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SBRW 2016 (W)RAP: Record setting SBRW (102 Entries in 4 Divisions) - EWENSONS win BLACK SEAL CUP; MEISERS take home SBRW SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY. No matter how bad the weekend weather forecast, SBRW racers defied the predictions and flocked to Southern Bay Race Week 2016 in Hampton, Virginia. The "modern" record (since 1986 – 30 years) of 102 entries included boats from all over the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. Racers eat, drank, danced, and enjoyed one another's company at the shoreside gatherings and they raced. And, boy, did they race! Sunshine and fair breezes were the prevalent conditions throughout the weekend. Friday racing was in Hampton Roads Harbor for the PHRF and One Design Divisions and Saturday the trademark Distance Race in the Bay had sailing breezes for PHRF, Cruising, and Multihull boats. Sunday, because weather experts called for dire untimely storms in the afternoon, all fleets moved into the Harbor to shorten the distance between the racing venues and the safety of regatta docks. Not until well after the last trophy was given and the regatta tent emptied on Sunday evening did a fierce thunder boomer show up in Hampton. Both the Black Seal Cup and the SBRW Sportsmanship Award went to husband-wife sailing couples. **Mary and Geoff Ewenson** dominated the VIPER 640 fleet in *Terminally Pretty* to earn the Black Seal Cup. **David and Jackie Meiser** and crew reported themselves and retired for an error on the course in the first race of the regatta, and then, went on to win the PHRF C fleet. The *Easy Button* team won the SBRW Sportsmanship Trophy for their proper and Corinthian action. **BOAT OF THE DAY AWARDS:** FRIDAY: PHRF – *Rumble* (**Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran**); OD – *Terminally Pretty* (**Marry Ewenson**); MULTI - *Flipper* (**John Wayshner**). SATURDAY: PHRF – *Sea Star* (**Bumps Eberwine**); OD – *Bash* (**Ron Medlin**); CRUISING – *TipSea* (**Joe Grebluans**); MULTI – *Entourage* (**Ben Carver**). SUNDAY: PHRF – *Easy Button* (**David and Jackie Meiser**); OD – *For Sale* (**Ron Thompson**); CRUISING – *Surely Boo* (**Dave Bettis**); MULTI – *Flipper* (**John Wayshner**). *Winters Sails, North Sails, Doyle Sails,, Ullman Sails, and SpinSheet Magazine* sponsor the SBRW Boat of the Day Awards. **2016 SBRW OVERALL FLEET WINNERS:** PHRF A1: *Voodoo 2* **Leroi Lissenden** (Richmond); PHRF A2: *Dorothy Kate*, **Eric Schwab** (Virginia Beach); PHRF B1: *Rumble*, **Ben and Michele Weeks** (Yorktown); PHRF B2: *Mad Hatter*, **Bob Fleck** (Hardyville); PHRF C: *Easy Button*, **David and Jackie Meiser** (Solomons); PHRF Non-Spin: *Sea Star*, **Bumps Eberwine** (Suffolk). OD-VIPER 640: *Terminally Pretty*, **Mary Ewenson** (Annapolis, MD); OD-J24: *Bash*, **Ron Medlin** (Wilmington, NC); OD-J70: *Antagonist*, **Clarke McKinney** (Solomons, MD). CRUISING A: *Tempo*, **Jonathan Romero** (Hampton); CRUISING B: *Tipsea*, **Joe Grebluans** (Rockville, VA). MULTIHULL: *Flipper*, **John Wayshner** (Shady Side, MD). Event Chairman – Jack Pope; Event Principal Race Officer and PHRF Course – John McCarthy; One-Design Course Race Officer – Brian Deibler; Multihull and Cruising Race Officer – Tom Connors; Official Scorer – Leanne Cranfill. **SBRW 2017 dates: June 1 (opening night), June 2-4, 2017 (as always the weekend AFTER Memorial Day weekend)** Complete SBRW 2016 results and race-by-race details are available at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1547>

Next in the southern Bay June race-a-thon is the Harborfest Challenge Regatta, THIS COMING THURSDAY, June 9th

The HCR is part of the 40th Anniversary Norfolk Harborfest. The race will start in the Hampton Roads Harbor and finish up the Elizabeth River in front of Waterside. Race boats may choose the DOCKING PACKAGE option which includes docking downtown at Harborfest for the entire weekend (June 10 - 12). There is racing for Spinnaker (PHRF) boats as well as for CRUISING Fleet cruiser/racers. For details, forms, etc. on the race click <https://festevents.org/norfolkharborfestchallengeregatta> The race is Thursday, as was the tradition at Harborfest past, and the Parade of Sail (Friday) and festival goings-on is Friday – Sunday.

After Harborfest comes the Portsmouth Boat Club's 29th Annual Cock Island Race June Click on <http://portsmouthboatclub.org/> for details.

A few SBRW memorable moments:

- *The smiling faces of the best racers on the southern Chesapeake Bay as they docked their boats and parked their trailers on Thursday;
- *The beehive of pre-race activity each day along the newly expanded HYC waterfront;
- *The USNA Midshipmen dressed in their whites, attending to the lowering of the flag ceremony at sunset Saturday evening;
- *A group of pirate wenches from the Blackbeard Pirate Festival joining the SBRW post-race party;
- *Fog lifting just in time to race Friday and Saturday;
- *The petite race committee lady perched in a huge fighting chair aboard the sport fisher signal boat;
- *A group of more than 60 spinnakers heading for the Distance Race finish line;
- *Five racing crew members in Black Seal foam hats heading for the rum tent as a mini-mob;
- *Fireworks on Saturday evening over Hampton River;
- * The PhotoBoat rib heading to work every morning;
- *A race committee at the finish line, laughing and shouting in unison, to a chagrined but happy skipper "Tell us about your hangover, [unnamed skipper]".
- *Kids of skippers and crew helping receive an award;
- *The regatta tent full to overflowing at the awards ceremonies;
- *SBRW chairman Jack Pope puffing on his pipe and handling another minor (for him) crisis;
- *The hollers of "See ya next year!" when Y'ALL COME RACING!

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, experienced a rum flavor while brushing the canines (interesting name for one's choppers) this morning. Well, that's no surprise after three days at SBRW – it is a RUM regatta after all! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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