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

J70 Chesapeake Championship. Against all odds and everything Mother Nature had to throw at them, J70 racers proved to be a tough bunch. They got in two races on Saturday before deciding to shorten the regatta to a single day. On Saturday there was a narrow window from late morning through early afternoon in conditions that tested skills and fortitude of the 18 who raced. Predictions for Sunday conditions, wind and waves, let alone even colder temperatures, were beyond the pale. **Will Welles**, (2,1) Providence, RI, claimed the 2014 title, winning a tie breaker over **Bruce Golison**, (1,2) Rossmore, CA. **Thomas Bowen** (5,3) Charleston, SC won the tie breaker for 3rd over Cole Allsopp (5,3) Annapolis. Southern Bay racers also finishing in the top 10 were: 5th (4,4)-**Blake and Lud Kimbrough**, Providence, RI with FBYC roots; 6th (5,7)-**Neil Ford**, Hampton - HYC; 7th (7,6)-**Ron Thompson**, Yorktown – HYC; 9th (8,10)-**Dan and Gannon Troutman**, Gloucester; and, 10th (11,9)-**Drake Johnstone**, Charlottesville-FBYC. Event Chairman-Noel Clinard; Principal Race Officer-John McCarthy; Signal Boat-Geoff Cahill; Pin Boat-John Wake; Weather Mark Boat-Noel Clinard; Gate Boat-Rick Klein. Jon Deutsch shared a short video of his Saturday on Fishing Bay; click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joPSxsnpHFQ> Be sure to watch for the [vertical] horizon in some of the shots. As Jon said, "What a ride!"

Wicked weather blew away the second Sunday of the Frostbite Series sponsored by HYC in Hampton Roads. The next Frostbite is scheduled for Sunday, November 9th. For info contact Brian Deibler (757) 715-8977.

HYC Fall Fling, Saturday, Nov 8 & Sunday, Nov 9, is set for Viper 640s, International 505s, Lightnings, 420s, Lasers, J24s, and J70s. Sailing will be in the vicinity of Hampton Flats. There are two special happenings attached to Fall Fling. First, on Friday at 1000 there will be a Clinic and, second, on Saturday night there will be an Oyster Roast open to all regatta participants and volunteers. For details and entry fees and forms, contact Steve Taylor at (757) 560-2734.

Already here in Virginia, a raceboat from. . . Montana!! Will and Mary Roberts have found their "big boat" and the lovely J36 (look out *Feather* and *Sea Star*) has arrived from Somers, Montana. Will is getting her all set for the 2015 season and that includes making her *salt water* ready. Mary and Will say they

will probably rename this beauty, but for now her Montana name is a poignant message; currently she is named *Sure, Why Not*.

As is the tradition, the annual GABOON RACE, set this year for Sunday, December 7th, marks the end of the 2014 racing season. This will be the 37th running of the Gaboon. Phil Briggs is the visionary who had part in creating the race and has been on hand to chair every single Gaboon. And, he will undoubtedly race his J36, *Feather*, this year, too. So, mark this particular **Sunday (Dec 7th)** on your calendar, gather all your friends and crew-wannabees, along with your crew, and send in your entry to Race Committee (Gaboon Race), HYC, 4704 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669. Entry fee is \$25 (\$30 for non-USSA members), checks payable to HYC. The deadline for entries is Race Day (December 7th) at 12:30pm. The Gaboon is a staggered start (pursuit) race, beginning at 1300. Tradition dictates that the start/finish line be between the HYC docks and the blue rock on the HU shore. The course is pre-determined and in the harbor. Individual start times for boats will be posted at the registration table on race day in the HYC Dockside Lounge. Boats must have a current PHRF certificate with at least a PHRF Near-Shore rating. And, the PHRF number of crew limitations do not apply; so, like the song says, “...Pack up the babies, Grab the old ladies, Everyone goes...” [Neil Diamond, *Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show*] For additional info, contact Phil Briggs at (757) 723-5477.

Southern Bay sailors raced in the Cressy High School Singlehanded National Championship Regatta in Bellingham, Washington, this past weekend. **Alexander Hanna** (Poquoson High School), who finished 7th overall, and **Gray Kiger III** (Norfolk Academy), who took a 14th overall, competed in the Laser radial fleet. **Eric Roos** (Atlee High School) in Richmond, VA, competed in the Laser Full Rig fleet and finished 14th overall. Each fleet was comprised of the best 18 high school sailors in the country who qualified through an elimination process to sail for the national title.

The Race for Independence raised enough money to buy a wheelchair for a severely injured American veteran! Not just any chair, but a very special \$15,000 track chair. The track chairs are technological marvels that allow the vet so much more independence than he or she would be able to have otherwise. The inaugural edition of the regatta cleared \$17,200. Hosted by Yankee Point Marina, Lancaster, VA.

COMING UP THIS WEEKEND: November 7 - 9:

- Nov 8 CNSF Annual Oyster Roast cnsailingfoundation@gmail.com
- Nov 8 FBYC Off Shore Closing Day www.fbyc.net
- Nov 8-9 HYC Fall Fling. Call Steve Taylor at (757) 722-7861
- Nov 9 HYC Frostbite Series Race 3. Brian Deibler (757) 715-8977
- Nov 9 FBYC Laser Frostbite Race 4 www.fbyc.net

Christopher Newport Sailing Foundation OYSTER ROAST - Saturday, November 8th, 6-11PM, at the Christopher Newport University Sailing Center. Menu includes Virginia OYSTERS,

Carolina Pulled Pork BBQ, hamburgers and hotdogs, New England Clam Chowder, Brunswick Stew, assorted side dishes and desserts, ales and wine, and soft drinks. Waterfront anchorages and dinghy docks available. All proceeds benefit the Christopher Newport Sailing Team. **For info, to make reservations, and to obtain your registration form, email cnsailingfoundation@gmail.com**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs truly, the Racing Beagle*, has wondered what it would be like to be the fixings in a blender for a frozen daiquiri. If you were in a boat on the southern Chesapeake Bay this weekend. . . you know! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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