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HALLOWEEN is this coming Saturday, October 31.

EASTERN STANDARD TIME RETURNS SUNDAY. Good riddance to Daylight Saving Time. This coming Sunday morning, November 1st at 2 AM set the clocks back one hour and enjoy the snooze.

FROSTBITE SERIES. The **HYC Frostbite Series** got underway yesterday, Sunday. This is a five race series with racing on 4 upcoming November Sundays (Nov 1, 8, 15, and 22.) Nineteen (19) skippers and crew took advantage of good conditions in Hampton Roads Harbor in a single 9.4nm race around fixed marks. RESULTS: PHRF A (5 boats): 1.**Phil Briggs**, *Feather*; 2.**Bumps Eberwine**, *Sea Star*; 3.**John Blais**, *Stardancer*. PHRF B (6 boats): 1.**Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2.**Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*; 3.**Butch Patterson**, *Schock Full o' Nuts*. PHRF C (3 boats): 1.**Carey Hardesty**, *Lona*; 2.**Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*. PHRF Non-Spin (2 boats): 1.**David Lively**, *Lively Lady*. CRUISING (3 boats): 1.**Ian Hille**, *Sitella*; 2.**Jonathan Romero**, *Tempo*. Principal Race Officer-Brian Deibler; Signal Boat Captain-Jack Pope; Official Scorer-Suzanne Hamilton.

There were 230 boats racing in the Optimist Atlantic Coast Championship this past weekend. It is reported as the largest one-design regatta ever held in Annapolis. More importantly, the 2016 Optimist Atlantic Coast Champion is . . . southern Bay racer, BENTON AMTHOR. Benton had a string of 4-1-1-3-1 over the 5 races and won the tie breaker for the overall championship by finishing 1st in the last race on Sunday. Benton sails out of Fishing Bay Yacht Club and his mom and dad are Sarah and Doug Amthor of Yorktown, VA. CONGRATULATIONS, Benton!

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 retrieval 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 Event Chairman Steve Taylor at (757) 560-2734 or Principal Race Officer John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. So, think exhilarating dingy sailing and delicious oyster roasting! *FALL FLING is also the VIPER 640 Mid-Atlantic Championship Regatta.* REGISTRATION - THIS COMING FRIDAY, OCT 30, IS DEADLINE FOR CLASSES TO MAKE (minimum of 5 boats).

FBYC Fall Series #3. Seventeen (17) skippers and crew raced Saturday in the Fishing Bay Yacht Club Fall Series, which culminates this coming Saturday, October 31st. For the two race day, RESULTS: PHRF A (4 boats) – 1.**Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*; 2.**Sam Mitchener**, *Double Eagle*; 2.**David Clark**, *Corryvreckan*. PHRF B (4 boats): 1.**Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*; 2.**Brad Davis**, *Bad Dog*; 3.**Miles Booth**, *Shenanigan*. PHRF C (3 boats): 1.**Paul Wash**, *Cheeky Monkey*; 2.**Sam Marshal**, *Play It Again*. PHRF Non-Spin (3 boats): 1.**Mike Dale**, *Juggernaut*; 2.**Sherard Cole**,

Nutcraker. J70 (3 boats): 1. **Matt Braun, E.L.E.**; 2. **Drake Johnstone, Cat's Pajamas**. Principal Race Officer-Waddy Garrett.

Special 40th Anniversary Edition of Norfolk's Nationally Recognized Harborfest will include a special race in 2016. The *Harborfest Challenge* is intended to recognize the traditional racing fleet of Harborfests past. FestEvents, in coordination with Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, is busy planning a very special event for the local sailing community. The 2016 HARBORFEST CHALLENGE REGATTA is set for Thursday, June 9th, the day immediately prior to opening day of the 40th Harborfest Festival (Friday, June 10 thru Sunday, June 12, 2016). Harborfest Challenge will include racers and cruisers who sometimes race – all are welcome! As in the past, the traditional race will be held on Thursday of Harborfest Weekend and racers will be invited to participate in Friday's Parade of Sail, and to tie up for the entire weekend at the downtown Norfolk Harborfest site. And, the race awards will be presented on the Harborfest stage Friday night. Norfolk Yacht and Country Club will host the Skippers Meeting the night before the race and will offer complimentary (as available) tie up for race boats Wednesday night, to stage for the Thursday race, as well as Thursday night after the race, so that boats will be conveniently staged for the Parade of Sail. Race boats also will be able to tie up on Thursday night at the Harborfest docks. A Preliminary Notice of Race will be available soon. Stay tuned to *SBRNYCU* for info as plans are finalized.

Getting' ready. J/105 Special K, Don DeLoatch and crew, spent week before last racing and training in the J 105 fall series in Annapolis. Their efforts are in preparation for the J/105 East Cost Championships this coming weekend, Oct 31st through November 1st, also in Annapolis.

Laser Racing Series begins in one week - 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**

High School Sailing Update:

*****Gray Kiger III**, qualified in Surf City, NJ last month to represent **Norfolk Academy** in the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) High School **Cressy Trophy Singlehanded National Championship** which will be held THIS COMING WEEKEND, October 31 & November 1, at Old Dominion University. Selection of competing schools was by district elimination. Gray sailed in the MASSA qualifier against 30 other schools over two days and won one of MASSA's four births. There will be 18 Laser Radial sailors competing for the National Trophy from the 500 plus schools and 5,000 plus high school sailors nationwide.

*****Boyd Bragg** was the freshman B skipper for **Christchurch** in their win of the Mid-Atlantic Scholastic Sailing Association Championships in Norfolk a weekend ago. Next up will be the Atlantic Coasts Championships for the High school teams.

It's not too late to enter the HYC Frostbite Series. 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 are daily awards presented 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.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, after a day of Frostbiting, must opine that a knee bone is a device designed for whacking cabin top winches as you get to the high side on a tack. Owahoo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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