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Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, SAILING Magazine

SPLC, Solomons, Maryland, is THIS COMING WEEKEND. PHRF, One Design, and Cruising boats are included in the regatta format. There are multiple windward-leeward races on Friday and Sunday, and a Saturday distance race, with the finish up the Patuxent River off the downtown pier. The Cruising Fleet, participating Saturday and Sunday only, races on Saturday (in the distance race) and has it's own (single, mixed-leg course) area and race committee on Sunday. Everyone is invited to all of the parties and they are a must! Get your NOR, Sailing Instructions, entry form and more go to www.splc.us For even more info or answers to questions, please contact Event Chairman, LG Raley at 301-862-3100. SPLC is a long standing, first class mid-summer regatta. Ya gotta regatta at SPLC. LG says "Come on to Solomons!" Not too late to enter (late fee applies). Special crossed fingers for good luck to southern Bay racers on Voodoo 2 (Leroi Lissenden); Shenanigan (Miles Booth); Midnight Mistress (Pat & Jake Brodersen); Excitation (Mayo Tabb); Meridian X (Sledd Shelhorse); Schiehallion (Brad Miller): Goin' (Dennis Hannick); Cheeky Monkey (Paul & Julie Wash); Restless (Bill Barnes & Jay Thompson); Mad Hatter (Bob & Lisa Fleck).

Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Regatta. The 2015 Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup drew 50 boats in 8 classes to race over two days this past weekend. The lack of wind limited the first day to one race for most classes, but Sunday was much improved and the majority of the fleet got in four (4) races total, with the Portsmouth Handicap Division smaller boats doing six (6). This was the 17th year for the Leukemia Cup. The weekend of racing is the culmination of a strong effort to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through a variety of events. An additional eleven (11) skippers and crew did not race, but entered the regatta in support of the charitable effort. RESULTS: J70 One Design (8 boats): 1.Latane Montague, Full Monty; 2.Blake Kimbrough, Nostalgia; 3.Matt Braun & Family, E.L.E. PHRF A (5 boats): 1.Craig Wright, Afterthought; 2.Sam Mitchener, Double Eagle; 3.Leroi Lissenden, Voodoo 2. PHRF B (4 boats): 1.Dennis Hannick, Goin'; 2.Bob Fleck, Mad Hatter; 3.Miles Booth, Shenanigan. PHRF C (6 boats): 1.Alan Bomar, roundabout; 2.Frank Murphy, CHOMHCHGUI; 3.Paul and Julie Wash, Cheeky Monkey. PHRF Non-Spin (5 boats): 1.Mike Dale, Juggernaut; 2.Greg Watt, Incorrigible; 3.James Snowa, Dixie Rose. Portsmouth Handicap Fleet (7 boats): 1.Ned Crockett, Ladybug; 2.Charles Carmichael, Goose; 3.Roger Gaby, Creampuff. Cruising 1 (boats): 1.Robert DeJong, Temptress; 2.Steve Bland, Osprey; 3.Booty Baker, Klimax. Cruising 2 (6 boats): 1.Jeff Branflick, First Light; 2.Tom O'Connell, Summer Wind; 3.Tyson Beane, Vamp. Event Chairman-Alan Bomar. Complete results are available at YachtScoring.com.

The Olin J. Stephens Trophy is one of the special awards given after the Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race. The standings are determined by combining the boats' finishes in the 2015 MHOR with their finishes in the 2014 Newport to Bermuda Race. From the southern Bay Glenn Doncaster's *Nanuq* was 2nd place overall in the standings. The *Nanuq* team took 3rd in the recent Marblehead to Halifax in the ORR Division. Sailing on *Nanuq*, (Sabre 42), last week were **Glenn Doncaster**, **Jerry Latell**, **Jim Cobb**, **Bob Fleck**, **Kelly O'toole**, **Alex O'toole**, **Matt Newborn**,

and **Greg Dupier**. Also, racing in the MHOR were **Tim Savage** and crew on *Triage*. The Tripp 41 finished 7th in the ORR Division.

IMPORTANT NOTICE. Portsmouth Boat Club has *cancelled* the 2015 HOMETOWNE REGATTA, scheduled for August 1st. Officials said those who have already entered will have their entry fee refunded.

Rob Suhay, Laser Man, a southern Bay sailor who hails from Norfolk, VA, has been out there again. Rob left Morehead City, NC, on June 30 and arrived in Annapolis, MD, on July 4. The total trip was 346.1 nm. But, Guinness will have to decide whether to count the whole trip or to count only the 295.3 nm which he had sailed as of July 2, before falling asleep and becoming briefly grounded on a sledge. Rob currently holds the Guinness World record – 283.5 nm - for the longest singlehanded distance sailed on a dinghy by a male. Ron covered that distance when he attempted to sail a roundtrip from Norfolk to Annapolis and back to Norfolk. He made it to Annapolis and part way back before having to cut the effort short.

The week long **2015 US Youth Sailing Championship** wrapped up Friday, July 10th. Roger Williams University (Bristol, Rhode Island) hosted the event in their new Sailing Center. Two southern Bay youngsters were selected from a national pool to race against 37 other top-flight competitors in the Laser Radial fleet. **Alex Hanna** (Hampton Yacht Club) finished 11th overall, and **Greg Kiger III** (Big Blue Sailing Academy – Norfolk) was 23rd overall. *Kudos* to both.

Also, this COMING WEEKEND: Friday, July 17 thru Sunday, July 19.

NEW!!! NEW WILLOUGHBY CHALLENGE, Saturday – July 18, 2015, presented by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club. The \$50.00 entry fee covers the regatta, the picnic buffet reception and awards ceremony at 1700 hours at NYCC for the skipper plus up to four crew, free dockage for racing boats at NYCC piers Friday night and Saturday night, and free access (skipper + 4 crew) to the NYCC outdoor swimming pool Saturday after the race. Additional crew may attend the picnic and enjoy pool privileges for \$5 per head. Info and online registration at http://www.norfolkyacht.com/ (click on Willoughby Challenge Regatta under "Visitor Info" at bottom of page). OR, complete the paper entry and mail to Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, 7001 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk VA 23505. Entrants may mail a check for entry fee or hand deliver it at the Skippers' Meeting on the 17th. This race is part of the BBSA sponsored Southern Bay Distance Racing Series. Classes: PHRF Non-Spinnaker and Cruising. NS boats may be split into fleets based on PHRF ratings. PHRF NS boats may fly double headsails; single headsails only for Cruising fleet. For additional info, please contact: Jeff Heller, 757-615-0680, serendipity38@cox.net NYCC: 757-423-4500. Harbormaster: 757-286-1752.

And, coming in August, a special racing/cruising weekend on the southern Bay:

***Registration is underway for BBSA's signature event of the summer, the **LEO WARDRUP MEMORIAL CAPE CHARLES CUP (August 15-16)**. There is still time to enter without the late fee (early bird deadline is July 22nd). To print an entry form and for all pertinent details, go to www.CCCup.net. You don't want to miss this *august* August event! [Murphy says, "No wonder at times a racing beagle can have difficulty with the English people language."]

MURPHY'S LAW: Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, plans to enjoy these couple of days of under 90 degree temperatures. . and, also to remember all those promises made during the horrible winter we just got through. So, to be perfectly clear to Mother Nature, there are no complaints herein regarding warm, snow-free, ice-absent weather, no matter how hot it gets! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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