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Today is the birthday of the US Navy (established in 1775) and celebration of Christopher Columbus Day!

'ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE, Saturday, October 25th, organized by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club. This is a unique southern Bay annual happening that "big boat" skippers and crew love. It's a pursuit (slow boats start first), the course requires racers to sail in the Bay and in the Harbor, and you get to choose which way to round each of the two lighthouses, Middle Ground and Thimble Shoal. Indeed, the decision as to which lighthouse to round first requires serious advance noodling of current tables and charts. **SAVE \$10 BY ENTERING NO LATER THAN 1700 (5PM), THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**. The NOR is posted at www.opcyc.org. There is a traditional after race party with chili, grilled cheese sandwiches and other tasty treats as well as hard and soft refreshments. Cost is \$25 for early registrations and covers the party for the entire crew. Remember, Ft Monroe is now open to all (no sentry checks), so the party location at the OPCYC clubhouse is easily accessible. Entry after Saturday (Oct 18th) deadline is \$35. No entries will be accepted after 1700 (5Pm), Friday, October 24th.

High Performance Dinghy Open, sailed in Rye, NY, hosted by American Yacht Club, this past weekend. It was cold and sometimes windy. Southern Bay racers **Henry Amthor and Ali Meller** took 2nd overall in the 14 boat 505 class. Henry and Ali had a regatta string of 5-3-1-3-2-2-4-7-[7]. Two others area racers sailed in the 505 class, **David Neal** (Reston, VA), 11th, and **Ted Huebner** (Norfolk, VA), 12th. **Mike Gravitt** (Yorktown, VA) was among the 35 Viper 640s racing and finished 29th overall. Mike sailed only the last 3 races and did very well in all three. Detailed results information is available at www.yachtscoring.com

To Fiddler's Green. Southern Bay racer **Randy Pugh** passed from us Friday, October 10th. His family was at his side. Almost all of the sailors knew Elmer Randolph Pugh as "Randy". That was the Randy who raced his *Elusive* in PHRF C and served in various positions in sailing organizations from CBYRA region vice-president to member of the junior sailing advisory board at one of his clubs. Randy was always one of the first to say, "I'll help," when there was something to be done. He was a member of Hampton Yacht Club and of Broad Bay Sailing Association. Randy leaves his wife of 54 years, Carol, a son and a daughter, their spouses, and four beloved grandchildren along with other relatives and dear friends. A memorial service will be held tomorrow, on Tuesday, October 14th, at H.D. Oliver, VAB, 11:00 am. For information please call (757) 428-7880. A complete obituary is available in the *Virginian Pilot* on line.

The Sailing World is a small world, and, if you race, you never know when you'll run into someone from "the day" at a launch ramp, on a starting line, or at a post-race bar gathering. At the just completed **Star North American Championship**, held last week in Oxford, MD at TAYC, a former Hampton One Design racer was on hand. **Dick Sears, racing his Star with his brother Ken** (Dick trailed the boat here from Colorado) sent regards to all his southern Bay HOD friends and especially to local HOD guru **Eddie Williams** and HOD racer **Jimmy Shoemaker**. And, another of the Star luminaries, former world champion **John MacCausland**, "Johnny Mac" to his friends, will be sailing at FBYC this coming weekend (Oct 18-19) in the **Laser Masters Atlantic Coast Championship**, no doubt renewing friendships while sailing his socks off. An additional note, southern Bay race official John McCarthy (HYC) was Principal Race Officer of the Star NAs and, serving on the race committee were Rich Klein (FBYC) and Lin McCarthy (HYC). Rick will be running the aforementioned Laser Masters ACC this coming weekend; Jon Deutsch is event chairman.

Rocket J, a many times winner on the J24 and PHRF circuits, is **looking for a new home**. Neil Ford and Lis Biondi are the J24's current owners, but are looking for a new challenge in an as yet undecided one design fleet. Neil says, "Hull 840, is ready to race, 7/10 for sails (2 complete sets), faired bottom, templated/faired keel. Hope to keep her in the Hampton area. She has had her name on many trophies in the last 36+ years and she is ready to take some more. 12 volt lighting system w/ 2 yr old deep cycle battery. Yamaha 4hp engine and all safety gear for Chesapeake bay PHRF. One Design Certificate." J24s rate out as C-Fleet in PHRF Ches Bay. Asking price: \$5K Contact Neil at (cell) 757-374-9038.

FBYC Fall Series #3. *Vortex* won the day for the J70 class; **Craig Wright** in *Afterthought* won PHRF A with 2 firsts, and **Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*, did the same in PHRF B, as did **Paul Wash**, *Cheeky Monkey*, in PHRF C and **Alex Alvis**, *Chilcoot*, in PHRF NS. Principal Race Officer – John Berry. Complete results available at www.fbyc.net. The final day of racing in the 2014 FBYC Fall Series is scheduled for October 25th.

Up and coming youngsters sailed in the **2014 Club 420 Association Mid Atlantic Championship Regatta** hosted by Hampton Yacht Club this past weekend. Of the 18 teams racing, 7 were from the southern Bay and 5 of those were from host club HYC, with 1 each from FBYC and NY&CC. **Kaila Pfranf/Sydney Spruill** (HYC) had the best finish (9th overall) among the local boats, and **Nathan Smith/Hailey Gilman** (FBYC) were 10th. **T.Harrison Parker/Spencer Charney** (HYC) finished 11th and **Darden Purrington/Nick Baker** (NY&CC) were 12th. Also racing were **Victor Layne/Daniel Vail, Blake Harrington/Anna Patterson**, and **Mitchell Hynes/Pierce Scribner**, all from HYC. Event Chairman – Gary Bodie. Complete results are available at www.yachtscoring.com

COMING UP THIS WEEKEND: October 18-19:

Sat-Sun, Oct 18-19 Laser Masters ACC, FBYC www.fbyc.net

Saturday, October 18 RRYC Commodores Cup

And, on the near horizon:

Oct 24-26 The Race for Independence, Yankee Point Marina (804)462-7018

Oct 25 'Round the Lights Race, www.opcyc.org

Oct 25 FBYC Fall Series Day 4, www.fbyc.net

Oct 26 HYC Frostbite Series opens, Brian Deibler (757) 715-8977

Nov 1-2 J70 Chesapeake Championship, www.fbyc.net

Nov 1 BBSA Willoughby Hot Butter Rum Race, www.broadbaysailing.org

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle* is pretty sure the cold weather is on the way. The aroma of mildewed gear that wafts from the v-berth all summer has abated. Time to haul out the fuzzies and foulies and have them ready, so we can keep on racin'! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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