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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #747**

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SCPL 2015 wrap - "Save a horse; ride a cowboy", the hit refrain of the Saturday evening post-race party still echoes around the Holiday Inn Solomons grounds and probably is embedded in the patio/pool deck bricks for all time. The parties reached and/or surpassed the SPLC standard. And, the racers and race organizers squeezed in plenty of racing working with moderate wind on the first day and with slightly lighter, but certainly race-able, wind on the second and third days. The PHRF and One-Design Divisions all got in 6 races over the 3 days, all the PHRF and Cruising Division boats finished Saturday's distance race, and the Cruising Division completed its Saturday/Sunday schedule. When all was said and done, racers raced and partied, received awards, and absorbed all the fun Solomons and SPLG 2015 had laid on for them. RESULTS: PHRF A1 (10 boats) - 1. Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian X (Virginia Beach, HYC); 2. John & Linda Edwards, Rhumb Punch; 3. Craig Wright, Afterthought (Raleigh, FBYC). PHRF A2 (6 boats) – 1. Daniel Rossi, Bandit; 2.Dave & Donna Prucnal, Ultra Violet; 3.Mayo Tabb, Excitation (Richmond, FBYC). PHRF B (13 boats) -1.Brett Harrison & John Yeigh, A Parent Tripp; 2.Bob Fleck, Mad Hatter (Hardyville, FBYC); 3.Greg Robinson, Incognito. PHRF C (11 boats) - 1.David & Jacki Meiser, Easy Button; 2.Paul & Julie Wash, Cheeky Monkey (Richmond, FBYC); 3.David McCullough, Gitana. J70 (7 boats) – 1.Mike McNamara, Tea Dance Snake; 2. Jonathan Pollak, Monkey Business; 3.Pete Firey, Pegasus. J80 (6 boats) - Clarke McKinney, Family Truckster, 2.John White, No Name; 3.Bert Carp, Eleven. CRUISING (17 boats) - 1.Bill Barnes, Restless (Virginia Beach, BBSA); 2.Max Munger, Shermax; 3.James Sampson III, Phyxius. OVERALL WINNER - Brett Harrison & John Yeigh, A Parent Tripp (PHRF B),. MOST BEAUTIFUL BOAT AWARD - Pat & Jake Brodersen, Midnight Mistress (Hayes, HYC) for 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. SPLC Chairman – LG Raley; Event Principal Race Officer & South Course – Don Behrens; PRO North Course – Taran Teague; PRO Distance Race and Cruising Division – John McCarthy; PRO One Design Division (Saturday) – Bobby Frey; Logistics Coordinator – Herb Reese assisted by Keith Jacobs; and, Official Scorer - Joe Ellis.

To Fiddler's Green. Rodney Paice, long time southern Bay racer passed away Thursday morning, July 16. Rodney was a member of Portsmouth Boat Club and, while he recently sailed a variety of boats, his passion was always the J24. He could be depended on to enter any regatta that included J-24s, whether sailing in a one-design class or among only a few J-24s sailing in a PHRF fleet. Rodney was a racer who had a great time competing in his sport. He was held in high regard by his fellow racers and the following words from one of his crew reflect the feelings many had for him. Jack Herbert said, "Hearts are low on Scott's Creek today. My dear friend, sailing buddy and mentor, Rodney Paice passed away this morning. I don't need to tell you what a beast he was on the race course! He was also a tremendously loyal, generous, and patient guy. I feel lucky to have known him and honored to have sailed with him." In the face of their huge loss, heartfelt sympathy is extended to Rodney's wife, Beth, his family and his many friends.

**It's in the books**. **The inaugural New Willoughby Challenge Regatta was Saturday**, July 18<sup>th</sup> in Hampton Roads. This *new* point-to-point event represents a marriage between the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club's Dink Vail Regatta and the

Broad Bay Sailing Association's Little Bay Challenge, and drew 21 boats racing in three fleets. Despite the wind dying halfway through the race, six boats did finish. RESULTS: PHRF Non-Spin 1 (6 boats started, 4 finished): 1. **Christian Schaumloffel**, *Mirage*; 2. **John Wanding**, *Rebecca J*; 3. **Gordon Edwards**, *Cowboy*. PHRF Non-Spin 2 (7 boats started, 2 finished): 1. **Ken Copeland**, *Black Widow*; **Walter Boatwright**, *Puff Card*. There were no Cruising Class (8 boats) finishers. Event Chairman-Bob Hume.

Interested in owning a "working" piece of history? Southern Bay Laser Man, Robert Suhay, says the Laser he sailed from Moorehead City, NC, to Annapolis, MD, earlier this month, is for sale. Rob said, "If anyone is in the market for a new boat, the brand new Laser (No. 203219) I used to sail from Moorehead City to Annapolis this year is available at dealers cost. (so it does have one really long trip under its belt). It has the XD package, a carbon tiller and extension, fiberglass blades. It does not come with a dolly. The sail does have my name on it in really big letters. The company that provided it, Shoreline Sailboats of Avon N.Y. was looking for an opportunity to support the adventure and promote it's name and the really cool brothers who own the business are willing to let the boat go at cost to them for \$5,300." Contact Robert at robert.suhay@pilotonline.com.

The **Morris Brothers, Justin and Woody**, are headed for the **St Mary's Governors Cup – Potomac Leg**. This year, 175<sup>th</sup> rendition of the event, the Morris boys plan to sail Woody's boat, *What Boat?*, in the spinnaker class. Justin is known on southern Bay race courses as the skipper/owner of *The Hunter*, the sistership Hunter 26.5 to brother Woody's boat. *What Boat?* will have plenty of experience and boat familiarity on board for the adventure. The *What Boat? – The Hunter* song and dance, brings to mind that Abbott and Costello baseball saw "*Who's on first. What's on second. I don't know*...".

**81<sup>st</sup> Hampton One-Design National Championship (August 7,8,9, 2016), hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club.** The early registration fee (\$275) includes 3 days of racing, dinner and parties on Friday and Saturday for skippers and crew. *Deadline for early registration rate is August 1<sup>st</sup>* (after that an additional \$25 late fee kicks in). So, get out your HOD and head for Norfolk. For info contact Eddie Wolcott (757) 434-7324, Lauren Wolcott (757) 672-3624, Steve Taylor (757) 966-5418, or Leigh Chapman (757) 726-9640.

Vet Cup RESCHEDULED for Sunday, August 2. Skippers Meeting is Friday, July 31. Awards party is Wednesday, August 5. New, additional entries are being accepted. All other times and locations remain the same. The Col Armie Armstrong Memorial Veterans Cup Regatta is organized each year by Langley Yacht Club. For info or clarification, and to enter, please contact Tom Connors at 757-593-8950.

**BLUEWATER RACERS.** Especially if you are planning to do the **2016 Newport Bermuda Race** (start June 17, 2016), here's something for you. The Bermuda Race's Official Boat Preparation Resource, Brewer Yacht Yards, will be presenting an **Offshore Preparedness Seminar** at New York Yacht Club's Harbour Court in Newport, Rhode Island, on August 22, 2015. This is the first in a series of hands-on seminars featuring: \*race-ready boats for attendees to tour; \*tools and equipment to try out; \*extended demonstrations and discussions; \*methods of compliance that won't break the bank; \*advice from experienced and successful skippers; and \*the Bermuda Race's Chief Inspector, James Phyfe. For more infor and to register, <a href="www.byy.com/NBR">www.byy.com/NBR</a> or contact Lynn Oliver at <a href="loliver@byy.com">loliver@byy.com</a>.

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

HERE COMES AUGUST ON THE SOUTHERN BAY! Get \$\(\frac{1}{2}\) on it!.

Friday July 31 Southern Bay Leg (start) for St. Mary's Governor's Cup - (240) 895-3039

Sat Aug 1 FBYC J70 Summer Regatta 2 - www.fbyc.net

Sun Aug 2 Veterans Cup (re-scheduled) – Tom Connors, (757) 593-8950

Fri-Sun Aug 7-9 Hampton One-Design National Championship – Eddie Wolcott, (757) 434-7324

Sat-Sun Aug 8-9 FBYC 76<sup>th</sup> Annual One Design Regatta – <u>www.fbyc.net</u>

Sat Aug 8 Tom Brady Masters Race – John Blais, (757) 365-3185

Sat-Sun Aug 15-16 LEO WARDROP MEMORIAL CAPE CHARLES CUP - (757) 375-1491

Wed Aug 19 YPRCC Fall Wednesday Nights begin

Sat Aug 22 FBYC Smith Point Race - www.fbyc.net

Sat Aug 22 Offshore Preparedness Seminar - NYYC's Harbour Court in Newport, Rl. Lynn Oliver at loliver@byy.com

Sat Aug 29 Plantation Light Race – Bob Thomas, (757) 898-3913

Fri-Sun Sep 4-6 STINGRAY POINT REGATTA, www.fbyc.net

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, knows that, technically, racers have to wait until August for the official Dog Days of Summer. Just remember, all good days are DAWG DAYS for racing beagles! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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