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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 767 December 7, 2015**

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**FEATHER wins 38<sup>th</sup> Gaboon Race by a nose.** Yesterday **Phil Briggs and the crew of his J36, Feather**, were the first to finish the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Gaboon Race. The Gaboon starts and finishes off the Hampton Yacht Club docks. It is a pursuit race (slower boats start first), so the first boat to cross the finish line is awarded the Gaboon Spittoon. This year *Feather* and **Gene Thayer's Pterodactyl** (Evelyn 42), battled up Hampton River to the finish line. *Feather* was able to hold off *Pterodactyl's* charge as her blue bow crossed the line a few feet in front of the Evelyn's. The weather was fine for the wintertime race. There was light-ish air, but certainly enough to push the 21 boats around the course. Of the 19 finishers all were back at the docks before 5pm, most before 4pm. Third to finish overall was **Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran's J29, Rumble**. RESULTS (by Class – second number is overall): PHRF A (8 boats): 1/1.**Phil Briggs, Feather**; 2/2.**Gene Thayer, Pterodactyl**; 3/4.**Christian Schaumloffel, Mirage**. PHRF B (9 boats): 1/3.**Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran, Rumble**; 2/6.**Rusty Burshell, Cool Change**; 3/10.**Bill Gibbings, Jonathan**. PHRF C (4 boats): 1/5.**Cheryl Marek, Whiskey Girl**; 2/11.**Ben Cuker, Callinectes**; 3/13.**Carey Hardesty, Lona B**. Event Chairman-Phil Briggs; Principal Race Officer-John McCarthy; Mark Boat-Marshall Findley.

**APP THIS! tack X, a new iOS App.** Southern Bay Racers **Paul and Julie Ann Wash**, who race their S2 *Cheeky Monkey* on the southern Bay and beyond, **have created a special tool for racers**. Paul and Julie say, "We have created a new racing application called **tack X** for the iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch. The app provides a sequence timer, distance to start line, and useful racing information - and lots more. Not to mention it is the **ONLY** application in the Apple App Store that provides a timer and distance to line for the Apple Watch." Here's the even better part – tack X is on sale (until December 25<sup>th</sup>) at the Apple App Store for 99 cents! (After Christmas it goes up to the regular price.) For more details on *tack X* or how to download it from the App Store contact [support@tz6hph8bmack-x.com](mailto:support@tz6hph8bmack-x.com) or check out the website at <http://www.tack-x.com>

**To Fiddler's Green.** Southern Bay Racers lost one of their long time cohorts last week when **Dick Lane**, skipper of his Pearson 28, *The Shadow*, passed. Sympathy is extended to all of Dick's family and friends.

**REMEMBER to make plans for the DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE on New Year's Day ( Friday, January 1, 2016).** Hampton Yacht Club and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club come together to offer this annual event. The 6 mile race is described as "Around Hampton Bar and into the OPCYC Bar". The start is off the HYC docks, 'tween the orange flag and the blue rock on the opposite shore. The finish is between the OPC Marina Pier and G "3" Phoebus Channel. This is a pursuit race, aka staggered start race, i.e. slower boats start first. There is a mandatory Skippers Meeting at 1000 ( 10:00am) in the HYC Dockside Lounge. Starting times will be assigned. Hot breakfast (opens at 8am) is available, is complimentary for entered skippers, and at a nominal charge for crew and friends. For visiting boats, rafting at the end of the HYC docks for the Skippers Meeting is encouraged. The post-race party and awards presentation begins at 1530 ( 3:30pm) at the OPCYC clubhouse. Great food and libations are included

in the race entry fee for all skippers and crew. Entry fee received by December 28<sup>th</sup> is \$25 (after Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, fee is \$40). For info and entry, contact Mark Wolfe at 757-206-7903. All boats Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Cruising must meet the PHRF of the Chesapeake Safety Equipment Requirements, Ches Bay category.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, loves the Gaboon Race. One of the beauties of the event is the very name itself. . . The Gaboon. You can call someone a Gaboon for any reason. A crewbie fouls the spinnaker guy prior to hoist. . . he/she is a *gosh darned Gaboon!* Or, the same crewbie treats you to a Hot Toddy at the bar after the race . . .he/she is a *sweet Gaboonie!* It works anywhere, anytime! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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