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HAMPTON ANNUAL MIDDLE GROUND LIGHT RACE is THIS SATURDAY (Sat, Sept 7th) – racing in Hampton Roads Harbor. Entry deadline is Friday, September 6th. The actual course will be posted on the race committee signal boat. HOWEVER, one mark of the posted course will be Middle Ground Lighthouse. There is racing for all PHRF classes as well as a Cruising fleet. The first warning is scheduled for 1030 (10:30am). There will be post-race CRABS and BEER on the HYC dock. And, also going on within an easy walk of HYC are Bay Days festivities, including fireworks. Trophies for this event will be presented at the HYC Annual Awards Night on December 3rd. For information and/or to enter, please contact John McCarthy at 757-850-4225. NOR available at www.hamptonyc.com click on “2013 HYC Sponsored Keelboat Racing Events” (right column).

King Neptune sends word that he is **extending until THIS COMING FRIDAY, Sept 6th, the “early bird” \$15 discount on entries** for the annual **NEPTUNE’S ATLANTIC REGATTA** (Saturday, September 28th). This is the only southern Bay big boat race that *finishes in the Atlantic Ocean off the Virginia Beach Ocean Front*. Other things racers should know about this race: Skippers' meeting/party at The Raven (Atlantic Ave, VAB) on Friday night; race starts off Little Creek and finishes off of 24th Street at Virginia Beach; *complimentary docking* in Rudee Inlet for the racers; private catered post-race party at the Old Coast Guard Station in front of the 24th Street Stage during the Neptune Festival's Boardwalk Weekend where former lead singer of Bad Company will be performing and Fireworks show off the beach. All good stuff! Entries are due by 1500 on September 24th (early bird discount expires after Sept 6th)– ON-LINE entry is available. For details on the event and to enter, click on www.broadbaysailing.org or contact event chairman Jerry Pattenaude at (757) 543-3029.

Thirty-four (34) boats, skippers and crews went out to enjoy the beautiful racing conditions and all the accoutrements of the **STINGRAY POINT REGATTA** hosted by Fishing Bay YC this past weekend. After a Friday “tune-up” race for those who were arrived in Deltaville early on Friday (14 boats), the Stingray Point Regatta got down to business. Principal Race Officer, Mike Karn, got in five races over Saturday and Sunday for the 5 PHRF fleets. **RESULTS: PHRF A0 (5 boats): 1. Pete Hunter, Wairere; 2. Leroi Lissenden, Voodoo 2; 3. Craig Wright, Afterthought. PHRF A1 (8 boats): 1. Bob Mosby, Cyrano; 2. Phil Briggs, Feather; 3. Rob Whittet & Steve Utley, Wavelength. PHRF B (8 boats): 1. Bob Fleck, Mad Hatter; 2. Bob Archer, Bad Habit; 3. Dennis Hannick, Goin’. PHRF C (6 boats): 1. Paul Wash, Cheeky Monkey; 2. Sam Marshall, Play It Again; 3. Hunter Davidson, Grey Ghost. PHRF Non-Spin (6 boats): 1. Mike Dale, Juggernaut; 2. Ric Bauer, Desperado; 3. Dick Cole, Nutcracker.** Only one boat, **Jonathan Moody, Mood Sway**, sailed in the Cruising classification. Special recognition went to **Mike Dale and the Juggernaut crew**. They turned in a string of 1-1-2-1-1 in the Non-Spin Fleet to earn the **Brent Halsey Memorial Award** for best performance at the regatta. Also, the **Potts Trophy**, which has become the symbol of a long standing, friendly rivalry between FBYC and Hampton Yacht Club, was returned to Hampton. The HYC boats winning the trophy back in this special competition-within-a-competition were **Voodoo 2 (Leroi Lissenden), Cyrano (Bob Mosby), and Bad Habit (Bob Archer)**. Complete results are available at the FBYC website – click on the event.

DINK VAIL REGATTA provided a good option of Hampton Roads racers who stayed close to home over the holiday weekend. Norfolk Yacht & Country Club played host to 13 boats who competed in a race in the harbor between the two tunnel complexes – HRBT and the M&M. Fleet Winners were: PHRF A – **Dixon Wilde**, *Kingfisher*; PHRF B - **Harry Tenny**, *Margarita*; PHRF NonSpin – **Leo Wardrup**, *Black Widow*; Cruising– **Jim Forrester**, *Anjalei*. Each of the fleets had 3 boats, except that only one PHRF C boat, *Rocket J* (**Forrest**) was on the course.

Crew Kudos. The thing about doing out of town regattas is the L-O-G-I-S-T-I-C-S, i.e. mainly how do we get the boat there?? On the southern Bay, often it boils down to who among the crew can devote the time to delivering the boat. Work schedules can be and often are obstacles for crew members. So, when **Steve Omsbee** said he would take *Bad Habit*, Pearson Flyer (owned and skippered by Bob Archer) from Hampton to Fishing Bay for the Labor Day weekend regatta, he was signing on to go alone. Usually the 50 mile trip is not too daunting. However, when Steve, and only Steve, left the dock in Hampton at dawn on Thursday, the Bay was serious-lumpy and the wind stayed on the nose at around 20knts. It took Steve 12 hours in the adverse conditions to get the boat to the dock on Jackson Creek. So, here is an example of crew member giving his all for The Boat, even before the racing began. Note to racers, “Thank those who deliver!”

The most noticeable presence of southern Bay racers at **CBYRA Annapolis Race Week** was in the 28 boat J70 one design fleet. Over three days of racing, **Blake Kimbrough (FBYC) finished 7th overall** in a highly competitive fleet. Also, racing their J70s in Annapolis over the Labor Day Weekend were Ron Thompson (HYC) – 18th overall, and Drake Johnstone (FBYC) – 21st overall. For complete results go to the CBYRA website and click on the event and follow the prompts.

Kudos are in order. **Albacore racer Barney Harris** is a familiar face on the southern Bay, particularly in Hampton Roads. This past June, Barney handily won the Albacore Nationals hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. In August, Barney Harris and crew **David Byron** won the **Albacore Internationals** hosted by South Caernarvonshire YC in Abersoch, Wales. And, along the way the dynamic duo took first in the **UK Nationals**, which was combined as the first 6 races of the 10 race International championship. For an interesting account of the regatta, including info on the other North American teams there, click on <http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/171780/Albacore-Internationals-at-Abersoch-overall>

CHESAPEAKE BAY LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA. September 7-8, 2013. Register now and be sure not to miss the great sailing and Alain's crabcake dinner. **Luke Shingledecker** is coming and is sailing his first Masters regatta! **David Hazlehurst**, former event chair and FBYC Laser Fleet Captain, plans to attend the regatta dinner. Sailors are coming from SSA, Deep Creek, PRSA, FBYC, places in North Carolina and beyond. The pool will be open. For more information to join the fun see: <http://laserdistrict11.org/events/?e=511> or www.fbyc.net

HAMPTON ROADS SUNFISH CHALLENGE & DINGHY DISTANCE RACE chairman Jonathan Romero says the event is set to go on **Saturday, September 21st**. The course will be from the Willoughby Harbor Marina seawall to Middle Ground Lighthouse and back; this is a change from previous years. The official Notice of Race is available at the event website – www.hrsunfishrace.com – as well as an official entry form and on-line registration format. Contact Jonathan at (757) 285-6017 NOR lists Mill Creek Boat Club as Organizing Authority.

Cape Charles Cup action was captured by event photographer Dave Baxter. Check it out at <http://www.dbaxterphotography.com/Galleries/Pages/CapeCharlesRace2013.html>

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, wonders what the racers of the future will think about sailboat racing when they open the time capsule and find the results of the 2013 Stingray Point Regatta. Our regional scorer, Tom Roberts, noted some of the boat names listed: *Bad Cat*, *Bad Habit*, and *Bad Dog* for starters. And, then of course, there is *Loose Cannon*, *Loonatic*, *Mad Hatter*, *Cheeky Monkey*, *Desperado*, and *Nutcracker*. And, for the supernatural, *Grey Ghost*, *Mirage*, and *Voodoo 2*. Sounds like a roller derby team listing! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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