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LAST REMINDER! LEO WARDRUP MEMORIAL CAPE CHARLES CUP (August 15-16, this coming weekend) - a special racing/cruising weekend on the southern Bay. ENTRY DEADLINE is TODAY - 3PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 10th! To print an entry form and for all pertinent details, go to www.CCCup.net or call Event Chairman, Hank Giffin at (757) 375-1491. This is a unique, 2-races, point to point to point, weekend regatta. Saturday's race is from the mouth of Little Creek (Norfolk), across the lower Chesapeake Bay (just inside the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel), to Cape Charles. Post-race party, awards, and regatta dinner (outdoors on the resort-style, wide pier) take place at The Oyster Farm Marina at Kings Creek. Boats may dock in Cape Charles at the regatta site, i.e. The Oyster Farm Marina (757) 331-8660, or, at Cape Charles Harbor (757) 331-2357, where the water is significantly deeper. Complimentary shuttle service is available between CCH and The Oyster Farm. Docking reservations and fees are each racer's responsibility. On Sunday, the race is from Cape Charles to a finish line just off the Buckroe Beach (Hampton). Entry fee (\$115) includes: Light buffet *Friday evening at the Skippers Meeting at Bay Point Marina (Norfolk)*; refreshments dockside after Saturday race; Four (4) Saturday evening dinner tickets; light breakfast Sunday morning; post-race awards party on September 15th at Bay Point Marina (Norfolk); skipper's bag with assorted goodies; (1) official Cape Charles Cup hat and (1) official Cape Charles T-shirt. Race for the Cape Charles Cups – there are two (2), one for the racers and one for the cruisers!!!

Special Note re the Cape Charles Cup – As of yesterday, Sunday, entries were at 82 (47 of which are in the Cruising Fleet). Don't miss this southern Chesapeake Bay classic event. See item above for entry and details.

81st HAMPTON ONE-DESIGN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. And, the 2015 HOD National Champion is . . .Gordon Wolcott. Hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club this past weekend, participants included **past National Champions Latane Montague, IV, Randy Stokes, Charlie McCoy, Jr. and Gordon Wolcott.** Six races were sailed under varying wind conditions. The winner was not determined until the last leg of the last race, when Gordon Wolcott edged Randy and Gordon Stokes at the finish line to pull out the victory. The course was a full Olympic type course with each leg being just under one mile. Friday no races were held due to the threat of thunderstorms. Wind conditions on Saturday ranged from seventeen to twenty four mph and continued to build so only two races were sailed. Four races were completed on Sunday in winds ranging from five to fifteen mph. 2015 HOD National Championships – 1.**Gordon Wolcott/Charles Higgins**; 2.**Randy Stokes/Sam Stokes**; 3.**Gordon Stokes/Ann Stokes.** Nine (9) HODs competed for this coveted trophy.

Fishing Bay Yacht Club Annual One Design. After a weekend of racing, with plenty of wind on Saturday and not quite as much on Sunday, Fishing Bay YC wrapped up their 76th Annual One Design Regatta. Forty (40) boats raced in the One Design Division. **John Kreidler** was the clear overall winner (by 11 points) of the 17 boat FLYING SCOT class; **Alex Hanna** stomped on the 14 boat LASER RADIAL competition, finishing ahead of the nearest competition by 11 points over 6 races; and in the LASER (9 boats) class **Charles Brewer** won the top spot overall by one point over **Jon Deutsch.** In the Portsmouth Handicap Division (17 boats), **Ralph Sponar**, sailing a Windmill, won the fleet by 11 points racing against a mixture of Front Runners, San Juan 21s, and other Windmills. Among the 21 Optis racing, **Guthrie Braun** won first place overall. Principal Race Officer was Juliet Thompson. For complete standings and details click on www.fbyc.net

The Grand Dame of moonlight racing on the southern Chesapeake coming soon. **THE PLANTATION LIGHT RACE**, nighttime and non-stop, starts Saturday evening, on **August 29th** in Hampton Roads harbor, goes to Cape Charles and back. First warning signal is a **7 pm.** Most boats, in favorable conditions, finish sometime Sunday morning. There is no time limit for this one, though, so be ready for whatever Momma Nature throws at you – Translation: *Have plenty of liquids on board.* For information on entry and details, contact Bob Thomas at 757-9407 or 757-592-1650. A valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate which includes the Chesapeake Bay (Ches Bay) Safety and Equipment Requirements Category is required. All PHRF classes are welcome – PHRF Non-Spin allows double headsail.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows from experience any one of us can have a bad day racing. Consider this exchange between two famous racers: Paul Cayard said, "They're not even covering us anymore." To which Tom Whidden replied, "I don't think they're even looking back." /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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