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2014 CCV HIGH POINT WINNERS: FEATHER, RUMBLE, ROCKET J, and BLACK WIDOW! High Point winners were announced and other successful racing efforts recognized at the CCV Annual Awards Presentation and Party Saturday night. HIGH POINT: PHRF A 1. **Phil Briggs, Feather**; 2. **Bumps Eberwine, Sea Star**; 3. **Leroi Lissenden, Voodoo**. PHRF B 1. **Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran, Rumble**; 2. **Rusty Burshell, Cool Change**; 3. **Bob Archer, Bad Habit**. PHRF C 1. **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi, Rocket J**; 2. **Alan Bomar, Roundabout**. PHRF Non-Spin 1. **Leo Wardrup's Crew, Black Widow**; 2. **CM French, Elixir**. Numerous other pieces of hardware earned earlier in the season were presented and included series championships and various special awards. In addition, Scott Almond, Race Captain of Broad Bay Sailing Association presented the 2014 awards for the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (administered by BBSA). **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

FROSTBITERS BITE BACK: With the absence of wind making yesterday look like a repeat of the week before, twenty (20) racers in Frostbite Race 4 refused to accept defeat. After an hour delay, light zephyrs and fickle breezes filled in and allowed for a short race in Hampton Roads Harbor. RESULTS: PHRF A (6 boats): 1. **Phil Briggs, Feather**; 2. **Gene Thayer, Pterodactyl**; 3. **Dixon Wilde, Kingfisher**. PHRF B (8 boats): 1. **Ryan McCrillis, Haka**; 2. **Bob Archer, Bad Habit**; 3. **Ben Cuker, Callinectes**. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats): 1. **Cary Hardesty, Lona**; 2. **Will and Mary Roberts, Remedy**; 3. **Doug Miller, Folly**. Cruising (2 boats): 1. **Lester Knight, Vagabond De**. Principal Race Officer-Brian Deibler; Official Scorer-Kim Deibler. The last race of the Frostbite Series is scheduled for Sunday, November 23rdth. For info contact Brian Deibler (757) 715-8977.

2015 Southern Bay Race Week announces addition of separate venue for One-Design classes. As always, to be responsive to racers SBRW will be adding a one-design circle to its 2015 program. "Our one-design classes, especially the J70s and Viper 640s, have told us that they want 3 days of windward-leeward racing and that's exactly what we are going to give them," said Principal Race Officer John McCarthy. Event Chairman Jack Pope echoed that sentiment saying, "It's what our one-design racers want and we're going to give it to them." This will not change the very popular format of 3 day – 3 different types of racing, including the Saturday distance race in the Bay, for all the PHRF fleets.

Collegiate Sailing: When kids go off to college and part of their experience involves the sailing team, interesting things can happen. Weekend before this past the **Old Dominion University Sailing Team** entered a float in the ODU Homecoming Parade. **Jake Spracher**, a member of the team, a Hampton native, and an electrical and computer engineering student is credited with modifying a previous design to add height and lift. So, with the centerpiece sailboat going higher and lifting better, the inevitable happened – the sailing team’s entry won first place float honors in the parade. Check it out at http://youtu.be/72rMC_5FGYw By the way, Jake is a 2014 Academic All American for ODU.

It’s cold out there on the Bay and its tributaries. Here is some good info. *The Truth About Cold Water, (4/12/13), and Drowning Doesn’t Look Like Drowning(5/23/2014) both by Mario Vittone.* Chesapeake Bay sailors, particularly racers, love being on the water during our cold weather, Winter and early Spring season. The “Look at us, we’re so lucky,” attitude some of us direct toward our iced in, shore bound North Eastern and Mid-Western brethren is validated by the number of Frostbite Series, hot rum races, etc. that dot our seascape. Still, our waters are cold. These articles are something everyone who sails, skippers and crew, should take some time to read and absorb. Click here http://gcaptain.com/cold_water/ Thanks for sharing to Randy Goodman, the honcho of the BBSA Little Creek Sailing Association.

PHRF Splits Note: PHRF of the Chesapeake had the Annual General Meeting Saturday in Tappahannock, Virginia. Among the many items discussed and voted upon was the change in the Southern Bay (**Region 4**) splits for **PHRF B and PHRF C**. For the coming season PHRF B will include boats rated 110-151, and PHRF C will be 152 and up. This and other information will be forthcoming when the meeting minutes are published.

Race for the GABOON Spittoon! 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 a key 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. Be a Gaboon – race for the Spittoon!

LASER RACERS – On-the-Water Clinic offered at Big Blue Sailing Academy on December 13th. This is BYOB and is for experienced Laser racers who want to extend the season and get the most out of the frostbite season. Topics include boat setup, rigging and sail trim, advanced boat handling, and upwind and downwind technique. And much, much more. Age limit is 14 and above. Charles Higgins, Assistant Sailing Coach at ODU (7 years), is clinic director and coach. Cost is \$70. For additional information, contact Mitch Brindley at 757-287-1201. To register, go to BigBlueSailingAcademy.com

MURPHY'S LAW: With the holiday season coming on with the full gamut of social encounters and emotions, *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, reminds everyone of this universal truth: Alcohol does not solve our problems, but, then,. . . neither does milk. Ahooooooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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