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Autumnal Equinox. FALL arrives officially THIS Wednesday, September 23, at 08:21 UTC / 03:21 Eastern DLS

NEPTUNE'S ATLANTIC REGATTA – THIS COMING Saturday, September 26th. This is a STAGGERED START (aka pursuit) race. 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, THIS TUESDAY (aka tomorrow), September 22nd.** For info and entry click on <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/misc/neptune15/index.asp> or contact event chairman Jerry Pattenau at 757-644-7609. This race is part of the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series administered by BBSA.

CCV Fall Series Day 1 (Races 1&2). Day 1 of CCV Fall Series dished up significant adverse current at the starts (perfect for bargers) and 7-8 knots of building breeze. By the time Race 2 finished, the NNW breeze had built to 12-15 and was perfect for a great ending to the opening of the CCV Fall Series. RESULTS (2 races): PHRF A (8 boats) – 1.**Leroi Lissenden**, *Voodoo2*; 2.**Sledd Shelhorse**, *Meridian X*; 3.**Christian Schaumloffel**, *Mirage*. PHRF B (5 boats) – 1.**Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2.**Ben Weeks**, *Rumble*; 3.**David Taylor**, *Wham Bam*. PHRF C (5 boats) – 1.**Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*; 2.**Carey Hardesty**, *Lona B*; 3.**Alan Bomar**, *roundabout*. Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy; Signal Boat – Jack Pope; Mark Boats – Bill Gibbings (leeward and pin) and Brian Deibler (windward); Official Scorer – John Ritter. CCV Fall Series skips this coming weekend and picks up again on **Sunday, October 4th.** **CCV Fall Series Day 2 (Race 3)** features a **middle distance race in the Bay**. The start will be in the vicinity of CCV Mark "Y" (Bay). Note that in order to do Race 3, boats must meet PHRF Safety Equipment Category Ches Bay. Warning is at 11:30am. For information and/or entry in this race, contact John Ritter at 757-329-6992. **This race also will be scored in the 2015 Southern Bay Distance Racing Series administered by Broad Bay Sailing Association.**

Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge & Distance Dinghy Race. Seventy-six (76) boats started the HRSC&DD Saturday. With an ENE 6-7 knot breeze at the beginning of the race, a downwind start, and ebbing current, everyone easily made it around Middle Ground Lighthouse. But, on the upwind return leg to Willoughby, with a building breeze (reaching 12-14 by the end of the race) and now flooding current, conditions got dicey. Racers who sailed towards Sewell's Point finished the race, long before those who headed toward Hampton Bar. Of the 76 boats that started the Sunfish Challenge, 71 made it across the finish line, with the Safety Boats scooping up the remaining skippers who were in need of assistance. CLASS WINNERS: Sunfish/Recreation - **Peter Patnaude** (Midlothian) [also winner of the Tyler Patnaude Memorial Award]; Sunfish/Racing – **Bert Sanford** (Norfolk); Sunfish/Tandem – **Ethan & Amelon Rule** (Norfolk); Force 5/Laser – **Justin Meddock** (Durham, NC); Open Class – **Emory Nemeth** in a Taser (Norfolk); Hobie 16 – **Carter Paradis** (Norfolk); Multihull – **Waldo Rodriquez** in a Supercat (Midlothian); Sonar – **Annie Echmann**

(Hampton); Viper 640 – **Mark Wheeler** (Hampton). One Windsurfer, **John Quinn**, (Poquoson) sailed. Event Chairman – Jonathan Romero; Principal Race Officer – John Ritter.

Rappahannock Cup, THIS COMING WEEKEND, Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27. The 2015 Rappahannock Cup weekend is hosted by the Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club. YPRCC and Rappahannock River Yacht Club compete on the water for the Cup and gather ashore for heavy-duty socializing which includes a special Saturday Night dinner with a Mediterranean flavor. For info and/or entry, contact Warren Hottle at (804) 370-3429.

Fishing Bay Yacht Club Fall Series Opens. Racers got in two races (for most fleets) yesterday (Sunday) to open the fall season at FBYC. RESULTS (for the day): PHRF A (4 boats) – 1. **Sam Mitchener**, *Double Eagle*; 2. **David Clark**, *Corryvreckan*; 3. **Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*. J70 One Design (one race only, 6 boats) – 1. **Matt Braun**, *E.L.E.*; 2. **Latane Montague**, *Full Monty*; 3. **Mike Karns**, *Inconceivable*. PHRF B (6 boats) – 1. **Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*; 2. **Miles Booth**, *Shenanigan*; 3. **Brad Davis**, *Bad Dog*. PHRF C (2 boats) – 1. **Paul Wash**, *Cheeky Monkey*; 2. **Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion*. PHRF Non-Spin (1 race only, 2 boats) – 1. **James Sturdy**, *Wendas*; 2. **Mike Dale**, *Juggernaut*. Principal Race Officer – Geoffrey Cahill. FBYC Fall Series #2 is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th. For info www.fbyc.net

Remember, Glenn Doncaster (Nanuq) and the crew, Jerry Latell, Bob Fleck, Jimmy Cobb, Alex Otoole, Matt Newborn, and Charles Henderson, will compete for the U.S. Offshore Championship THIS Thursday thru Sunday, September 24-27, in Annapolis. This prestigious championship is hosted by the U.S. Naval Academy. Competitors will sail Navy 44s. Keep *all* your appendages crossed for our Southern Bay bunch.

For Southern Bay Racers in OCTOBER:

Oct 3-4 Sat-Sun J70 Chesapeake Bay Championship Regatta - FBYC, www.fbyc.net
 Oct 3-4 Sat-Sun Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta – <https://sites.google.com/site/hospiceturkeysshootregatta/>
 Oct 3 Sat Willoughby Memorial Race – BBSA, Guy Sorensen (757) 754-6418
 Oct 3 Sat Serio Regatta – HYC, www.hamptonyc.com
 Oct 4 Sun CCV Fall Series (Day 2 – Race 3) – CCV, John Ritter, (757) 329-6992
 Oct 7 Wed Octoberfest (each Wed in Oct) – CCV, Christian Schaumloffel (757) 285-7224
 Oct 8 Thurs ANNAPOLIS SAILBOAT SHOW opens (runs thru Mon, Oct 12th)
 Oct 10 Sat FBYC Fall Series #2 – FBYC, www.fbyc.net
 Oct 10 Sat Singlehanded Race – YPRCC, <https://sites.google.com/site/yankeepointrcc/>
 Oct 11 Sun CCV Fall Series (Day 3 – Races 4&5) – CCV, John McCarthy (757) 850-4225
 Oct 12 Mon COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY
 Oct 17 Sat 'Round the Lights Race – OPCYC, Mark Wolfe, www.opcyc.org
 Oct 17 Sat Commodores Cup – RRYC, www.rryc.org
 Oct 17-18 Sat-Sun Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Championships – FBYC, www.fbyc.net
 Oct 24 Sat FBYC Fall Series #3, www.fbyc.net
 Oct 25 Sun Frostbite #1 (for 5 consecutive Sundays) – HYC, Brian Deibler (757) 715-8977
 Nov 1 Sun EASTERN STANDARD TIME resumes (at 2am)
 Nov 1 Sun Frostbite #2 – HYC, Brian Deibler (757) 715-8977

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, notes with interest that Middle Ground Lighthouse, at the confluence of the James and Elizabeth Rivers in Hampton Roads harbor, has become a popular "destination" for southern Bay racers. With seventy-some dinghies from the HRSC&DD, and, prior to that, many, many big boats in various regattas rounding MGL, the total number must be significant. Probably more boats circling MGL than planes over Norfolk Airport or race cars around the infield at Darlington. And, here come more boats in October when the 'Round the Lights Race fleet heads that way. If a lighthouse could, this one might get dizzy! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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