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Dear Racers and Readers,

Labor Day is a week from today, Monday, September 7th. *Murphy, the Racing Beagle*, has decided to take [yet another] day off. So, look for your next issue of *SBRNYCU* on Tuesday, September 8th. /s/ *Murphy's Staff Wonks*

Deadline for Early Registration for HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA is TOMORROW, September

1st. It's the last day to receive \$10 off registration and also is the cutoff date to have your boat's name printed on the regatta t-shirt and in the event program. To register on line and for NOR and other info click on YachtScoring at http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1358

PLANTATION LIGHT RACE. Seventeen (17) boats started this 46.10 nm race Saturday evening at 7PM. At the start and up the first leg, things went well but, in the wee hours, the wind went away and the current took over. Six (6) A fleet boats made it around the mark at Cape Charles as did two (2) B's and two (2) C's. A report from one of the A Fleet finishers pretty much described the race. From aboard *Mirage*, Hobie 33 (Christian Schaumloffel) during the race: "*Great wind*, weather, moon and crew blazing through the short course until about 2 am. Then complete shutdown. Not even a whisper. All we had was ebb current. Since 4:30 we are gently moving again with new wind from W. Probably finishing just before sunrise and with the early flood pushing us into HR." The last boat to finish crossed the line at 10:41 AM Sunday. RESULTS: PHRF A (8 boats) – 1.Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian X; 2.Gene Thayer, Pterodactyl; 3.John and Beverly Blais, Stardancer. PHRF B (5 boats) – 1.Butch Patterson, Schock Full o' Nuts; 2.Al Johnson, Seeker. PHRF C (4 boats) – 1.Ben Cuker, Callinectes; 2.Jeff Rogers, Halaha. Principal Race Officer, Bob Thomas.

Southern Bay Racers at 505 East Coast Championships. Wianno Yacht Club in Oysterville, MA, on Cape Cod, hosted the three day event (Aug 21-23) and, according to one participant, offered "big breeze and big seas on Friday, 12-15 off shore on Saturday, and softer conditions on Sunday". **Tyler Moore** (Hampton) with past World Champion **Rob Woelfel** (Nevada) finished 3rd in the 19 boat fleet. **Henry Amthor** (Hampton) and crew **Dustin Romey** (Miami) took 6th place overall. Also there were 5 Hampton racers: **Arielle Darrow** crewed for Andrew Jones (St Petersburg); **Eric Schwab**, who races his Melges 24, *Dorothy Kate* on the southern Bay, skippered and was joined by crew Pete Conway (Hyannis); **Amie and Ted Huebner**, and **Chris Pfrang** crewed for lan Conners (Annapolis). *Kudos* to Tyler Moore, who with his parents who live in Oysterville, was responsible for organizing the regatta. . . long distance from Hampton.

ANNUAL STINGRAY POINT REGATTA, Friday, September 4, thru Sunday, September 6 - THIS COMING

WEEKEND! This will be the 21st edition of this event hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club. The event opens on Friday with a long-distance race that is scored *SEPARATELY* from the SP Regatta itself. There is check-in and registration *for the regatta* on Friday from 4PM to 5:45PM, followed by a mandatory Skippers Meeting at 6PM in the regatta tent. [*NOTE*: A Skippers Meeting for the *Friday distance race ONLY* will be at 11AM at the FBYC Jackson Creek flag pole.] Racing for the Regatta will be on Saturday and Sunday in the mouth of the Piankatank River. The number of races each day will be determined by the Race Committee. Racing is for PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes, one-design classes, and cruising fleet boats. The first warning signal each day is 11AM. For information and entry, click on www.fbyc.net Paper

entries (CBYRA entry form) may be mailed to: Stingray Point Regatta, c/o Matt Lambert, 4929 Southmoor Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23234

COMING UP: September 12-13, 2016 – the weekend after the official end of Summer. . .and the beginning of Fall Racing on the Southern Chesapeake Bay!

On Saturday, Sept 12:

Hampton Annual Middle Ground Light Race. A "big boat" favorite that is sailed in Hampton Roads Harbor and sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club. OPEN TO ALL. The Race Committee lays out the course (posts it on the RC Signal Boat at the starting line), but one of the marks of the course is *ALWAYS* Middle Ground Lighthouse. There is racing for all PHRF Classes as well as the Cruising Fleet (single headsail only). Starting line will be in the vicinity of CCV Mark "H" (Harbor). First signal at 1030. There is a post-race social – crabs and beer - on the Hampton Yacht Club dock for racers and crew. The awards are presented at the HYC Annual Awards Night on December 8th. Entry fee is \$25 (\$30 for non-USSA members). Mail entry form (standard CBYRA entry form) and fee to: Race Committee (Hampton Annual MGL Race), Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, VA 23669. Make check payable to: HYC For info: contact Principal Race Officer, John McCarthy, (757) 850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net

Wolf Trap Race. This is the final race of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club Long Distance Series. This is a distance race around fixed marks. OPEN TO ALL. There will be starts for all PHRF Classes, the Cruising Fleet, and the J70 One Design Class. There is a post-race dinner following the awards for this race at the FBYC clubhouse. The Long Distance Series awards will be presented at the FBYC Annual Awards ceremony. The starting area will be Piankatank River G "5" and Piankatank River Lt. QR 15 4M "6". Warning signal is 1100. For information and to enter click on www.fbyc.net

On Sunday, Sept 13:

Tri-Service Regatta. Go to the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club (OPCYC) website for information and NOR.

MURPHY'S LAW: Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, thinks the saw, "Not all who wander are lost. . ." applied this weekend on the race course. Some wanderers could have been boats caught in the dead wind zone and subject to the ebb and flood of the current during the Plantation Light Race. Yikes. /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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