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**ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE.** Forty-one (41) of the forty-five (45) boats that started the RTL on Saturday finished the race. One of the most popular fall races on the southern Bay had perfect conditions. Event chairman, Tim Etherington, said that racers had sunny skies and “. . . mostly East winds which were 6 to 8 knots building to 14 for a bit and then back to light again near dusk.” The race, run by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, requires the racers to round both Thimble Shoal Light and Middle Ground Light before returning to Mill Creek to finish. The order in which the boat rounds the lights is up to the skipper, of course, with plenty of help from the crew. RTL is a pursuit race (slower boats start first). The top three finishers for the entire fleet were: **1.Pete Hunter, Wairere; 2.Rusty Burshell, Cool Change; 3.Ian Hill, Sitella.** Winners of the PHRF Divisions were: A (13 boats)-**Peter Hunter, Wairere / 1<sup>st</sup>** overall; B (11 boats)-**Rusty Burshell, Cool Change / 2<sup>nd</sup>** overall; C (8 boats)-**Neil Ford & Lis Biondi, Rocket J / 7<sup>th</sup>** overall; Non-Spin (7 boats)-**Rose Hobart, Pura Vida / 19<sup>th</sup>** overall; CRUISING (6 boats)-**Mike Turner, Cat's Paws / 25<sup>th</sup>** overall). Race Committee Co-Chairs: Tim Etherington and Dennis Miner. For complete results click on <http://opcyc.org/main/node/1946>

**35<sup>th</sup> Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Championship. Gavin O'Hare is 2016 champion.** Fishing Bay Yacht Club hosted the two day CBLMC regatta this past weekend. The breeze filled in each day to 6-9 knots and the racers got in 9 races over the Saturday and Sunday. Event Chairman, Jon Deutsch, said the 41 participants came from “. . .as far away as Toronto, Wisconsin, and Connecticut along with the usual contingents from New jersey, Maryland, North Carolina, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. The top three overall were: **1.Gavin O'Hare** (Eastport YC); **2.Charlie Brewer** (Fishing Bay YC); **3.Mike Schmidt** (Magothy River SA). Division winners were: GREAT GRAND MASTERS (9): **Jacques Kerrest / Potomac River SA;** GRAND MASTERS (14): **Mike Schmidt / Mogothy River SA;** MASTERS(13): **Gavin O'Hare / Eastport YC;** APPRENTICE (5): **Luke Shingledecker / Severn SA.** Five (5) women raced in their appropriate “age groups” and **Susan Taylor / Severn SA** had the best overall finish among the women. She was 5<sup>th</sup> overall and 3<sup>d</sup> in the Grand Masters division.. Principal Race Officer; Rick Klein. For complete results click on [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)

And, last, but certainly not least, concerning the happenings this past weekend: **RRYC Commodore's Cup.** The Commodore's Cup, the closing regatta of the RRYC season, had close racing in the Spinnaker class with **Tom Chapman's Hot Air** finishing 1st and **Hal Starke Jr's Play It Again** 2nd. **Marshall Orr** in *Riverdance* was 1<sup>st</sup> in Non-Spin with **Tommy Asch's Moya** 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Ed Johnson's Hippo** 3<sup>rd</sup>.

No Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters regatta would be complete without the **Laser Chef Extraordinaire, Alain Vincey.** As usual, Alain's Saturday night dinner was the highlight of the weekend.

**THIS COMING WEEKEND (October 22-23) is the time to take a breather on the southern Bay, although the Fishing Bay Fall Series #4 goes on Sunday.**

### **NOVEMBER brings chilly days and great racing on the southern Chesapeake Bay:**

Oct 29 Sat FBYC Closing Day [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)  
Oct 30 Sun HYC Frostbite Series #1 – Brian Deibler 757-715-8977  
Nov 5 Sat BBSA Willoughby Hot Buttered Rum Race [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org)  
Nov 6 Sun **EASTERN STANDARD TIME RETURNS – Fall back one hour!**  
Nov 5-6 HYC Fall Fling (one design incl J24) - Leigh Chapman 757-593-0250  
Nov 6 Sun HYC Frostbite Series #2 – Brian Deibler 757-715-8977  
Nov 11 Fri **VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY**

Nov 12 Sat    **CCV Awards Banquet – Lisa Zurek 757-292-8123**  
Nov 13 Sun    **HYC Frostbite Series #3 – Brian Deibler 757-715-8977**  
Nov 20 Sun    **HYC Frostbite Series #4 – Brian Deibler 757-715-8977**  
Nov 24 Thur    **THANKSGIVING**  
Nov 27 Sun    **HYC Frostbite Series #5 – Brian Deibler 757-715-8977**  
Dec 4 Sun    **HYC Gaboon Race – Phil Briggs 757-723-5477**

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, thinks November is a pre-tee-y cool month. There are two holidays, Veterans Day, when we honor those who protect us and Thanksgiving Day, when we *gobble 'til we wobble*. And, frostbite racing provides justification of the boatshow purchase of designer fur-lined, platinum trimmed foul weather gear. Remember though, the tag promises *water resistant*, not *water proof!* *Argh. /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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