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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #642**

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### **IT's MEMORIAL DAY – THANK YOU, VETERANS!**

**DOWN THE BAY RACE boats blast down the Bay and IRIE blasts the old “first to finish” record. Greg Alden's** TransPac 52, *Irie*, came down the Bay in a hurry Friday, covering the 120 mile distance in 7 hours, 2 minutes, and 32 seconds. That's faster than a well driven SUV in holiday traffic on route 301. *Irie* and 6 other boats crushed, i.e. finished the race in under 12 hours, the record of “approximately 13 hours” that has stood since 1974. Record crushers (elapsed times) from the southern Bay, were **Sledd Shelhorse** (HYC), *Meridian X*, Farr 400 (09:03:39); **Gene Thayer** (HYC), *Pterodactyl*, Evelyn 42 (10:38:58); and, **Christian Schaumluffel** (HYC), *Mirage*, Hobie 33 (10:58:31). The **VIRGINIA CRUISING CUP** is awarded based on *PHRF corrected times*, as are the overall standings for DTB. *Mirage*, **Christian Schaumluffel (HYC) won the Cup** and the PHRF A2 fleet with a corrected time of 07:46:31. Second overall and winner of the PHRF C fleet, were **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi** (HYC) in *Rocket J* ( 08:10:26). Third overall and second in the PHRF A2 fleet was **Jim Bordeaux** (YRYC), *Solstice*, J40. Southern Bay racers who also won their fleets were: **Bob Fleck** (FBYC) PHRF B and 8<sup>th</sup> overall; **Jim Forrester** (NY&CC), PHRF Non-Spin, and 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Conditions on the Bay Friday were tough the length of the 120 mile race, gusts to 30 and very cold air temps,. Of the 31 boats that started in Annapolis Friday morning, 28 finished, with two retiring midway in the race and one very near the finish due to gear failures. Seamanship and well prepared boats met the test Chessie handed out. The Down the Bay Race was first run in 1934, 79 years ago, and this was the 64<sup>th</sup> time the race has been held. Hampton Yacht Club and Storm Trysail Chesapeake cooperate on the event, Principal Race Officer and Finish Line – John McCarthy; Starting Line Race Officer - Dick Nevill; Co-event Managers – Chauncey Wu (HYC) and Bill Sandberg (STC). For detailed scoring report, click on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

**SBRW - minus 4 days'til the action begins! Y'all come racin'! Opening night welcome and check-in – Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Racing and partying Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are already entered**, please check the event website Scratch Sheet to be sure your information (rating, boat name, *your* name, hometown, etc) is correct. If there is any problem, please call 757-850-4225 – speak to Lin or email her with concerns at [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) **It's not too late to enter – you'll have a good time!** For details and entry info, [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com) or call 757-850-4225.

Don't forget, hard on the heels of SBRW:

- Harborfest (Norfolk) June 6-9
- Single Handed Race June 8 RRYC
- Double Handed Race June 9 HYC, Rich Wilcox (757) 773-6292
- Cock Island Race June 14-15 PBC, 757-399-7980
- FATHERS DAY June 16

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has already checked out the SBRW scratch sheet. Now, the task of the day is to find a copy of the regatta headquarters site plan –I'm setting GPS waypoints for the brew trucks, Dark 'n' Stormy tiki bar, bands location, T-shirt vendor, and, oh, yeah, our boat's dock location. Ahhhhhooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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