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'ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE. JONATHAN finishes first in particularly vexing 2012 'Round the Lights Race. Of the 41 boats racing Saturday (2 did not start), only 4 chose to turn right out of Mill Creek, heading into the harbor toward Middle Ground Light before going for Thimble Shoal Light in the Bay. Pin a rose on these four: *Jonathan* (**Bill Gibbings'** New York 36), *Margarita* (**Harry Tenney's** Roberts 43), *Mirage* (**Christian Schaumloffel's** Hobie 33), and *Boogity 3* (**CT Tiller's**, J27) went both to the right and the right way first. They all finished about an hour and a half before the first of the boats who went the wrong way. **Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran's** J29, *Rumble*, led the pack of 37 who chose to sail to Thimble Shoal first. Only 14 of the "misguided 37" were able to finish at all. It did not matter that so many chose the wrong direction, there was still plenty of champagne and pizza at the post-race party! The 'Round the Lights Race is a pursuit race where the slower boats start first and the faster last, in reverse order of their PHRF handicap ratings. The order of finish determines the final standings. That said, *Jonathan*, *Margarita*, and *Mirage*, as stated above, were 1st through 3rd respectively. *Boogity* was 4th overall and 1st in the PHRF Non-Spin Fleet. *Jonathan* and *Margarita* were also 1st and 2nd in the PHRF B fleet. *Rumble* was 5th overall and 3rd in PHRF B. *Mirage* was the only PHRF A boat to finish. **Neil Ford/Lis Biondi's** *Rocket J*, J24, was 7th overall and the first PHRF C fleet boat to finish ahead of fellow C fleet-ers, *Halaha*, **Jeff Rogers** (9th overall) followed by *The Hunter*, **Justin Morris** (10th overall). *Melantho*, **Tom Clayton**, was 11th overall and the 2nd PHRF Non-Spin boat followed in fleet by *Base Runner*, **Larry Baun**, (16th overall). Only two Cruising fleet boats finished – *Mortar Offer*, **Kent Utley**, in 15th overall and *Patriot*, 17th overall. Event chairman: Jeff Rogers. Complete results are available at the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club website www.opcyc.org

CCV Fall Series. Racing for this Series, spread over 3 Fall Sundays, concluded with familiar names in the top spots. The final day of the series was abandoned for two of the four fleets due to a sudden and unexpected total lack of wind (mid-race) plus an exuberance of unopposed current. Boats drifting aimlessly, some backwards, on the course, is never a pretty sight. The Fall Series races constitute part of the Cruising Club of Virginia High Point standings, Spring Series, Founders Race, Sunday of SBRW, and the Moonlight Triangle making up the rest. The High Point winners will be announced and trophies presented at the annual CCV Awards Party and Year End Bash on Saturday, November 10th, hosted this year at Hampton Yacht Club. (For info on the party, resses and cost, contact Steve Taylor at 757.722.7861). FALL SERIES RESULTS: PHRF A (12 boats) – 1.**Dave Eberwine**, *Sea Star* (J36); 2.**Phil Briggs**, *Feather* (J36); 3.**John & Bev Blais**, *Stardancer* (Beneteau 36.7). PHRF B (14 boats) – 1.**Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran**, *Rumble* (J29); 2.**Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change* (J30); 3.**Greg and Carie Cutter**, *Gremlin* (Elliott 770). PHRF C (17 boats) – 1.**Bumps Eberwine**, *Spray* (Olson 25); 2.**Alan Bomar**, *Roundabout* (J24); 3.**Pete Wallio**, *Not So Blue* (J22). PHRF Non-Spin (6 boats) – 1.**Louie Lewis**, *Incentive III* (O'Day 34); 2.**Leo Wardrup**, *Black Widow* (Irwin 38). Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy; Official Scorer – John Ritter; Mark Boats – Bill and Dave Gibbings, Dave Hamilton, and Tom Fowler.

ALL PHRF RACERS – IMPORTANT DATE, November 17, 2012, Annual PHRF of the Chesapeake Meeting in Fredericksburg, VA, at the Hilton Garden Inn. There are proposals on the table: 1. Fleet Splits (includes changes to Region 4 (Southern Bay) *NORTH* Division A and B fleet splits); 2.Revision to lifeline

requirements; 3.Changes to asymmetrical spinnaker limitations; 4. Election of officers (Steve Taylor is nominated as Region IV VP and Bob Thomas as Secretary/Treasurer); and, 5. Appointments by the 2013 president, including to both Chief Handicappers for Northern and Southern Bay. Go to www.phrfchesbay.com for info and to let the organization planners know you are coming. If you want to present proposals or counter-proposals, please call the current president, Mike Dale at 804-353-0452.

FBYC Fall Series. The Series wrapped up with two final races on Sunday, bringing the total to 10. The two FBYC J109s, led the way in the PHRF A fleet, only 3 points apart in the final standings, while the winners of PHRF B and PHRF C had larger margins of victory. OVERALL RESULTS: PHRF A (9 boats) 1.**Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*; 2.**Sam Mitchener**, *Double Eagle*; 3.**Rob Whittet and Steve Utley**, *Wavelength*. PHRF B (8 boats) 1.**Dennis Hannick**, *Goin'*; 2.**Miles Booth**, *Shenanigan*; 3.**Noel Clinard**, *Loonatictu*. PHRF C (6 boats) 1.**Bob Fleck**, *Horizon*; 2.**Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion*; 3.**Denton Roberts**, *Ardent*. Complete standings and individual race results are available at www.fbyc.net

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE SEMIFINALS coming to Hampton Roads, April 27-28, 2013!!! Hampton University and Old Dominion University will host the event. There is promise of ESPN coverage. ODU Head Coach Mitch Brindley, also President of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA), and HU head coach Alessandro Ambrosi deserve huge kudos from bringing such a prestigious event to the southern Bay. As many as 36 colleges and universities are likely to be involved in the regatta, racing for the national title. Usually somewhere around 400 people – coaches, racers, equipment managers, race management officials, etc - are involved directly, along with countless event support staff and volunteers. And, don't forget the spectators! Stay tuned – developments as they occur.

505 Plane Insane Regatta – Southern Bay 505 racer **Tyler Moore** (HYC) finished 4th in the Plane Insane racing in Annapolis this weekend. Fourteen teams got in 5 races.

On **THIS WEDNESDAY, October 24, at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, join Gary Jobson**, world-class sailor, television commentator, editor and author, as he shares his insight into the America's Cup and his passion for sailing. Jobson will present a talk entitled: *Sailing: Speed and Passion*. **The event is free to the public. Reservations are highly recommended as seating is limited.** Doors open at 6:15pm; there will be a reception to follow with a cash bar. The Mariners' Museum members may make reservations by calling **757-591-7751**. General Admission seating is available for non-members the evening of the event. For more information, call 757-591-7751, or visit www.MarinersMuseum.org.

Heads-up! Southern Chesapeake Bay yacht clubs, sailing associations, and events officials have begun work on the **2013 schedule** for "big boats". For info contact Lin McCarthy, CBYRA Reg 4 (Southern Bay) Scheduler at 757-850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net

MURPHY'S LAW: This weekend *Yrs Truly the Racing Beagle*, along with other racers, witnessed a legendary battle of Flotsam vs Jetsam. Flotsam is "...wreckage of a ship and its cargo found floating in the water...." Jetsam is "...goods cast overboard deliberately, as to lighten a vessel....". So, when our frustrated skipper [of the flotsam], while drifting in the vicinity of the Round the Lights Mill Creek finish line, suggested a certain four-legged crew dog paddle to shore, the soon to be jetsam, aka the *Murphster*, applied a well placed nip our leader's posterior. Jetsam – 1, Flotsam – 0. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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