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66th DOWN THE BAY RACE – 120 nm non-stop race from Annapolis to Hampton starts THIS FRIDAY, May 22.

Thirty-six (36) boats are ready for this well known dash down the Bay. **Jim Muldoon** in his Andrews 80, *Donnybrook*, undoubtedly will be looking to repeat his 2009 win of the Virginia Cruising Cup, although in a different *Donnybrook*. And, of course, **Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*, will be back defending his 2014 win. For information and ON-LINE entry as well as paper entry click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=1275> or contact David McConaughy at 757-870-4475. Wednesday, May 20, is the deadline for entries. The Skippers Meeting is set for 1900, Thursday, May 21 at Severn Sailing Association in Eastport (Annapolis). The check-in desk will open at 1800.

BLACK WIDOW takes the Cape Henry Cup, winning her fleet, PHRF C, by the greatest margin; **SOLSTICE, BAD HABIT, RESTLESS and CYMRU win their respective fleets.** Thirty (30) boats sailed in the 2015 Cape Henry Cup and were rewarded mightily by sunshine and a perfect, uninterrupted sailing breeze that was 10-15 from the South. The PHRF A boats went the full 27.40 nm course, while the remainder of the fleet sailed the 20.3 nm version. Interesting to note that a significant number (21) of the boats racing for the Cape Henry Cup will have a re-match in the SBRW distance race on Saturday of the event, less than two weeks from now. RESULTS: PHRF A (7 boats) – 1. **Jim Bordeaux**, *Solstice*; 2. **John and Beverly Blais**, *Stardancer*; 3. **Phil Briggs**, *Feather*. PHRF B (5 boats) – 1. **Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*; 2. **Ben Weeks & Michele Cochran**, *Rumble*; 3. **Ben Ritger**, *Blew J*. PHRF C (7 boats) – 1. **Carl Gade**, **Alvin Girardin, & Ken Copeland**, *Black Widow*; 2. **Justin Morris**, *The Hunter*; 3. **Cary Hardesty**, *Lona B*. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats) – 1. **Bill Barnes**, *Restless*; 2. **Jack Clayton**, *Melantho II*; 3. **Bob Hausman**, *Bobinski*. CRUISING (7 boats): 1. **Bob Howell**, *Cymru*; 2. **Moore & Atkinson**, *Trouble*; 3. **Lester Knight**, *Vagabon-De*. Principal Race Officer-Scott Almond. Broad Bay Sailing Association invites all award winners to their trademark potluck dinner tomorrow, Tuesday, May 19 at the Old Dominion University Sailing Center. For award presentations information, contact Bill Barnes at (757) 286-7500. Complete race results are available for download at www.broadbaysailing.org. Pictures of the Cape Henry Cup Race participants shot by Dave Baxter are available for purchase at http://www.dbaxterphotography.com/Galleries/Pages/Cape_Henry_Race_2015.html.

2015 Laser Atlantic Coast Championships, hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club, featured a variety of conditions over the two days. On Saturday, sailing the in mouth of the Piankatank on windward-leeward courses of varying lengths, the fleet enjoyed healthy breezes in the morning and less as the day wore on. Sunday the racing moved to the Fishing Bay side of Stove Point, but by lunch time the breeze had died to non-existent and racing concluded after one race. When all was said and done, the *Standard Laser Division* got in 5 races and three southern Bay racers finished in the top 10 of the 26 participants: 4. **Charlie Brewer** (HYC) 7. **Eric Roos** (FBYC); 8. **Jon Deutsch** (FBYC). **Alexander Hanna** (HYC/FBYC) won the *Radial Laser Division* by one point over Carrson Pearce of Surf City YC. Alexander was the only southern Bay racer to finish in the top 10 of the 21 boat division. The radials got in 4 races over the weekend. Complete

results are available at www.fbyc.net Event Chairman: Jon Deutsch; Principal Race Officer: Mike Waters; Official Scorer: Ruth Anna Jenkins; Chief Judge: John McCarthy

Noel Clinard's *J70 Loonatictu* competed in the Cedar Point YC (at the mouth of the Saugatuck River in Westport, Connecticut) One Design Regatta with Max Bent at the helm. The event doubled as the *J70 Long Island Championship*. In a 22 boat fleet, *Loonatictu* placed 7th overall and 1st in Corinthian Division. The event was plagued by light air and fog on Long Island Sound. The racers, hindered by long postponements ashore and afloat, got in 3 races over two days.

Something new on the southern Bay distance racers' opportunities list. The St Mary's College Governor's Cup – SOUTHERN LEG. Fishing Bay Yacht Club will facilitate the start at "1NP" off Mobjack Bay. First warning is scheduled for 15:55 on Friday, July 24. Starts are planned for all PHRF classes and for Cruising boats. For details please check out the event website.

USSCA Sunfish Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships were sailed Saturday and Sunday in Hampton. **Bert Sanford** of Norfolk Yacht and Country Club had the best finish, 3rd overall, among southern Bay racers participating. Twelve (12) Sunfish sailors raced and Brian McGinnis (Patchogue, NY) was the overall winner. Event chairman and race chairman was Jonathan Romero.

THIS COMING WEEKEND (May 23-25) is a 3-day holiday weekend - Memorial Day is celebrated officially on Monday, May 25th.

Sunday, May 24 FBYC Spring Series #4 www.fbyc.net

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK (opening night welcome = Thursday, May 28; racing and post-race parties = Friday, May 29 thru Sunday, May 31). Save \$\$\$\$ - enter by Friday, May 22nd to avoid the late fee (\$50). Check out the Sailing Instruction, NOR, entry list, regatta apparel, scratch sheet, and ENTER ON-LINE or get a paper entry form, and more at the event YachtScoring site <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250> or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. Southern Bay Race Week offers great racing and great parties for One Design classes, all PHRF classes, and Cruising Fleet (Cruising Fleet races Saturday and Sunday only at a reduced price.) ***Y'all come racing!***

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, will, when not racing or regatta partying, be heavily invested in the Blackbeard Pirate Festival, which coincides date-wise with SBRW. Speaking of invested - Do you know the name of the pirate tax office? Aye. Arrr. S., of course. Arrrgh! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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