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TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA 2012 is in the books. William McClure sailed his San Juan sloop, THISTLEDOWNE, to a berth at the [National Hospice Regatta Alliance Championship](#) at St Petersburg, this coming Spring, April 13-14, 2013. Bill is one of 84 racers who had a bucket of fun racing for two days while supporting local sponsoring hospices. The Turkey Shoot, hosted by and at Karen and Ken Knull's "Best on the Bay" award winning Yankee Point Marina, enjoyed a picture perfect day on Saturday. The racing on the Rappahannock River off the Corrotoman and Carter Creek area featured steady breezes in the low to mid-teens. It was only at the end of the race that the building breezes gave an indication of what was to come. Rainy skies and dipping temperatures, but still great sailing wind, were the order of the day on Sunday for the traditional staggered start pursuit race. The hardy Turkey Shoot-ers tore down the river toward the bridge and then up the river toward Urbanna, before heading back to the mouth of the Corrotoman and the finish line. Both days, the tall ship, *Godspeed*, played among the fleet and sailed, yes, sailed, all day long with her "smaller friends". It was quite a demonstration of seamanship, fitting for a Christopher Columbus Day tribute. After the racing music was played, food and drink partaken, and plenty of sea stories exchanged under the regatta tent. Here are the award winners: LIGHTNING DIVISION, Fleet A (5 boats): William McClure (Troy, VA) *Thistledowne*. FLYING CLOUD A DIVISION (42 boats), Overall Winner and Winner of Fleet C: Peter Knight (Lancaster, VA), *Salute*; D Fleet and Winner of the Wooden Boat competition: Ric and Sharon Bauer (Aylett, VA), *Desperado*; E Fleet: Joran Gendell (Williamsburg, VA), *Elixir*; F Fleet: Deidre McSweeney-Tyson (Irvington, VA), *Curlew III*. FLYING CLOUD B DIVISION (37 boats), Overall Winner and Winner of G Fleet: Frank Murphy (Norfolk, VA), *Last Boat III*; H Fleet: Mike Conroy (Weems, VA), *Cahoots*; I Fleet and winner of the Most Beautiful Boat Trophy: Mark Powell (Richmond, VA) *Lodestone*; and, J Fleet: Tom Watkins (Irvington, VA), *Dolce*. Event Chairperson: Karen Knull; Principal Race Officer: John McCarthy; Signal Boat: Mike Thompson; Mark Boats: Tommy Ash, Ed McChain, and Jim Young; Official Scorer: Anna Mulvany. Complete results are at www.turkeyshootregatta.com **Dates for Turkey Shoot 2013 are October 11th (Friday opening social), 12th, and 13th, 2013.**

Barney Harris and crew Dave Byron were crowned ALBACORE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS yesterday after three days of racing in Hampton Roads. The 2012 class nationals were hosted by Hampton Yacht Club this past weekend. Eighteen (18) boats got in three races each day (Sat-Mon) and beat the heavy, heavy rains yesterday afternoon. The **Harris – Byron** team won the fleet with a string of 1-1-1-4-1-[7]-1-1-2. Finishing 2nd overall were **Marty Hublitz and Steve Swenson**, only 3 points out of first, followed by **Marty Minot and Jordan Minot** in 3rd overall. Race Officers: Brian Deibler and Gary Bodie; Official Scorer: John Ritter.

Tom Bernard, who some time ago made a significant mark on the southern Bay PHRF C fleet in his S2, *Coup de Vent*, was back in Hampton Roads this weekend sailing his Albacore in the class nationals. Tom now makes his home in Gloucester.

Southern Bay collegiate teams, Old Dominion, Christopher Newport, and UVA, join George Washington, Georgetown and St. Mary's as qualifiers for the [Fall MAISA Championship War Memorial](#)

Regatta at Kings Point. This past weekend at the Tom Curtis Memorial Regatta in DC, the CNU A Division team of skipper **Ben Buhl** and crew **Amy Craven** finished 2nd overall, behind last year national champions Georgetown, to help put CNU in the upcoming War Regatta.

CHESAPEAKE BAY LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS – this coming Saturday, October 13th – Sunday, October 14th, at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville, VA. Register on line at www.fbyc.net or call Event Chairman Jon Deutsch at 804-305-1244

Round the Lights Race, the annual fall trek around two lighthouses, Thimble Shoal and Middle Ground, is coming up on Saturday, October 20th. This is a great chance for day sailing navigators to brush up on their current reading and wind predicting skills. Racers get to pick which light they round first and there in lies the challenge. And, this is a staggered start race, with the slower boats starting first and the faster boats last. The handicaps are figured in at the start, instead of, as is usual, after the finish. Theoretically, therefore, all the boats should finish at the same time. A simultaneous finish has yet to happened, but there will be a number of racers who will try again in a couple of weeks to prove the theory. The race starts and finishes in Mill Creek at the Old Point Comfort Marina docks. Entries are being accepted now, and those received by 1700, October 13th, avoid the \$5 late fee. So, roll out the charts, charge up the GPS, or find that old placemat from the seafood restaurant – it's time to get ready for the Round the Lights Race! This event is administered by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club. For additional info, please contact Jeff Rogers at 757-449-2931 or Bob Williamson at 757-489-8991.

Rappahannock River Yacht Club offers the **RRYC Commodores Cup** this coming weekend on Saturday, October 13th. Go to www.rryc.org for info.

CCV FALL SERIES wraps up Sunday, October 14th. Races 4 and 5 in Hampton Roads harbor. CCV *racing* members are entered automatically; all others must enter no later than Saturday, Oct 13th. For info, contact John McCarthy, 757-850-4225. This is the final race day that counts in the 2012 CCV High Point standings. CCV High Point Awards will be presented at the annual CCV Awards Party and Year End Bash on November 10th at Hampton Yacht Club.

Dink Vail Regatta, scheduled for Sunday, Oct 7, was cancelled.

Christopher Newport Sailing Foundation presents the **Alumni Regatta Oyster Roast** at the CNU Sailing Center Homecoming Weekend: November 3, 2012, 6:00PM-11:00PM Oyster Roast (Dinner Only) \$35 Student (Dinner Only) \$25 Two-Day Regatta/Oyster Roast/ Event Tee-Shirt \$50. **Two-Day Regatta Skipper & Crew Discount- \$75 All proceeds benefit the Christopher Newport Sailing Team. For more information or register call (610)417-5529** Plan ahead and let the "O.P.s" (Oyster Procurers) know you are coming.

MURPHY'S LAW: Richard Henry Dana could have been sailing on the southern Bay yesterday when he said, ". . . we had an abundance of what is worse [than snow and hail] to a sailor in cold weather – drenching rain. Snow is blinding, and very bad when coming upon a coast, but for genuine discomfort, give me rain with freezing weather." YrsTruly, the *Racing Beagle*, knows the conditions were not all that bad. . . it could have been colder! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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