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In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue. . . and most of us are pretty darned glad he did! Happy Columbus Day Holiday!

TURKEY SHOOT Thumbs Nose at Old Man Bad Weather. The 2013 Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta was in a new location this year, Rappahannock River Yacht Club having taken over regatta hosting chores and Irvington becoming the center of shore side activities. The weather gods pumped ridiculous amounts of rain and damp breezes on the weekend racing making it tough to maintain Pollyanna-cheer. However, 71 gritty skippers and crew took their boats racing on Saturday and 33 returned for the Sunday pursuit race. When all was said and done, the **overall winner of the regatta was Bob Fleck in Mad Hatter**. By virtue of his win, Bob will be invited to represent the Turkey Shoot at the National Hospice Alliance Championship Regatta to be held in St Petersburg, Florida, this coming Spring (2014). The TSR fleet was divided by handicaps into 9 fleets for racing and the winner of those fleets were: Fleet 1 (5 boats) – Bob Fleck, Mad Hatter (overall regatta winner); Fleet 2 (6 boats) – Wayland Rennie, Trilogy; Fleet 3 (8 boats)- Sam Marshall, Play It Again; Fleet 4 (5 boats) – Joran & Lynn Gendell, Elixir; Fleet 5 (5 boats)– Deidre McSweeney, Curlew III; Fleet 6 (8 boats) – Donald & Suzanne Scheu, Abino; Fleet 7 (7 boats)– Dwight Timm, Merrywood; Fleet 8 (8 boats) – Kirk McGuire, Skye; Fleet 9 (19 boats – all Typhoons) – Ned Crockett, Ladybug.
Principal Race Officer – Hal Smith

ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE, this Saturday, October 19. Entry fee is \$35, due by 5PM, Friday, Oct 18th. This is one of the southern Bay favorite pursuit races – the slower rated boats start first. From the start racers must decide which lighthouse, Thimble or Middle Ground, to sail around first. It's a navigator's dream event. Fleets are offered for PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker (2 headsail) as well as Cruising. For information and to enter, **contact Mike Hollsten (757) 867-7912 or Paul Mellen (757)851-4198**. Don't miss this race – it's fun and it counts toward CBYRA high point standings.

FBYC Fall Series –Day #4 is this coming Sunday, October 20th. Click on www.fbyc.net for event details.

10th annual running of the Heineken High Performance Dinghy Open (HPDO) was Saturday and Sunday at American Yacht Club in Rye, NY. Tyler and Jane Moore (Hampton) along with Barry Allardice won the 24 boat Viper 640 class . . . and, boy, did they win it – 5 bullets!

Another newcomer to southern Bay fleet on the horizon. Angela Earley and husband Tim Savage are in the process of selling their Tartan Ten *Tantrum* and purchasing a Tripp 41, currently located in Annapolis. The plan is to sail her down to Portsmouth in the next couple of weeks and to use the 2014 season to prepare for offshore racing in 2015.

America's Cup: Kiwis Still Loved Despite Loss

Maybe it was the David and Goliath theme.

Maybe it was the National team versus the All Star Team.

Maybe it was humbly playing the game with grace and dignity.

From the October 7, 2013 issue #3938 of *Scuttlebutt*. The complete article is worth going to the *Scuttlebutt* archives and be sure to click on the link to the video of this team's welcome home. A lot of racers thought before the AC finals, and still do think, that the Kiwis have it right.

YIKES! In last week issue #660 in the listing for the CCV Fall Series final standings, the Ben's got twisted around. **BEN WEEKS and MICHELE COCHRAN, RUMBLE**, won the 3rd place trophy in the PHRF B fleet – Ben Cuker, *Callinectes*, finished 4th. Thank you to Ben Cuker who saw the error and reported it to *SBRNYCU*.

It's official! Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Committee announces the date of the 2014 Screwpile Challenge. *This is a change from years past.* Racing will start Friday (not Sunday) and end Sunday (not Tuesday). Registration and check-in will be Thursday, 17th of July and racing July 18th, 19th, and 20th. Call 301-862-3100 for more information. The Screwpile folks are working hard at making 2014 especially appealing to racers, their families and friends!

Southern Bay Collegiate Teams Update. The **Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) Championship, the War Memorial Regatta**, will be held at Old Dominion University (ODU) this year, November 2-3. Hampton University (HU) and ODU both qualified previously and will be competing for the conference title. Now comes the "rest of the story". A second opportunity to qualify for the War was to be the Tom Curtis Regatta hosted by Georgetown at the Washington Sailing Marina. The Washington Sailing Marina is part of a national park and therefore closed due to the government shutdown. So, the regatta has been cancelled; therefore, Christopher Newport University and the College of William and Mary lost the second shot at an opportunity to qualify for the championship regatta.

Even the rain could not stop a southern Bay on-the-water wedding. Saturday, three Chesapeake Bay restored workboats with ties to sailing/racing families, rafted up to form a wedding ceremony platform for friends Glenn and Keatha, who said their nuptials afloat. Serving as a ceremonial chapel were *McKay Elizabeth* (Poquoson, Hanna), *Mariner III* (Yorktown, Alexander), and *Kimberly Dawn* (Bull Island).

LASER RACERS. This coming Sunday, October 20th, the six-week scored frostbite series begins in earnest in the Elizabeth River, off the ODU Sailing Center.. The series will run for six Sundays, ending November 24 with some awards and such. Mitch Brindley, head coach at ODU, has given the green-light for the series, so there will be Lasers available for charter to competent sailors. Available for charter - 4 boats set up for full rigs and 4 rigged for Radial sails. The charters are done on a first come, first serve basis. Charter cost is \$10 per regatta. Participants are expected to have at least **fundamental skills in dinghies and proper attire for the temperatures**. The RACING ITSELF IS FREE; however, **if you plan to come, please drop Robert Suhay an email at robert.suhay@pilotonline.com**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, gets around to a lot of regattas and racer gatherings. Recently, *The Murphster* had the pleasure of meeting a relative newcomer to racing canine circles. Her name is Emma and she is a Basset and Beagle mix. Her people introduce her as a Bagel. She'll be traveling around on a Dyer 29 that often shows up as a regatta markboat named *Black Dog*. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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