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'Round the Lights Race. ROUNDABOUT, Alan Bomar's J24, is Overall Winner of the 2015 'Round the Lights Race. *Roundabout* was first to finish the pursuit race that saw 29 of the 41 boats entered make it to the finish line. The swift J24 finished a mere 8 seconds ahead of second place finisher *Stardancer* (**John and Bev Blais**). Third place overall was **Tim Savage's** *Triage*. Fleet Winners within the overall standings: PHRF A (8 boats finished) -*Stardancer*, **John and Bev Blais** (2nd overall); PHRF B (6 boats finished)-*Jonathan*, **Bill Gibbings** (4th overall); PHRF C (6 boats finished)-*Roundabout*, **Alan Bomar** (1st overall); PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats finished)- *Restless*, **Bill Barnes** (19th overall); and, Cruising (5 boats finished)-*Cmyru*, **Bob Howell** (14th overall). The winds on Saturday were plenty fluky (and eventually went away completely), but the "right" way to go first was left to Thimble Shoal Light. This event is administered by Old Point Comfort YC. Event Chairman – Mark Wolfe.

Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Championship. There were forty-three (43) Laser Masters racing for the Chesapeake Bay title this past weekend at Fishing Bay YC. Laser Masters age categories are: Apprentice Masters (35-44), Masters (45-54), Grand Masters (55-64), and Great Grand Masters (65 & over). Grand Master **Mike Hecky** was the overall winner. Completing the rest of the top 5 were, in second place – **Mike Matan** (M); third place - **David Schoene** (GM), fourth place – **Patrick Wachholz** (M), and fifth place – **John MacCausland** (M). Southern Bay racer **Len Guenther** had the best finish among the ten "local" racers at the regatta. Len finished in the top 10 (10th) overall. The regatta had no wind on Saturday and only one race was run. Sunday was a different situation and the racers completed 4 races in shifty breezes. Event Chairman, Jon Deutsch; Principal Race Officer, Rick Klein. Complete scoring and details available at www.fbyc.net.

Viper 640 Racing at Larchmont. Fifty-three (53) Viper 640s raced from Thursday through Sunday for the 2015 Viper 640 North American Championship. On Long Island Sound it was windy (up to 20 knots) and it was cold (fleece ended up being the attire of the day). Three southern Bay Vipers, all from Hampton, were there and did well in the huge fleet. After 12 races, **Tyler Moore** was 9th overall, **Henry Amthor**, 12th, and **Steve Taylor**, 28th. For details go to http://yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=1518 NOTE: The *Viper 640 Mid-Atlantic Championships* will be hosted at Hampton Yacht Club in two weeks (Nov 7-8) as part of the annual FALL FLING REGATTA for one-design classes. **See Fall Fling item below in this issue of SBRNYCU.**

FROSTBITE SERIES OPENS, this coming Sunday, October 25. The Hampton Yacht Club FROSTBITE SERIES, *open to all*, gets underway this coming Sunday. Boats racing in the PHRF fleet must have a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. PHRF crew numbers limits do *not* apply. Crew sailing boats without lifelines must wear life jackets. Double headsails are allowed in the PHRF Non-Spin fleet. CRUISING fleet boats may fly single headsails only – no double headsails allowed for Cruising fleet. All boats must meet at least the PHRF of the Chesapeake Near Shore Category for Safety Equipment Requirements. There will be daily awards following each race. Series awards will be presented at the HYC Annual Awards Night on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The Series runs every Sunday through November 22, 2015. **To enter:** Standard CBYRA Entry Form and appropriate fee (Series = \$60 for USSA members / \$70 for all others; OR, per Race = \$25 for USSA members / \$30 for all others). Mail Entry Form and check (payable to HYC) to: Race Committee (Frostbite Series), Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669. Entries are due the Saturday before each race. For info, contact: Brian Deibler (757) 715-8977.

The schooners made their annual trek down the Bay from Baltimore to Portsmouth in the **2015 GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY SCHONER RACE** this past weekend. Of the 28 that started the race Thursday afternoon, 23 actually finished, and, of those, 22 finished on Friday, with the last one coming in in the wee hours on Saturday. Winners of the Classes: Class AA (5 schooners) – *Pride of Baltimore*, **Jan Miles**; Class A (10 schooners) – *Woodwind*, **Ken Kaye**; Class B (9 schooners) - *Tom Bombadi*, **John Flanigan**; Class C (4 schooners) - *Adventure*, **Dick & Leigh Wooding**. For details on the race, specific finish times, handicap corrections, etc, go to www.gcbsr.org.

Hampton University Pirates varsity sailing team wins the coveted Henry Luce Trophy and the 18 team collegiate **In-Conference Regatta** hosted this past weekend by Old Dominion University. Villanova, Virginia, Washington College, Maryland, Christopher Newport, and Hampton all qualified for the War Memorial Regatta by virtue of their performances. This is the first time ever that HU has won the Luce Trophy. Congratulations are in order for Coach Alessandro "Alex" Ambrosi and his HU team.

The **Fishing Bay Yacht Club Fall Series** continues with Race Day #3 this coming **Saturday, October 24**, and culminates the following **Saturday, October 31**, with Race day #5. For info and to enter, www.fbyc.net

FALL FLING, November 7th & 8th, with optional clinic on Friday, Nov 6th. Viper 640, International 505, Lightning, J24, J70, Sonar Classes and c420 (on Sunday only) are invited as well as any one design class with at least 5 boats entered by October 30th. Hampton Yacht Club is hosting the annual FALL FLING and provides complimentary launch and retrieve facilities as well as trailer parking at the site. In addition, complimentary, longer term, secure storage is offered to boats coming from or going to other regattas before and/or after FALL FLING. Racing will be in Hampton Roads harbor, on windward-leeward courses. *All classes must have a minimum of 5 pre-registered no later than October 30th.* For NOR and ON LINE registration <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/10976> or contact Steve Taylor at (757) 560-2734. Hampton hospitality is a trademark of this regatta as is the special regatta oyster roast. So, think exhilarating dingy sailing and delicious oyster roasting! *FALL FLING is also the VIPER 640 Mid-Atlantic Championship Regatta.* REMEMBER. **October 30 is the deadline for classes to make**, i.e. have a minimum of 5 boats registered, to assure class trophies, etc.

NOVEMBER Southern Bay Racers' Calendar:

Sunday Nov 1 – at 0200, 2AM, EASTERN STANDARD TIME returns.
Sunday Nov 1, 8, 15, 22 – HYC Frostbite Series Races, Brian Deibler, 757-715-8977
Saturday Nov 7 - BBSA Willoughby Memorial-Hot Buttered Rum Race, Scott Almond, 757-471-2663
Sat-Sun Nov 7-8 HYC 2015 FALL FLING, Steve Taylor, 757-560-2734
Sunday Nov 8 Hampton Roads Laser Series opens, robert.suhay@pilotonline.com
Wednesday Nov 11 – VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY
Thursday Nov 26 – THANKSGIVING DAY
Sunday Dec 6 – 38th Annual GABOON RACE, Phil Briggs (757) 723-5477

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, experienced a severe shiver after hearing about the cold weather north of the southern Bay and realizing it is time for frostbite racing. So, with Halloween just around the corner, the *Murphster* as decided to modify this years Halloween suit. Fur lining will be added to the leg openings and ear slots of the DayGlo orange pumpkin costume the *Murphster* will be sporting for trick or treat. When the short, rotund pumpkin arrives on your doorstep, get out the milk bone treats! Ahhhhoouoo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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