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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 716**

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**THANKSGIVING COMETH THIS THURSDAY. It's easy to be thankful for being part of sailing on the Chesapeake Bay!**

**2014 Frostbite Series: FEATHER, COOL CHANGE, REMEDY, and VAGABON-DE top fleets in annual series.** This year the Frostbite Series, sponsored each year by Hampton Yacht Club, proved to be a test of fortitude and perseverance. Two of the five November Sundays scheduled for racing were lost to dramatic weather conditions. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday featured a full gale and the third a breathless drift. The Series concluded yesterday in light air under gray skies, making it a 3-race series. A tip of the hat to all who participated and extended their sailing season! Overall Series Standings: PHRF A:1. **Phil Briggs**, *Feather*; 2. **Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*; 3. **Gene Thayer**, *Pterodactyl*. PHRF B:1. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2. **Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*; 3. **Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*. PHRF Non-Spin:1. **Will & Mary Roberts**, *Remedy*; 2. **Cary Hardesty**, *Lona*. Cruising:1. **Lester Knight**, *Vagabon-De*. Principal Race Officer-Brian Deibler; Official Scorer: Kim Deibler. Frostbite Series trophies will be presented at the HYC Annual Awards Night on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MIRAGE finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in PHRF and TEAMWORK 2<sup>nd</sup> in IRC in the 81<sup>st</sup> Nassau Cup Ocean Race.** The race start was North of Miami Harbor at 1100 Thursday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. **Christian Schaumloffel** (Va Beach/HYC, STC) on his Hobie 33, *Mirage*, finished second in the nine (9) boat PHRF class. **Robin Team** (Lexington, NC/STC, WPYC) on his J122, *Teamwork*, took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 6 boat IRC class. A total of 15 boats competed in the 176 mile race from Miami to Nassau; only one did not finish. The race can be summed up by saying the boats in the front were caught from behind by the slower boats bringing up a fresher breeze to the finish line at northwest entrance to Nassau Harbor. The entire fleet finished within 2.5 hours of one another on Friday evening.

**It's a rumor, but . . .** an anonymous source says that the **2017 America's Cup** will be sailed not in the defender's country, the United States, but in Bermuda. This will be the first time a U.S. defender will have decided to hold the America's Cup outside our country. It is said that Oracle Corporation has decided in favor

of Bermuda over San Diego. America's Cup officials are expected to make an official announcement at a news conference scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> in New York.

**Fifty plus (50+) southern Bay yacht club, sailing associations, and event officials** have been working for the past two months on the 2015 racing schedule for keel boats (PHRF and One-Design), aka "big boats". One of the significant changes involves a major move and revision of Norfolk Yacht and Country Club's annual big boat race. The *NEW WILLOUGHBY CHALLENGE (NWC)*, and will run on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary plans intend for PHRF Non-Spin and Cruising Fleet competitors. There will be a Friday evening skippers meeting and party as well as a Saturday post-race awards ceremony and festivities on the beautiful NYCC grounds (swimming pool enhanced). Organizers plan to offer FREE dockage Friday and Saturday, allowing for Sunday departure. The Labor Day weekend Dink Vail Regatta, previously sponsored by NY&CC, is retired and Broad Bay Sailing Association has dropped the Little Bay Challenge from the schedule, freeing up the mid-July date for the NWC.

The **SOUTHERN BAY DISTANCE RACING SERIES 2014** awards have been presented to: PHRF A (10 qualifiers): 1. **Christian Schaumloffel**, *Mirage*; 2. **Jim Bordeaux**, *Solstice*; 3. **Phil Briggs**, *Feather*. PHRF B (7 qualifiers): 1. **Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran**, *Rumble*; 2. **Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*; 3. **Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*. PHRF N (3 qualifiers): 1. **Leo Wardrup's Crew**, *Black Widow*; 2. **Vicki Zimmerman and Bill Barnes**, *Bona Dea*. Cruising (2 qualifiers): 1. **Alan Moore and John Atkinson**, *Trouble*. SBDRS is administered by Broad Bay Sailing Association.

**SAVE THE DATE - Morning with Murphy Racing Rules Seminar, "Just How Proper is a Proper Course?"** Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 0900– noon, at Hampton Yacht Club, cost: \$20 includes refreshments, course materials, etc. Come hear John McCarthy discuss the concept of Proper Course and the several ways it impacts racers on the race course. For information and/or to register email [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) , subj: Murphy Seminar – Jan 24, 2015

**2015 Southern Bay Racing Schedule** is available from your yacht club and sailing association race program officials. Also, you may obtain an electronic copy from *SBRNYCU* by sending an email (subj: Racing Schedule) to [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) asking for your 2015 Southern Bay Racing Schedule. You will receive it by return email. Put down the turkey drumstick and get ready to "race your brains out".

**2015 PHRF Splits for Southern Bay South Division and North Division: (Please note, the only change from 2014 splits is at the B/C separation for the SOUTH Division.)** South Division: A–Up to 109; B–110 to 151; C–152 and Up; NS–All. North Division: A–Up to 109; B–110 to 160; C–161 and Up; NS–All.

**Go ahead and enter the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual GABOON RACE.** Let'em know you are coming!! Send your entry to Race Committee (Gaboon Race), HYC, 4707 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 7<sup>th</sup>) at 12:30pm. Staggered start off HYC docks.

The **Holiday Gifting Period** is about to begin. Remember your racing friends with racing photos. This year **PHOTOBOAT** was on hand in the southern Bay for **Southern Bay Race Week** and **Cape Charles Cup** (recently re-dedicated and named for Leo Wardrup), and they are offering a special pre-holiday discount - [Click Here](#) and use the code **GREATGIFT** for 15% off until Monday, December 1st.

### **December southern Bay racers' schedule. Shiver your timbers, but keep racing!**

Dec 7, Sunday	37 <sup>th</sup> Annual GABOON RACE – Phil Briggs, 757-723-5477
Dec 21, Sunday	First Day of <i>WINTER</i> , 6:03pm Eastern Standard Time
Dec 25, Thursday	Christmas
Jan 1, Thursday	2015 Dana Dillon Memorial New Year's Madness Race – Mike Hollsten (757)867-7912
Jan 1, Thursday	SYC New Years Day Race

**MURPHY'S LAW:** So, with the holiday shoppers' "Black Friday" this week, the price of obtaining good stuff comes to *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle's* mind. It is true that money cannot buy happiness for oneself or for another. However, it's more comfortable to cry in a Farr 40 than a leaky dinghy. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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