve Lopez' Murder, Inc**, won the Challenge with an almost unblemished record. Their only misstep was in the second match of the championship round when *Murder, Inc* was assessed penalty points that allowed **Mike Veraldi's Quicky**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team, an additional race in a shot at the title. *Quicky* finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Hunter Davidson's Gray Ghost** took 3<sup>rd</sup> for the regatta. Each of the 8 boats racked up 10 or 11 races during the two day event. Match racing is fairly new in the southern Bay area and the J24 fleet took to it with gusto. Boats racing in the fully umpired regatta included (in addition to *Quicky* of Hampton and *Gray Ghost* from Fishing Bay) **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi** (Hampton, *Rocket J*), **Alan Bomar** (Williamsburg, *Roundabout*), **Maxwell Plarr** (Hampton, *Boomerang*), **Rodney Paice** (Portsmouth, *Chop Chop*), and **Greg Lanese** (Virginia Beach, *Vortex*). Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy; Mark Boats – Bill and David Gibbings and Dave Hamilton; and, Chief Umpire – Christine Accetella.

**This coming Saturday**, big boat racers have a choice of two southern Bay events. The long standing non-stop overnight race, **Plantation Light Race**, sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club, will start on Saturday evening, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Racers will start in Hampton Roads harbor, race to Plantation Light off Cape Charles, and return to Hampton. A current valid PHRF rating is required. For info and or entry contact Bob Thomas at 757-898-9407. Possible courses are pre-set. There is no time limit. During the daytime Saturday York River Yacht Club and Seaford Yacht Club will combine forces to offer the **Admiral's Cup Regatta**. The race starts and finishes at Thorofare "2", entrance to Back Creek. There is racing for PHRF and Cruising classes. Here too, the courses are pre-determined. For information please contact either Dan Fox (YRYC) 757-759-1962, or Chuck Eldred (SYC) 757-898-1025. Hurry – summer is passing by.

Join the **70+ already entered racers for the 2012 Cape Charles Cup weekend regatta, August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**. The deadline for entries is Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Enter now to have a picture of your boat in the event *Yearbook*. Check out [www.CCcup.net](http://www.CCcup.net) and/or contact Hank Giffin at 757 375 1491 for information or with questions. This is a great southern Bay event. PHRF fleets as well as Cruising and multihull fleets race from Little Creek (Norfolk) to Cape Charles on Saturday and from Cape Charles to Buckroe area (Hampton) on Sunday. There is a trademark party at Bay Creek Resort and Marina in Cape Charles. This is a summer happening sponsored by Broad Bay Sailing Association. Do not miss it!

The **Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge and Distance Dinghy Race** has a newly updated website - [www.hrsunfishrace.com](http://www.hrsunfishrace.com) – check out the new digs. Organizers have added a "Racers Page" to the site and racers are welcome to share any info, videos, or pics.

When racers approach the windward mark at the upcoming **CCV Founders Race on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**, they should remember that the skipper of **Voodoo 2, Leroi Lissenden, and crew have volunteered to sponsor hotdogs after the race.** Now, that ought to be worth a little bit of extra "kindness" in that 3-boat length zone!

The **Fishing Bay Yacht Club Team** leaves this week for the **Northeast Sonar Championships** in Falmouth, MA, this coming weekend, August 4-5. From there they will go to the **Sonar North Americans** in Rochester, NY, in late August. This is leading up to the **New York Yacht Club US Qualifying Series** to be sailed the week after Labor Day. Members of the FBYC Team are **Blake Kimbrough** (skipper), **John Wake** (tactician), and **Matt Braun**. If they are successful in the NYYC USUS Regatta, FBYC will sail in the very prestigious NYYC Invitational Cup.

**FREE at THE MARINERS' MUSEUM - *The Finest Hours: The True Story Behind the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue*, presented by Michael Tougias THIS Wednesday, August 1, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.** In the winter of 1952, New England was battered by the most brutal nor'easter in years. As the weather wreaked havoc on land, the freezing Atlantic became a wind-whipped zone of peril. One mile off the coast of Cape Cod, the 500-foot oil tanker, *Pendleton*, split in half. At the same time, twenty miles away, another tanker, the *Fort Mercer*, also broke in half. On both tankers, men were trapped in the severed bow and stern pieces as they sank in 60-foot seas, setting the stage for one of the most heroic rescue stories ever lived. Join award-winning author Michael Tougias as he recounts the gripping attempt to rescue the souls huddling inside the broken halves, vividly described in his book, *The Finest Hours*. Battling high waves, blinding snow, and one of the most dangerous shoals in the world, Coast Guardsmen were able to save 70 of the 84 crewmen. Described as "Saving Private Ryan meets *The Perfect Storm*," *The Finest Hours* is being made into a major motion picture by the Disney Corporation. Michael Tougias is the author of 19 books, many on maritime disasters, including *Overboard* (2011) and *Fatal Forecast* (2009). This lecture has been funded, in part, by the Hunnicutt Lecture Fund. Lectures in the summer series are free to everyone. Reserved seating is offered for TMM Members only. Members are encouraged to call (757) 591-7751 or e-mail [lectures@MarinersMuseum.org](mailto:lectures@MarinersMuseum.org) for seats.

### **HOT AUGUST NIGHTS [and days] bring great summer sailing!**

Aug 4 Saturday	Plantation Light Race (start)	HYC, Bob Thomas (757) 898-9407
Aug 4 Saturday	Admirals Cup	YRYC-SYC, Dan Fox (757)759-1967 Chuck Eldred (757) 898-1025
Aug 4-5 Sat – Sun	Annual Virginia Governor's Cup	WRYC, Clayton James (757) 941-5200
Aug 4 Saturday	Albemarle Hospice Regatta	
Aug 11-12 Sat-Sun	Annual One-Design Regatta	FBYC. <a href="http://www.fbyc.net">www.fbyc.net</a>
Aug 12 Sunday	CCV Founders Race	CCV, Bob Thomas (757) 898-9407
Aug 18-19 Sat-Sun	CAPE CHARLES CUP	BBSA, Hank Giffin (757) 375-1491
Aug 18 Saturday	Smith Point Race	FBYC, <a href="http://www.fbyc.net">www.fbyc.net</a>
Aug 18 Saturday	Couples Race	YPRCC
Aug 24 Friday	Friday Night Fall Racing	NY&CC
Aug 26 Sunday	Tom Brady Masters Race	HYC, John Blais (757) 357-0621

Aug 29 Wednesday      Fall Wed Night Racing      YPRCC  
Aug 31 – Sep 2      STINGRAY POINT REGATTA      FBYC, Dave Hinckle (804) 370-7650  
Sep 1 – Sep 3      ANNAPOLIS RACE WEEK      CBYRA  
Sep 3 Monday      *LABOR DAY HOLIDAY*

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly the Racing Beagle*, thinks it's fine that Olympian Anna Tunnicliffe is featured in the sports magazine "body issue". But, what about the Murphster? There would be no risk of "R" ratings for photos of this svelte *Racing Beagle* since nude is not a dilemma. Maybe next year. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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