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Hampton Annual Middle Ground Light Race: FEATHER, RUMBLE, THE HUNTER, ALI-RU, and BONA DEA win their fleets. It could not have been a more beautiful day to race sailboats – 8 to 12 knots in Hampton Roads harbor with a very light chop and performing porpoises. The PHRF A and PHRF B Fleets did a 12.7nm course and the PHRF C, PHRF Non-Spin, and Cruising Fleets went 9.1nm. All the fleets rounded Middle Ground Light and were cheered on by the owners of and visitors to the lighthouse viewing the race from the balcony. Of the 25 entered, 24 raced and finished in plenty of time to make it to the Bay Days Festival in downtown Hampton. RESULTS: PHRF A (5 boats): 1. **Phil Briggs**, *Feather*; 2. **Bumps Eberwine**, *Sea Star*; 3. **Christian Schaumloffel**, *Mirage*. PHRF B (7 boats): 1. **Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran**, *Rumble*; 2. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 3. **Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*. PHRF C (3 boats): 1. **Justin Morris**, *The Hunter*; 2. **Steve Taylor**, *Insolvent*. PHRF Non-Spin (5 boats): 1. **John Lones**, *Ali-Ru*; 2. **CT Tiller**, *Boogity 3*; 3. **John Wandling**, *Rebecca J*. Cruising (4 boats): 1. **Vicki Zimmerman and Bill Barnes**, *Bona Dea*; 2. **Lester Knight**, *Vagabon-De*; 3. **Larry Bryant**, *Whisper*. Principal Race Officer-John McCarthy; Signal Boat-Brian Deibler.

Cross your fingers, toes, and eyes for the southern Bay J70 sailors at the J70 Worlds in Newport. The racing begins tomorrow, Tuesday and goes through Saturday. There's a practice race TODAY. **Ron Thompson (HYC)**, *No Name*, **Latane Montague (FBYC)**, *Full Monty*, and **Blake and Lud Kimbrough (FBYC)**, *Nostalgia*, are entered. **John Dodge**, a southern Bay racer of long standing will be sailing with Will Keyworth on USA 25, *Papawheelie*. Good thoughts and best wishes for our J70 guys.

Congratulations are in order for southern Bay Albacore racers, Sterling Spruill and his daughter Sydney. The dynamic duo finished 2nd overall in the Potomac River Sailing Association (PRSA) President's Cup Regatta this past weekend. Complete results are available at <http://potomacriversailing.org/results/> Sterling and Sydney sail out of HYC. Barney Harris and Lee Mullins won the 9 boat class.

CCV FALL SERIES OPENS THIS COMING SUNDAY (9/14/2014). NOTE: The first warning time for all three days is 11:30am as reflected in the NOR. This is a change from years past. The first day of the Series (Sept 14th) will start in the vicinity of CCV Mark "H" in the Harbor. Day 1, Races 1&2, will feature drop mark courses. Daily awards will be presented following the racing at Hampton Yacht Club; complimentary keg. All CCV *Racing* Members are automatically entered in the Fall Series. All others (including CCV *Club* Members) must submit entry form and fees the day before the day of the race(s). Day 2, Race 3, of the Fall

Series is Sunday, September 21st and the final day, Day 3, Races 4&5, is Sunday, October 5th. For additional information contact Principal Race Officer John McCarthy, (757) 850-4225.

NANUQ, MAD HATTER, CATITUDE, and RED SKY won their fleets in the 25.5 nm WOLF TRAP RACE organized by FBYC. Sixteen (16) skippers and crew entered and completed the Wolf Trap, starting around 11am Saturday and finishing by mid-afternoon. Wolf Trap is the fourth race in the FBYC Long Distance Race Series. Principal Race Officer – DavidClark. Complete results are available at www.fbyc.net.

Fishing Bay Yacht Club Fall Series opens this coming Saturday, September 13th. For information and entry click on www.fbyc.net **The Series runs September 13, 28 and October 12, 25, 2014**

Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge and Distance Dinghy Race, Saturday, September 20, 2014. This is the annual dinghy distance dash from the confines of WilloughbyBay, across Hampton Roads Harbor at the confluence of the Elizabeth and James Rivers, around Middle Ground Lighthouse, and back to WilloughbyBay (approximately 11 miles). Jonathan Romero is the organizer of this event and he may be reached at (757)285-6017 OR, click on http://jonathanromero.net/Hampton_Roads_Sunfish_Challenge_%26_Dinghy_Distance_Race/Welcome.html for info and online registration.

RACES FOR GOOD CAUSES:

***This October there are two regattas planned that are specifically designed to draw attention as well as generosity to two significant charitable causes. One is the well known **Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta (Oct 3-5)**, the proceeds from which support hospice services for the Northern Neck of Virginia. The other is the inaugural **Race for Independence (Oct 24-26)** which supports our service men and women who while fighting for us lost a limb. The **Independence Fund**, a national organization, is the recipient of the regatta proceeds and is devoted specifically to providing these amputees with an adaptive wheel chair that allows them to once again enjoy outdoor activities like hunting, fishing, golfing, or whatever they choose to do. For information on the Independence Fund click on www.independencefund.org and note especially the low (approximately 1%) administrative costs – the rest goes to support the vets.

*****Special FREE SLIPS are offered by Yankee Point Marina for the period between the two regattas (Oct 7 thru Oct 23) for boats racing in both events.** Space available and first come, first served basis applies. For information and to line up your slip, contact Yankee Point Marina at www.yankeepointmarina.com or call Yankee Point Marina at (804) 462-7018

*****Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta, October 3-5, 2014. Hosted by Rappahannock River Yacht Club (Irvington, VA).** Racing on Saturday and Sunday. Registration and/or race information and documents are available at www.yachtscoring.com or contact Event Co-Chairmen Tom Chapman (804) 577-3202 or Jerry Latell (804)776-6151 This year the event organizers have moved Turkey Shoot off the weekend of the annual Annapolis Sailboat Show, so as to avoid conflict with Show aficionados. ***This event is a fundraiser for local (Northern Neck) Hospice organizations.***

*****Race for Independence, October 24-26, 2014. Hosted by Yankee Point Marina (Lancaster, VA).** Racing on Saturday and Sunday. Registration and event information available at

www.yankeepointmarina.com or call Event Chairman Karen Knull at (804) 462-7018 or Principal Race Officer John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. ***This regatta is to support the Independence Fund, a completely volunteer charitable organization. The Indy Fund provides adaptive wheelchairs to combat wounded amputees, free of charge. With these chairs our combat heroes can again be independent and live fuller lives.***

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is keenly aware of the change in the seasons. Fall has arrived. The wafting of post-race pork barbeques and football tailgate parties is overwhelming to sensitive Beagle olfactory nerves. The pressure on *Yrs Truly* to do justice to every offering on a charcoal grill is at least trying and often stressful. However, dietary counseling is not the answer. What *The Murphster* needs is a larger, rolling food bowl. Are you listening PetSmart?! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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