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October 12th – More than 500 years ago, on this date, “In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue . . .” Mention to your boss that it's an *historical thing*, and take today off to go sailing to honor Christopher C.

VOODOO 2, COOL CHANGE, and LONA B Take CCV Fall Series Top Trophies. On an about-as-perfect-as-it-gets racing day, CCV concluded their 2015 Fall Series. The beautiful, 8 to 10 knots NNE breeze, although shifty, was the complete opposite of the impossible stormy conditions that beset the region last weekend. The Series was decided on 4 races, since Race 3, the mid-series distance race, fell prey to awful weather. **Leroi Lissenden's Voodoo 2** locked up the PHRF A fleet, taking bullets in every race. RESULTS: PHRF A (8 boats) – 1.**Leroi Lissenden**, *Voodoo 2*; 2.**Phil Briggs**, *Feather*; 3.**Bumps Eberwine**, *Sea Star*. PHRF B (6 boats) – 1.**Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2.**Ben Weeks**, *Rumble*; 3.**Larry Boone**, *Schock Full o' Nuts*. PHRF C (7 boats) – 1.**Carey Hardesty**, *Lona B*; 2.**Alan Bomar**, *Roundabout*; 3.**Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*. Series Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy; Signal Boats – Jack Pope and Henry Hudgins; Mark Boats – Brian Deibler and Bill Gibbings; Official Scorer – John Ritter.

LOOK OUT – IT'S a CRAWLING CRAB!! The Crawling Crab 1K, 5K and Half-Marathon have been rescheduled for this coming weekend, Oct 17 and 18. Soooooo.... If you are going to Hampton to go sailboat racing, check out the race courses and times at <http://www.crawlincrabhalf.com/race-info/course-maps/>

'ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE – THIS COMING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH. This annual event is all set for THIS COMING Saturday, October 17. It's staggered start (aka pursuit) race where racers must round both Middle Ground Light and Thimble Shoal Light. The catch is that each boat picks which light to round first. For info and to enter, click on www.opcyc.org or contact Mark Wolfe at 206-7903. Old Point Comfort YC sponsors this race and it counts in the BBSA administered Southern Bay Distance Racing Series. Special *NOTE*: The Old Point Comfort Marina offers *FREE docking* for racers who are attending the post-race party. Call early to make your reservation and get a slip assignment. To stay overnight the special transient rate is \$1.50 per foot. OPC Marina – (757) 788-4308. Go on and get entered, so you can learn your starting time, and the party time, and . . . Deadline for entries is 5PM Friday, October 16th.

CHESAPEAKE BAY LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP, THIS COMING WEEKEND, OCT 17-18. This is a very special event for OLD [enough] Laser racers. Don't take offense – in this case “old” is anyone who is at least 35 as of this coming Saturday. Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville, VA, hosts this annual favorite. The entry fee covers food-al opportunities, including the signature Saturday night dinner creation by Chef Alain Vincey. There are already more than 30 avid Laser sailors signed up. Register by COB today and save \$10 on the entry fee. For info, NOR, and registration, go to www.fbyc.net or contact Jon Deutsch at(804) 305-1244.

You cannot keep a good turkey down! Stormed out on the intended weekend, Turkey Shooters gathered on the Rappahannock this past weekend to race in the 2015 HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA. A number of originally registered racers fell prey to bad weather on the previous weekend, the popular Annapolis Sailboat Show on the re-schedule date, and just plain busy-busy personal schedules. However, 48 skippers and crew did make adjustments and raced and party-ed this past weekend. Here are the Fleet Winners for the regatta: Div 1 (2 boats)-**Bob German**, *Pegasus*; Div 2 (3 boats)-**Thomas Fink**, *Lee Penny*; Div 3 (2 boats)- **Ralph Leonard**, *Contentment*; Div 4 (4 boats)

-**Warren Ryan**, *Whistler*; Div 5 (7 boats) –**Jim Engle**, *Grey Fox*; Div 6 (7 boats)-**Robert Qualls**, *Albatross*; Div 7 (5 boats)-**Hans Lassen**, *Road Runner*; Div 8 (5 boats)-**Steven King**, *Matoaka*; Div 9 (7 boats-Typhoon 1)-**Elizabeth Crowder**, *Ad Astra*; Div 10 (6 boats-Typhoon 2)-**Steve Harris**, *Sierra Rose*. SPECIAL AWARDS: The overall winner was **Warren Ryan in his J24 Whistler** (YPRCC), second overall was **Sam Marshall** in his S2 7.9, *Play It Again* (RRYC) and third overall was **Wayland Rennie** in his Irwin 38, *Trilogy*. The John and Carole Jean McConnico Trophy (awarded to the winning yacht club or marina based on their top three finishes) was RRYC for the second year in a row. The Most Beautiful Boat went to **Tom Martin** for his Concordia Yawl *Wild Rose*. Principal Race Officers – Tom Chapman, Jerry Latell. Complete results by each race and overall are available at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=1358>

FBYC Fall Series #2. Eleven skippers and crew got in two races Saturday on the second day of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club Fall Series. Winning their classes were: PHRC A (3 boats) – *Afterthought*, **Craig Wright**; PHRF B (4 boats) – *Mad Hatter*, **Bob Fleck**; PHRF C (2 boats) – *Cheeky Monkey*, **Paul Wash**; PHRF-NonSpin (2 boats) – *Wendas*, **James Sturdy**. Principal Race Officer – John Wake. The Series continues on Saturday, October 24th and concludes on Saturday, October 31. www.fbyc.net for info and entry.

Rappahannock Cup rescheduled for THIS COMING WEEKEND, October 17& 18. Therefore, RRYC Commodore's Cup has been cancelled (no reschedule date). Attending to the "boxcar" effects of a bad weather weekend in the Fall, Rappahannock River Yacht Club has had to let their 2015 Commodores Cup go by in favor of the Rappahannock Cup Regatta, which is administered by Yankee Point Racing & Cruising Club and RRYC. For details on the regatta, contact Tom Chapman (RRYC) at (804) 577-3202.

OK, LASER RACERS here comes the fall-winter-spring racing season in Hampton Roads. Racing begins Sunday, November 8th and continues through the winter with breaks as usual for major holidays and the occasional inclement weather. Series coordinator, Rob Suhay, says the racing is free thanks to host and partner, Old Dominion University Sailing. Race times are 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sundays in the Elizabeth River near the Old Dominion Sailing center off Powhatan Avenue in Norfolk. The boathouse will be open at 10 a.m. for rigging. Some charter boats will be available (full and radial rigs) for \$10 a day. Sailors must have the skills needed to handle the boat and be dressed appropriately for the air and water temperatures. **Contact Rob Suhay at robert.suhay@pilotonline.com**

Octoberfest Wednesday Nights are underway. This past Wednesday, 12 boats raced on the CCV Wednesday night series which lasts through October. Christian Schaumlöffel said, that the first night involved a shortened course and that the last boat "...finished 1 minute before the time limit and 1 hour after darkness."

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is directly related to Sir Francis O'Murphy, who sailed with Christopher Columbus on the *Santa Maria*. Sir Francis was, of course, the first Racing Beagle to reach the New World. Because it was such a long, long, very long voyage, modifications had to be made to the *Santa Maria* to accommodate Sir Francis' personal needs. Check the derivation of the nautical term "poop deck" – it's all there. Really! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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