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COLD WINDS blow away Sunday GABOON! With the area under a Gale Warning, winds at 20+ knots out of the NNE, gusts nudging 40 knots, and a wind chill of 37 degrees, Phil Briggs told it like it was when he announced to the racers in the HYC bar, "Today this race is blown off!" A cheer went up and discussion of how in the heck one gets a boat out of the slip in such conditions dwindled and then stopped altogether.

START THE 2015 RACING SEASON RIGHT – January 1, 2015, Dana Dillon Memorial New Year's Madness Race. This pursuit (staggered start – slower boats start first) race is on New Year's Day. Sorry, no handicap allowances given for previous evening party history! This is the traditional first race of the season and is jointly sponsored by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club and Hampton Yacht Club. Racing is open to PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker (2 headsails), and Cruising Class. Buffet breakfast available at HYC Dockside Lounge (HYC opens at 8am, serves until 11am, club closes at noon), skippers meeting (10 am), and first warning at 11:25am off HYC docks. The course is usually around 6 nm long, "from HYC Bar, around Hampton Bar [the one submerged in the harbor], and into the OPCYC Bar". All that is discussed at the Skippers Meeting. The race finishes between the OPC Marina Pier and G"3" Phoebus Channel. The post-race party and awards presentation start at 3:30 pm at the OPCYC clubhouse on Ft. Monroe (remember, FT Monroe is open to public – no security check at the entrance). All boats must meet the PHRF of Chesapeake *Ches Bay Category* Safety Equipment Requirements. (see www.phrfchesbay.com for requirements). Enter no later than 5pm, Tuesday, December 23rd - entry fee is \$25; after that entry fee is \$40. **Mail your entry NOW to: OPCYC, c/o Mark Wolfe, 111 West Woodland Road, Yorktown, VA 23692-3367 –make check payable to OPCYC. Questions? Call Mark Wolfe at (757) 989-5064.**

Alan Bomar named Chairman of Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta. After beginning and leading the Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta and raising millions for Leukemia Lymphoma Society, **Judy Buis and Carolyn Norton Schmalenberger**, the 2014 co-chairs have turned over the leadership of the regatta to Alan Bomar. Alan says that he appreciates Judy's and Carolyn's leadership and organization of the past events and looks forward to building on the past and creating a great and successful event for 2015. This year the regatta is planned for July 11 & 12 in Deltaville with race management by FBYC. Look for more details at <http://www.leukemicup.org/va/>. Southern Bay racers all know Alan and his baby blue hull J24, *Roundabout*, a friendly nemesis to sailors on the race course for many years.

Need something to startle you awake? Here is the real time video taken just over a week ago when the Volvo Ocean 65 *Vestas Wind* traveling at 19 knots hit "a remote archipelago in the Indian Ocean." The video is via *SCUTTLEBUTT SAILING NEWS*, Friday, Dec 5, 2014, Issue 4226.

http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2014/12/04/video-team-vestas-wind-aground-indian-ocean/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Scuttlebutt+4226+-+December+5+2014&utm_content=Scuttlebutt+4226+-+December+5+2014+CID_d432ff130e4f0e3084ee8c518236bba2&utm_source=Email%20Newsletter

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows all about winds so strong they "blow dogs off chains". Yesterday the wind was all that and more. That wind also was cold enough to blow ice off igloos. So, when the race was called, this dog was happy to stay chained to the bar, lapping Irish coffee, and warmed by a lot of racers' hot air. 'Twas a great indoor Gaboon! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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