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MERIDIAN X, RUMBLE, and ROUNDABOUT win top spots in CCV Spring Series. On the final day of racing yesterday for the annual Spring Series, light air intervened after one race was completed. With no expectation of better wind coming and a vicious current running, the Series was declared complete with 4 of 5 scheduled races in the books. A total of 28 boats raced in the Series over the past three Sundays. SERIES STANDINGS: PHRF A (11) – 1. **Sledd Shelhorse**, *Meridian X* (Farr 400); 2. **Leroi Lissenden**, *Voodoo 2* (Tripp 38); 3. **Bumps Eberwine**, *Sea Star* (J36); PHRF B (8) – 1. **Ben Weeks & Michele Cochran**, *Rumble* (J29); 2. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change* (J30); 3. **David Taylor**, *Wham Bam* (Andrews 27); PHRF C (9) – 1. **Alan Bomar**, *roundabout* (J24); 2. **Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes* (Cal 3-30); 3. **Justin Morris**, *The Hunter* (Hunter 26.5). For the Series, Principal Race Officer-John McCarthy; Signal Boat Captains- Henry Hudgins, Brian Deibler, and Greg Edwards; Mark Boats – Bill Gibbings, George Tatum, and Tom Fowler; Official Scorer- John Ritter.

SBRW Update. Racers taking advantage of the Early Bird Entry special, which ended this past Thursday, numbered 88, only one shy of the *total number* of regatta entries for 2014. With 4 weeks to go until the first warning signal, event officials continue apace with SBRW preparations. The first racer to take advantage of the SBRW offer of FREE storage for boats on trailers from now until the regatta arrived Sunday night. Ron Medlin, on his way home to Wilmington, NC, from a 2nd place finish at the Annapolis NOODS, stationed his boat at the Hampton facility. Also, racers returning from 2014 SBRW can still take advantage of the SBRW/Old Point National Bank Loyalty Discount on entry fees. To register ON LINE, see list of entries and scratch sheets, print paper entry form, view NOR, order regatta apparel, and more click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250> or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. SBRW has racing for PHRF, One Design, and Cruising Racers – something for everyone. *Y'all come racing!*

Fishing Bay Yacht Club had a full weekend of racing, starting on Saturday with their **J70 Spring Regatta**. Six (6) boats were on the scene and enjoyed 8-12 knots for most of the day, with the wind waiting until the last race to ratchet down to around 5. After 5 races, the standings were led by: 1. **Matt Braun**, *E.L.E.* (1-1-5-1-2); 2. **David Hinckle**, *Airspeed* (3-3-1-3-1); 3. **Jon Deutsch**, *No Quarter* (2-2-2-2-3). Glenn Doncaster was Race Chairman. On Sunday the FBYC One-Design fleet endured more than an hour postponement in the **OD Spring Series #2** due to light air. And, then, when there was enough air to race, it was light and fluky. Between the races, the course has flipped end for end as a 180 degree shift toyed with the sailors. After the day, the Series fleet leaders are: Flying Scots (8 boats) – **Jay Buhl/Mike Karn**; San Juan (3 boats) – **Mike Chesser**; Front Runner (3 boats) – **Mark and Melissa Stephens**. Jim Raper was race chairman.

Southern Bay and Beyond Racers do well at Annapolis NOOD Regatta. **Bob Fleck** (Hardyville) won the S2 7.9 class in *Horizon* and **Paul and Julie Wash** (Richmond), *Cheeky Monkey*, finished 3rd in the same 6 boat fleet. In the J24 class, **Ron Medlin** (Wilmington) brought *Bash* in 2nd. On the 60 boat J70 course, **Dan and Gannon Troutman** (Gloucester), *Pied Piper*, finished 22nd and **Latane Montague** (Alexandria), *Full Monty*, was 14th in Corinthian and 43rd overall.

Lightning Fleet 518 will be racing on the Poquoson River from now through September.

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Southern Bay Juniors win CBYRA High Point Awards. In case you missed it. . . four southern Bay Junior racers did especially well in the annual awards presented by CBYRA for the 2014 season. **Alexander Hanna** was both the Maryland State Champion and the Commonwealth of Virginia Champion in the Laser Radial. **Benton Amthor** was the 2014 Commonwealth of Virginia Champion in the Opti. **Boyd Bragg** was the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Junior Olympics and Bay Champion in the Opti. And, **Reese Bragg** finished first in the Opti Girls Division, while Benton Amthor and Boyd Bragg were 1st and 2nd respectively overall in the Opti Division. Alexander Hanna finished 1st in Laser overall. *Kudos to all!*

Traditional Southern Bay favorite, the **Cape Henry Cup is May 16th**, the Saturday *after* Mothers Day weekend. This is a daytime distance race in the Bay and preset courses may be 20.3nm or 27.4nm. The starting area is in the Bay, off the Ft Monroe/Buckroe Beach area (in the vicinity of the Rear Range Mark). If adverse weather requires that the racing be held in Hampton Roads harbor, distances are just under 10nm. There are starts for all PHRF fleets as well as a Cruising fleet. Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA) runs this race. For information and entry racers should contact **Scott Almond at 757-471-2663 or click on www.broadbaysailing.org**. **Entries are due by 1200 hours on Friday, May 15th. Enter now, so they know you are coming! There have been many "legendary" versions of Cape Henry Cup!**

COMING UP THIS COMING WEEK:

Saturday, May 9 **FBYC Spring Series**

Sunday, May 10 **MOTHERS DAY**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has a bone to pick with Mr. Webster, *the Dictionary Man*. Mr. W says the term *beeline* means a straight, direct line to whatever. The Murphster asks, "Has Webster ever noticed how a real bee flies?" Bees are some of the world's greatest meanderers. So, the Murphster may make a *Webster* beeline to the post-race party tent, but is certainly more likely to depart in a *real* beeline fashion after that visit! Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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