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Sea Star, Cool Change, The Hunter, and Folly Win Fleets in Hampton Annual Middle Ground Light Race. A gentle, but sufficient, racing breeze and warm, muggy air gave racers a chance to thumb their noses at threatening skies on the race course Saturday. The fleet raced in the harbor and everyone rounded Middle Ground Light in the course of their day. The post-race crabs and beer were moved inside and racers' recovery was aided by the air conditioning in the HYC Lounge. The rain came long before the last crab was picked. . . but who cares once the boat is put away and the racers are inside. RESULTS: PHRF A (8 boats): 1. **Bumps Eberwine**, *Sea Star*; 2. **Leroi Lissenden**, *Voodoo 2*; 3. **Dixon Wilde**, *Kingfisher*. PHRF B (2 boats): 1. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2. **Dave Bouchard**, *Ganar!* PHRF C (4 boats): 1. **Justin Morris**, *The Hunter*; 2. **Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*; 3. **Gade/Copeland/Girardin**, *Black Widow*. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats): 1. **Doug Miller**, *Folly*; 2. **Cliff Porter**, *Tilt*; 3. **Bob Howell**, *Cymru*. Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy; Official Scorer and Signal Boat Skipper – John Ritter.

CCV Fall Series opens THIS COMING SUNDAY, September 20th. OPEN TO ALL. Day 1 (Races 1 & 2) of the Series offers racing in Hampton Roads Harbor on drop mark courses. The warning signal is set for 11:30am. This **time is a change** from Fall Series starting times in the past. There is racing for all PHRF classes and for Cruising fleet boats. Double headsails are allowed in PHRF Non-Spin. CCV members who have the special *Racing Membership* are automatically entered in the Fall Series. Entry fee for non-CCV *Racing Members* is \$30 per race day [non-USSA members \$35]. Day 2 of the Series, Oct. 4th, is a single distance race in the Bay. Day 3 (Races 4 & 5), on Oct. 11th, has drop mark courses in the harbor. For info and/or entry, please contact Principal Race Officer, John McCarthy at 757-850-4225.

WOLF TRAP racers avoid crummy weather. . .almost. If you call buckets of rain *just* an inconvenience, the 13 boats doing the annual FBYC Wolf Trap Race did good. After all, the weather predictions for late Saturday night were dire. And, the start was postponed twice, once for thunderstorms and once because of a tornado warning in the area. So, by sailing a shortened course to Milford Haven Light and back (18 nm), the racers avoided the really bad stuff – except the rain. RESULTS: PHRF A (3 boats): 1. **Sam Mitchener**, *Double Eagle*; 2. **Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*; 3. **Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*. PHRF B (3 boats): 1. **Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*; 2. **Miles Booth**, *Shenanigan*; 3. **Eric Powers**, *Nereid*. PHRF C (4 boats): 1. **Paul Wash**, *Cheeky Monkey*; 2. **Lew Thatcher**, *Catitude*; 3. **Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion*. PHRF Non-Spin (1 of 3 boats finished): 1. **Greg Watt**, *Incorrigible*. Principal Race Officer – Brooks Zerkel.

Voodoo 2 crew carries on. Leroi Lissenden, skipper and owner of *Voodoo 2*, was injured in a race course collision a weekend ago, so **his crew** took the green boat out in the Hampton Annual and came in second in PHRF A. Not bad. Leroi, by the way, was treated at the ER and has been recovering on land. . .not on the water yet, but soon.

Viper 640 News: The Gulf Yachting Association has voted among its 33 member clubs to have the Viper 640 as the new boat in the Interclub Capdeville Championship Series. The Viper 640 is replacing the Flying Scot, which had been the boat of choice for almost 50 years. For details about the Viper 640, GYA, and the *Interclub Capdeville Championship Series*, go to www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2015/09/09/gulf-yachting-selects-viper-640 Upcoming Viper events include two back-to-back regattas at Larchmont Yacht Club (NY). LYC will host the *High Performance Dinghy Open* on Oct 10-11 and the *Viper 640 National Championships* on Oct 14-18. Fifty (50) Viper skippers are entered already, including southern Bay racers **Martin Casey** (HYC/Norfolk); **Steve Taylor** (HYC/Suffolk) and **Tyler Moore** (HYC/Hampton). On November 7 & 8, Hampton Yacht Club will host the *Viper 640 Mid-Atlantic Championships* as part of the *Fall Fling Regatta* which also will include International 505, J70, J24, and other classes drawing 5 or more boats..

J70 News: on September 23-27, San Diego Yacht Club will host the *Green Flash J70 North Americans*. Southern Bay racer, **Gannon Troutman** (FBYC/Gloucester) is among the 50 skippers already entered and so are three (3) Marylanders, **Ray Wulff** (Annapolis); **Kristen Robinson** (Annapolis) and **Allan Terhune** (Arnold). Closer to home is the *J70 Chesapeake Bay Championships*, set for October 3 & 4, at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville, Virginia. Also, the J70s are one of the featured classes invited to the annual *Fall Fling Regatta, hosted by Hampton Yacht Club on November 7 & 8, 2015*.

Tri-Services Regatta. Results/info not available as of publication.

Homage to Neptune. On **Saturday, September 26, Neptune's Atlantic Regatta**, will take place in coordination with the 42nd Annual Neptune Festival. Broad Bay Sailing Association runs the event. This is a STAGGERED START (aka pursuit) race and the starting line is just north of the entrance to Little Creek. The first flag will be at 0925/ 9:25am. Racers will hang a right around Cape Henry and finish off the Virginia Beach oceanfront in the vicinity of the Old Coast Guard Station, which is at the end 24th St. and the Atlantic Ocean. Monohulls must meet the PHRF of the Chesapeake Safety Equipment Category Ches Bay. There is **complimentary dockage** in Lake Wesley just inside Rudee Inlet for Saturday night. There will be starts for all PHRF Classes and PHRF Non-Spin may fly double headsails. Cruising Fleet boats must fly single headsail only. The \$75 entry fee includes a special gift bag, 2 post-race party wristbands, an event flag and other goodies. **Skippers Meeting on Friday, September 25th at 1830/6:30pm** at The Raven Restaurant parking lot at the corner of 12th and Atlantic. **Entries are due by 1500/3:00pm, Tuesday, September 22nd**. For info and entry click on <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/misc/neptune15/index.asp> or contact event chairman Jerry Pattenauade at 757-644-7609. This race is part of the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series administered by BBSA.

Sunfish Challenge and Distance Dinghy Race, THIS COMING Saturday, September 19th. Dig your dinghy, Sunfish or otherwise, out to the garage, and get to this. The event pre- and post-race activities are at Willoughby Harbor Marina and the race runs from Willoughby Bay, around Middle Ground Light, and back to Willoughby. For info and to register, contact event chairman Jonathan Romero at 757-285-6017.

HEADS UP! Here are a few 2016 definite dates (i.e. set in stone) of interest:

*****February 6 Murphy Rules, What You Really Need to Know – Cutting Through the Fog.** One day rules seminar. Presented by John McCarthy. Hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. Info – Lin McCarthy (757-850-4225) or mcbear@earthlink.net

*****February 20 US SAILING One Day Race Management Seminar,** Hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. Qualifies for Club Race Officer certification and certification renewal requirements. Lead Instructor, John McCarthy. Info and registration available at <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/race-officer-seminar-calendar/> (scroll to Feb 20 at HYC). For additional info or assistance in registering, contact Lin McCarthy (757) 850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net

*****May 27 & 28 Down the Bay Race.** 120 mile non-stop, overnight, Annapolis to Hampton. HYC/Storm Trysail

*****June 3, 4, & 5 SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK** (opening night Thursday, June 2). Racing for PHRF classes, One Design classes and Cruising fleet.

*****August 13 & 14 Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup.** Little Creek (Norfolk) to Cape Charles (Eastern Shore) to Hampton (Buckroe Beach area). BBSA

*****September 2, 3, & 4 Stingray Point Regatta** (Labor Day Weekend) PHRF and One-Design classes and Cruising fleet. FBYC

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has been trying to get in as much racing and race related socializin' as possible before Mother Nature calls a halt. As racers know, there are times when maintaining an upright position on a race party dance floor can be a problem. Often my human racing friends will claim "sea legs" issues, post-race exhaustion, etc. *The Murphster* never has to offer such embarrassing excuses – everyone knows Beagles have two left feet! Ahhhooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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