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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 699**

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**Try sailing - it's NOT easy!** - Bill Schanen, [SAILING Magazine](#)

**WHITTEMORE and WAKE take 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Flying Scot North American Championships at Toms River (NJ).** Rob Whittemore and John Wake (crew) did what they had to do in the final and only race on the last day of the FSSA North Americans. The twosome overcame an *almost* devastating 12<sup>th</sup> in race 4 of the 5-race championship. Taking 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final race moved our guys from 4<sup>th</sup> place overall to 2<sup>nd</sup> by one point over the 3<sup>rd</sup> place boat. Rob and John, who both sail out of Fishing Bay YC, had a Championship Division string of 4-2-3-12-2. In Rob's words, they "*just kept grinding away*". Thirty-one (31) Flying Scots competed at Toms River, with 16 qualifying for the Championship Division early in the week. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Seven (7) boats full of seasoned racers (all 55 years old or more) sailed against one another yesterday in the annual **Tom Brady Masters Race**. There was a little bit of rain and a fine breeze (12 knots WSW) as they completed the almost 6 mile course (5.94nm) in Hampton Roads Harbor. RESULTS: 1. **Rusty Burshell, Cool Change**; 2. **Phil Briggs, Feather**; 3. **Bumps Eberwine, Sea Star**. Principal Race Officer- John Blais along with Beverly Blais and Kim and Brian Deibler. Organized by Hampton Yacht Club.

**Hometowne Regatta, THIS COMING SATURDAY, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>** – This is a CBYRA sanctioned regatta, offering starts for all PHRF classes as well as a special non-spinnaker, one headsail cruising fleet. The starting area is near "R18" in the Elizabeth River. First signal is at 10am. There is a 4pm time limit. So, everyone should be able to make the post-race party and awards ceremony ( 5pm – 7pm) at the PBC clubhouse at 20 Elm Street, Portsmouth. Complimentary hamburgers, hotdogs, side dishes, soft drinks and cold grog will be available. For information contact Larry Bryant (PRO) at (757) 472-5969 or Steve Ormsbee at (757) 287-6334. Entries are due no later than 5pm, TODAY, Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> Organized by Portsmouth Boat Club.

**The next multiple-day regatta on the southern Bay is the LEO WARDRUP MEMORIAL CAPE CHARLES CUP, August 16-17.** The CCCup entry fee (\$115) includes racing, awards, skippers bag and swag, regatta hat and T-shirt, 4 Saturday dinner tickets, the Skippers Meeting, a great party at Cape Charles, and the final trophy presentation celebration on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The racing is from Little Creek (Norfolk) to Cape Charles (overnight stop at Kings Creek Marina) to finish line off Buckroe (Hampton). Skippers Meeting on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Bay Point Marina (East Beach area, Norfolk) For docking reservations at Kings Creek Marina Saturday at Cape Charles, call (757) 331-8640 or to use THE TOWN DOCKS OPTION (downtown Cape Charles) call (757) 331-2357. You must be entered to reserve a slip. Entries close at 1500 on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Cape Charles Cup is organized by Broad Bay Sailing Association. For

event info, including entry forms and list of entries by fleet, click on [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net) or call Hank Giffin at 757-375-1491. INFO FLASH – CCCup Saturday (Aug 16) will coincide with the second weekend of the Cape Charles **Harbor for the Arts Festival** featuring concerts, exhibitions, and performances for kids– free to the public.

**Over the weekend at FBYC, Flying Scots, Front Runners and Lasers raced.** Saturday there was a storm shortened **Summer Sea Breezeregatta** (2 races) with 3 Flying Scots and 3 Front Runners. **Phil Webb** won the Flying Scots and **Jon Deutsch** won the Front Runners. On Sunday, 11 boats raced in the FBYC **Summer Laser Regatta**. The morning rain/storms dissipated by race time and were replaced with an overcast sky and SSW winds, 8-11 knots. After 6 races, **Alex Jacob** won 4 and the day. Alex's dad, **James Jacob** won the final two races to secure 2nd overall and **Len Guenther** took 3rd. Race Committee: Lud Kimbrough.

#### More Screwpile Wrap:

\*\*There was an *inadvertent omission* in the Screwpile reports last week. **THE HUNTER**, sailed by **Justine Morris, son Brandon Morris, and Heidi Jenkins, Dale Ashcom and Patrick Boyle** finished 5<sup>th</sup> (in a tiebreaker for 4<sup>th</sup>) in the highly competitive PHRF C Fleet. Screwpile was a group endeavor for the Morris family. The trip up was a special father-son delivery as Brandon will be leaving this fall to begin his first year at New York Maritime, aka SUNY Maritime, in The Bronx, New York. Justin and wife Elizabeth sailed the trusty Hunter 26.5 back to Hampton.

\*\*Also, there are **photos galore** at <http://spinsheet.com/screwpile-lighthouse-challenge-2014-photos/> and a video from **Jon Deutsch**, who is an outstanding Southern Bay Racing Video Guy, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLRfw3KH4oc>

**Beyond the Bay. Meridian X** competed in the 134 boat racing division of the Chicago Yacht Club **Chicago to Mackinac Race** (330 entries). The Farr 400 finished 8<sup>th</sup> in her 16 boat section. On **Meridian X** were: Skipper Sledd Shelhorse, Graham Garrenton, Packy Everhart, Trevor Pardee, Beau Warren, David Flynn, Jeremiah Dull, Ron McLean, and Mark Wheeler. John and Beverly Blais' **Stardancer**, Beneteau 36.7, did New York Yacht Club's Race Week at Newport and plan to keep **Stardancer** "up there" for an extended stay to do some racing in Long Island Sound. Eddie Grey, Rich Calvert and Eddie's nephew delivered **Stardancer** to Newport and John and Beverly Blais, Kenny Saylor, Rich Calvert, Jon Bangs, Steve Westphal, Tom Fitzsimmons, Julianne Gronen, Eddie Grey raced her in the Newport regatta.

There's a "**Dynamic Duo**" in the southern Bay Opti Fleet and they are becoming increasingly noticeable on awards podiums. **Benton Amthor**, son of Doug and Sarah Amthor of Hampton, and **Boyd Bragg**, son of Bo and Camille Bragg of Irvington, are doing extremely well just about everywhere they go this summer. Just recently they finished 1-2 in the Junior Olympics hosted at Corsica River Yacht Club. Boyd and Benton finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in the 61 boat fleet at the CBYRA Region USA Junior Olympics.

**Night racing on the southern Bay – an experience not to be missed. PLANTATION LIGHT RACE (Saturday, August 9)** is an annual overnight, non-stop roundtrip from the starting line in Hampton Roads Harbor, round the Cape Charles City Lighted Buoy, to the finish line in HR Harbor. First signal is at 7:00PM. Starts are provided for all PHRF classes; boat current rating must reflect Equipment Category ChesBay (CB). This is a CBYRA sanctioned event. For information contact Bob Thomas (PRO) at (757) 898-9407 or (757) 592-1650 or (757) 864-3913. Awards will be presented in December at the HYC Annual Awards Night. Organized by Hampton Yacht Club.

Also, this coming weekend – **50<sup>th</sup> VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA, Saturday and Sunday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Ware River (Gloucester, VA). All one design (small boats) are invited. Classes expected to have 3 or more entries are: Sunfish, Albacore, Hampton One Design (HOD), Buccaneer, Laser, Mobjack, Mutineer, and 420. There will be a separate Opti course. Class boats with fewer than 3 participants will be grouped under the Portsmouth Handicap System. For info, contact Clayton James (757-941-5200), Catesby Jones for Optis (202-255-6039) or click on <http://www.wryc.org/80-governor-s-cup/127-50thgc> This event is organized by Ware River Yacht Club.

## **IT HAPPENS ONLY ONCE EVERY 823 YEARS.**

**This AUGUST will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays, and 5 Sundays.**

### **Coming Up in AUGUST on the Southern Bay:**

**Aug 2 Sat PBC Hometowne Regatta Larry Bryant, 757-472-5969 or Steve Ormsbee, 757-287-6334**

**Aug 2-3 WRYC Virginia Governor's Cup Clayton James, 757-941-5200**

**Aug 8-10 Hampton One Design National Championship at FBYC [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)**

**Aug 9-10 FBYC Annual One Design Regatta [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)**

**Aug 9 Sat HYC Plantation Light Race Bob Thomas, 757-898-9407, 757-592-1650**

**Aug 16-17 BBSA Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup Hank Giffin, 757-375-1491**

**Aug 23 Sat FBYC Smith Point Race [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)**

**Aug 27 Wed YPRCC Fall Wed Nites open [www.yprcc.org](http://www.yprcc.org)**

**Aug 29-31 FBYC Stingray Point Regatta Matthew Lambert, 757-846-8239**

**Aug 31 Sun NY&CC Dink Vail Regatta Tom Lira, 757-718-1200**

**Sep 1 Mon LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, as you know has Irish leanings (the name is a giveaway) and, therefore, Boston Red Sox leanings from birth. So, it is no easy thing to credit and quote a famous New York Yankee, but here goes. *"Winning means you're willing to go longer, work harder, and give more than anyone else."* And, Derek Jeter knows about that which he speaks! He could have been a sailboat racer. Ahhhooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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