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ATTENTION PUMPKIN HEADS – Halloween is this coming Friday, October 31st .

And, Sunday, 2am, EASTERN STANDARD TIME resumes – set clocks back one (1) hour

'Round the Lights Race takes time. Saturday was a beautiful day but, regarding racing conditions, not so much. Winds were light to non-existent at times and the current was ripping in Hampton Roads. Nevertheless, of the 44 boats that started this annual pursuit extravaganza, 22 finished. Fifteen (15) of the finishers beat the time limit by less than an hour – endurance was the name of the game. To round Thimble Shoal Light first proved to be the “right way” to go. Six (6) in the fleet made the correct call, but even then only 2 of those were able to finish. As usual, there was a great awards party at OPCYC and a good time had by all. **Overall winner and first in the PHRF A Fleet – Pterodactyl, Gene Thayer (14:46:12).** Second overall and 2nd in PHRF A, *Mirage*, **Christian Schaumloffel** (14:48:33) Fleet winner for PHRF B was *Haka*, **Ryan McCrillis** (16:25:05) and for PHRF C was *The Hunter*, **Justin Morris** (17:15:19). **John Wandling**, *Rebecca J* (16:23:59) won the PHRF NS fleet and the Cruising winner was *Seeker*, **E.A. Johnson**. For preliminary results click on www.opcyc.org Old Point Comfort Yacht Club hosts this event each October and it has become an end-of-the-season favorite for many southern Bay racers and cruisers alike.

A Weekend of Famine and [then] Feast on the Rappahannock River. The inaugural **Race For Independence** had 31 boats filled with optimistic sailors along with guest veterans take to the race course for the first day of the event, on Saturday. A late morning, light but enticing breeze got everyone upwind and most around the wing mark. And, then the fickle finger of Mother Nature took over. Four boats were able to finish before the 1500 deadline and, so the post-race activities began early. Sunday was an entirely different picture. The sun was shining and the wind honking. All but two of those who endured Saturday, were on hand for Sunday's frolic around the pursuit course and finished in chilly wind and lacy whitecaps on the Rapp River. **RESULTS: Div 1 (9 boats): 1. Harry Muller, Grace; 2. Brian Murray, Southern Yankee; 3. Glenn Solt, Freedom.** Div 2 (13 boats): **1. Dwight Timm, Silver Fox; 2. Joe Waters, Ears; 3. Randy Alderks, Eroica.** Div 3 (9 boats): **1. Jerry Latell, Fuggetaboutit; 2. Mike Conroy, Cahoots; 3. Frank Birdsall, Kimm.** Harry Muller's *Grace*, winner of her fleet each day, was chosen as the Race For Independence Boat of the Regatta. Event chairmen and hosts – Karen and Ken Knull (Yankee Point Marina); Principal Race Officer, John McCarthy; Signal Boat, Mike Thompson; Mark Boats; Eric and Nancy Miller, John Muller, and Roy Cameron; Official Scorer, George Galo.

Meanwhile, at the mouth of the Piankatank (on the other side of Stingray Point from the Rappahannock) Fishing Bay YC racers suffered the same abuse by the wind gods. On Saturday the fleet started Day 4 for the **FBYC Fall Series** in 10-14 and it was looking good. However, by the 2nd lap the wind completely died and

nobody finished within the time limit. After a bit of waiting for wind, racing was called off for the day. Race Chairman: Tom O'Connell Sunday at the **FBYC One-Design Closing Day Regatta**, it was the opposite problem. The wind was in the 20's, but 3 Flying Scots and 3 Front Runners went out. 1 Front Runner and 2 Flying Scots finished 1 race. The others retired. Turning turtle counts as "retired". It was a good effort, but sanity ultimately reigned. Race Chairman: Brad Miller

In Hampton Roads, the **2014 Frostbite Series**, sponsored annually by Hampton Yacht Club, opened on Sunday. This series runs every Sunday through and including November 23rd. The PHRF A and B fleets got in a 12nm course and the PHRF Non-Spin and Cruising fleets went just over 8 and one-half nm. Everyone, blessed with solid winds, was finished by around 2:30pm. RESULTS: PHRF A (7 boats): 1.**Christian Schaumloffel**, *Mirage*; 2.**Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*; 3.**Phil Briggs**, *Feather*. PHRF B (7 boats): 1.**Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2.**Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*; 3.**Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*. PHRF Non-Spin (3 boats): 1.**Bob Thomas**, *Surprise*; 2.**Doug Miller**, *Folly*. **Lester Knight**, *Vagabond*, was the only boat in Cruising. Principal Race Officer-Brian Deibler, Scorer-Suzanne Hamilton

Collegiate Sailing Notes: Hampton University won the Webb regatta at CNU this weekend, handily beating all comers. St Mary's finished 2nd and Old Dominion, 3rd in the 8 team regatta sailed in 420s. HU already had qualified for the fall championships (War Memorial Regatta) several weeks ago by placing first in the first qualifying regatta. At the Webb Regatta Division A first place went to **Veronica Maccari, Cristina Ortiz** and Division B to **Maximilian Kuester, Joshua Williams**. The Hampton University Pirates are led by Head Coach Alessandro Ambrosi. **For complete scoring report click on <http://scores.collegesailing.org/f14/webb/full-scores/>**

A Special Honor by a Unique Fleet. Recently, the **Cape Dory Typhoon fleet**, based at Rappahannock River YC, memorialized the sudden loss of a member's son in an especially touching way. The fleet honored **Ned Crockett's** son, **Branch Crockett**, by placing the initials *BCon* on their sails. Branch, like his father, was an avid Typhoon racer. He was only 37 when he passed away on September 3rd. *Note: The Typhoon fleet on Carter's Creek has grow to numbers in the high 40s and reports 15 more on the Piankatank River.*

COMING UP THIS WEEKEND: *October 31, November 1-2:*

Oct 31 **HALLOWEEN**

Nov 2 **EASTERN STANDARD TIME resumes – FALL BACK 1 hour**

Nov 2 HYC Frostbite Series Race #2, 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

J70 CHESAPEAKE BAY CHAMPIONSHIP THIS COMING WEEKEND: November 1-2, is the inaugural **J70 Chesapeake Championship Regatta**, at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. Registration is available on line. The entry fee includes all social events for the owner/charterer and up to three crew members as well as in-water storage until the end of the regatta. Additional social packages will be available for purchase at registration. To enter and/or pay on line, click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1056>; additional details are available at www.fbyc.net (click on the event logo). Event Chairman is Noel Clinard (804) 338-4066. Principal Race Officer is John McCarthy (757) 850-4225. This is the first J70 Chesapeake Championship – come on racin' and be part of *hist-tor-reeeeeeeeeeeeeeee!*

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle,* is in favor of all holidays, including the one coming up this Friday, Halloween. Moving about the neighborhood, collecting treats while dressed in a pillowcase (slits cut for the four legs as well as tail and head) usually results in plenty of yummys. And, *The Murphster* has perfected a chilling, blood curdling howl that is visited upon the populace in general and the squirrels in particular. Ahhhhhhhhooooooooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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