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SBRW 2015. MAD HATTER, Bob Fleck's Olson 911s, takes home 2015 SBRW BLACK Seal Cup. Bob Fleck, residing in Hardyville, Virginia, put his name on the Black Seal Cup winners list for the third time at Southern Bay Race Week this past weekend. Bob, sailing his S2 7.9, *Horizon*, shared the Cup with Ben Weeks (*Rumble*) in 2012, the "tornado year", and won it outright in 2013, again with *Horizon*. This year Fleck sailed *Mad Hatter* in PHRF B, and won the most competitive fleet of 15 boats by one point. The top spot came down to the last race on the last day. The wind gods brought an easterly racing wind for the three courses each day after delays early on. Ninety-four (94) boats raced in the event. RESULTS: PHRF DIVISION – PHRF A (15 boats): 1. **Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*; 2. **Sledd Shelhorse**, *Meridian X*; 3. **Eric Schwab**, *Dorothy Kate*. PHRF B (15 boats): 1. **Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*; 2. **Ben and Michele Weeks**, *Rumble*; 3. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*. PHRF C (13 boats): 1. **David and Jacki Meiser**, *Easy Button*; 2. **Carey Hardesty**, *Lona*; 3. **Paul and Julie Ann Wash**, *Cheeky Monkey*. PHRF Non-Spin (7 boats): 1. **Walt Boatwright**, *Puff Card*; 2. **Jake Brodersen**, *Midnight Mistress*; 3. **Don Barfield and Steve Smith**, *Checko*. ONE DESIGN DIVISION – J24 (6 boats): 1. **Ron Medlin**, *Bash*; 2. **Mike Veraldi**, *Quicky*; 3. **Alan Bomar**, *Roundabout*. J70 (8 boats): 1. **Jenn and Ray Wulff**, *Joint Custody*; 2. **Thomas Bowen**, *Reach Around*; 3. **Latane Montague**, *Full Monty*. VIPER 640 (10 boats): 1. **Tyler Moore**, *Tumbling Dice*; 2. **Mary Ewenson**, *Terminally Pretty*; 3. **Henry Amthor and Dave Eberwine**, *Viper 227*. CRUISING DIVISION: CRU (10 boats): 1. **Larry Bryant**, *Whisper*; 2. **Jim Beaudry**, *Black Dog*; 3. **Bob Howell**, *Cymru*. CRU2 (10 boats): 1. **Bill Barnes**, *Restless*; 2. **Andrew Arola**, *Nu, Pogodil*; 2. **Chuck Thompson**, *Packer Tacker*. Event Chairman, Jack Pope; Principal Race Officer (Event and PHRF Div), John McCarthy; Race Officer (One Design Div), Brian Deibler; Race Officer (Cruising), Tom Connors; Official Scorer, Dariene DeRyder; Signal Boat (PHRF), Bill and Eleanor Brown; Signal Boat (One Design), Jim Shoemaker; Signal Boat (Cruising), John Ritter; Mark Boats, Dave Hamilton, Joe Lupton, Bill and David Gibbings, Tom and Jane Fowler, Marshall Findley, Noel Clinard. Chief Judge, Eric Rasmussen. For complete, detailed results, please go to <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250>

SBRW Regatta Notes: When the US Navy Submarine entering the harbor on Saturday "challenged" the SBRW boats finishing the distance race . . . he won. When announced as PHRF Boat of the Day award winner, *Checko* co-owner, Steve Smith (with Don Barfield), in his excitement, literally dashed his full beer cup to the ground and scaled the awards platform. "Heck", the *Checko Syndicate*, said later, grinning, "We're an inspiration – if we can do it, they all can!"

Volunteers manning the drink tickets table and the beer truck taps have calluses on their fingers and bulging biceps, respectively, this morning. The Friday Scavenger Hunt (conducted on the water while awaiting wind) involved thongs and tramp stamps – now, from the racers comes a suggestion for a regatta T-Shirt to commemorate the SBRW Hunt, much like the keeper Tornado tee of 2012. On the final day, racers eased the pain for motorist backed up on the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel – 94 crewed up sailboats paraded past on their way to the Sunday race courses, all off of Ocean View (Norfolk). If you have a Black Seal foam hat, WEAR IT - distance race finish line caller Buddy DeRyder did! The

HYC Saturday night fajitas bar was a racer gastronomical favorite. SBRW Bag Ladies handed out more than 200 welcome bags to skippers and event sponsors. Everyone knew to refer to the special area by the small hoist as the Viper Nest. Thomas Bowen's (*Reach Around*, J70) travel rig become a landmark on the host HYC property. . . and known for its Mudslides. For more SBRW tall tales, talk to your racer friends. Each year southern Bay sailmakers, North, Winters, Doyle, Ullman, and Baxter sponsor the SBRW Boat of the Day awards (and more), thank them when you visit them. Next year, the weekend *after* Memorial Day, **SBRW 2016 will open Thursday night June 2, racing June 3-5, 2016. Y'all come racing!**

COMING UP THIS WEEKEND:

June 5-7 Norfolk's Harborfest – no racing, but lots of fun!
June 5-7 *L'Hermione* at Yorktown
June 5-6 Annapolis to Newport starts 1 & 2
June 6 FBYC J70 Summer Regatta 1
June 6 FBYC Moonlight Regatta
June 7 HYC Double-hand Race

Sterling Spruill (HYC) took his Albacore, *Double Trouble*, to the **Potomac River Sailing Association Spring Regatta**, weekend before this past, and to took 3rd in his 14 boat fleet Kudos.

MURPHY'S LAW: As a result of the SBRW Scavenge Hunt, *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is well aware of which sailors among the southern Bay racing fleet actually has a tramp stamp tattoo or a thong. And, for a box of rum flavored milk bones, the Murphster will provide a list. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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