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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here comes the 2016 Southern Bay Racing Season!

Braggin' rights 'til Spring belong to *DIABLO, BLUE GHOST, CALLINECTES, AQUARIUS, and TEMPO*, fleet winners of the 2016 DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE.

It was cold, but not too frigid. There was wind, but not too much. It was cloudy, but not so much as to include rain. All in all, the twenty-one boats that loaded up and went racing on the first day of the new year, did just fine. Of the 21, nineteen (19) finished. The pre-race breakfast at Hampton Yacht Club and the post-race awards party at Old Point Comfort Yacht Club were as good as always. This race is a pursuit race, slower boats start first, that goes from Hampton River, around Hampton Bar, to Mill Creek (about 7 miles). RESULTS (fleet/overall): PHRF A (5 boats) – 1/1. **Greg Cutter**, *Diablo*; 2/2. **Christian Schaumloffel**, *Mirage*; 3/5. **John Blais**, *Stardancer*. PHRF B (2 boats) – 1/8. **Guy Sorensen**, *Blue Ghost*; 2/10. **Rose and Stocky Hobart**, *Pura Vida*. PHRF C (2 boats) – 1/3. **Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*; 2/4. **Cheryl Merek**, *Whiskey Girl*. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats) – 1/9. **Mike Tate**, *Aquarius*; 2/13. **Greg Watt**, *Incorrigible*; 3/14. **Dave Lively**, *Lively Lady*. CRUISERS (6 boats) – 1/11. **Jonathan Romero**, *Tempo*; 2/12. **Jim Forester**, *Anjalei*; 3/15. **Tim Etherington**, *Wine Down*. Event Chairman: Mark Wolfe; Start Line (HYC): John McCarthy; Finish Line (OPCYC): Bob Williamson. Complete results are posted at <http://hamptonyc.com/yachting/racing/2015-phrf-racing-results/> (scroll to the bottom of the events list) and at <http://www.opcyc.org/?q=node/1880>.

Time to get your racing brain in gear and have some fun doing it!

******2016 MURPHY RULES: What you Really Need to Know - "Cutting Through the Fog".** This seminar is all set for **Saturday (9am – 3:30pm), February 6, 2016, hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club**, Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia. John McCarthy will present "Cutting Through the Fog" in his entertaining and interactive "Rules Made Easy" style. Designed to maximize understanding of the rules by removing needless complexity, this is a brand new presentation organized around "real life" situations and scenarios, not obscure rulebook language. This seminar is for skippers AND crew. You will gain a better, refreshed understanding of the rules and have a good time doing it. Cost: \$39 per person (\$69 for couples), includes refreshments (at check-in and breaks), lunch, and a helpful notebook. **TO PRE-REGISTER:** email mcbear@earthlink.net and ask for the *Murphy Rules 2016 registration form* (it will come to you by return email) or call Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225. You will be added to the seminar list, and, as soon as your registration form and check are received, your spot at the seminar will be GUARANTEED. Early registration is advised, since seating is limited.

Word is that NOAA has updated their new Chesapeake Bay charts to show the position of Wolf Trap Light as an abandoned lighthouse. Be aware that various Bay racing events will have to decide how they want to deal with that, so be sure to read those Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions carefully. Also,

BEWARE. Being classified as an abandoned lighthouse does not make the structure any softer, especially in the dark.

The Oracle America's Cup Team spends time on the one-man **foiling Moth boats** to sharpen individual skills. One of our southern Bay notables, Joe Bousquet, was one of the first Moth-ers on the Bay to turn to the foiling version. He built one in his kitchen. The project involved a long several months sacrifice (of her kitchen) for which Joe's wife Susan has been recognized as being on the verge of "saintly." Here is a link showing the Oracle sailors sailing Moths..Enjoy! Oracle mothing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unla-deOnS8>

*****US SAILING ONE DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Hampton Yacht Club**, Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, Virginia, is now open for on-line registration. This is a great course for those interested in learning about race management as well as the US SAILING race officer certification program. The seminar meets requirements for Club Race Officer certification or renewal. Lead instructor is John McCarthy, USSA National Judge and certified Regional Race Officer. The seminar is posted on the USSA calendar (<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>) and registration is now open. Click and then scroll down until you come to the February 20, 2016, seminar at HYC, and follow the prompts. On-line registration is encouraged. IF you have questions or need assistance with the on-line registration, contact Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225. On-line registration will close on February 14th.

Scuttlebutt News, Issue 4487, December 23, 2015, reminded everyone that the 71st running of the **Sydney Hobart Yacht Race** was scheduled to start on December 26th, the day after Christmas. And, *Scuttlebutt* said, "As the 71st edition of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race prepares to start on December 26, a weather forecast for strong winds brings back memories from one of the most horrific storms in yachting history." *Scuttlebutt* provided a link to a video from the unforgettable 1998 race. Click http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2015/12/22/video-sydney-hobart-yacht-race-1998/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Scuttlebutt%204487%20-%20December%2023%202015&utm_content=Scuttlebutt%204487%20-%20December%2023%202015+CID_099ce00ad763cee3045b97b955421ad8&utm_source=Email%20Newsletter
As for how last week's 628 nm race from Sydney (Australia) to Hobart (Tasmania) went, get a cup of coffee and google Sydney Hobart Race 2015 for beaucoup articles, photos, and videos as well as results.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2016 UPDATE: SBRW 2016 is all set for Thursday, June 2 (Opening Welcome and Check-in) through Sunday, June 5, 2016. New to the 2016 regatta will be a Multihull Division. And, among the earliest of the Early Birds to enter is **Josh Colwell**, owner/skipper of multihull *OrgaZmatron*, an F-31R. More Early Birds, taking advantage of the traditional SBRW Early Bird discount and free drink tickets, are PHRF Division racers *Mad Hatter* (**Bob Fleck**, Hardyville, VA), *Incommunicado* (**Ed Tracey and Tim Polk**, Severna Park, MD), *Shenanigan* (**Miles Booth**, Gloucester, VA), and *Bobinski* (**Bob Hausmann**, Chesapeake, VA). And, already on board in the Cruising Division are *Packer Tacker* (**Chuck Thompson**, Gloucester, VA), *Wharf Rat* (**Andrew Spittler**, Va Beach), and *Tempo* (**Jonathan Romero**, Hampton, VA). For more info about SBRW, click on www.YachtScoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1547. You'll find on-line entry as well as the scratch sheet, preliminary Race Announcement (click on the NOR choice), an entry list, and more. ALSO, Accommodations and Docking info and a form for paper entry are available by clicking on the "Documents & Forms" listing. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Lin McCarthy, mcbear@earthlink.net or 757-850-4225.

Special Happy New Year wishes to southern Bay racer **Wayland Rennie** who begins his 46th annual racing campaign in 2016. Wayland is owner/skipper of *Trilogy* and sails out of Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

Southern Bay racer **Mitch Doughtie** is sailing in Mexico for the next three months. This is a favorite sojourn for Mitch in the winter. Not bad.

2016 Southern Bay Big Boat Schedule: Ask your club's racing program official for a copy OR email mcbear@earthlink.net for an electronic copy, *Subj: please send my 2016 schedule.* The schedule will come to you by reply email.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, wishes you all a Happy New Year. And, after extensive New Year holiday celebrations, wonders exactly who Auld Lang Syne is and exactly how old is he? /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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