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Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, SAILING Magazine

Boo! And, HAPPY HALLOWEEN !!!

Remember, EASTERN STANDARD TIME returns THIS COMING SUNDAY, Nov 6, at 2AM. Don't let it creep up on ya - set the clocks when you hit the sack on Saturday night. Fall back one hour.

2016 FROSTBITE SERIES OPENS. Yesterday, Sunday was the first of five (5) races on consecutive Sundays for the annual HYC Frostbite Series. This is the granddaddy of Frostbite racing on the southern Bay and Mother Nature provided sunny skies and moderate breezes for the opener. Fourteen (14) PHRF fleet boats raced courses of 11.40nm (A & B classes) and 8.20 nm (C & NS classes). RESULTS: PHRF A (6 boats) – **1.Phil Briggs, Feather; 2.Pete Hunter, Wairere; 3.Greg Cutter, Diablo.** PHRF B (3 boats – 2 dsq) – **1.Butch Patterson, Schock Full o' Nuts.** PHRF C (3 boats) – **1.Ben Cuker, Callinectes; 2.Louie Lewis, Incentive III; 3.Andrew Norris, Papahu.** PHRF Non-Spin (2 boats) – **1.Andy Armstrong, Bluejacket; 2.Annie Eckmann, Wham Bam.** Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy; RC Signal Boat – Henry Hudgins; Official Scorer – John Ritter. (FbS Race 2 – Nov 6 – same bat channel – see info below)

VIPER 640 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, November 16-19, 2016, in Hamilton, Bermuda. Four (4) southern Bay [and beyond] Viper 640 racers are answering the sirens' song coming from Bermuda. The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club will be hosting the event. And, **Martin "Bubba" Casey, Mark Wheeler, Steve Taylor, Eddie Parker** (along with David Furna and Nick Lounsbury) are among the 46 already entered. No doubt, they will all have a *royal* time!

OKTOBERFEST, the Wednesday Night Series that includes all the Wednesdays in October has finished. Twenty (20) series entrants were divided into two fleets. Racing was cancelled the week of Hurricane Matthew, but went smooth as silk the remaining three Wednesday evenings. RESULTS: Spinnaker Fleet (7 boats): **1.Christian Schaumloffel, Mirage; 2.John Henry, Valkyrie; 3.Bob Archer, Bad Habit.** Non-Spinnaker Fleet (13 boats): **1.Will and Mary Roberts, Remedy; 2.Ben Cuker, Callinectes; 3.Dave Taylor, Wham Bam.** Series chairman, Christian Schaumloffel said, "Back in 11 months!"

Late last Monday, *SBRNYCU* was advised that in spite of heavy-heavy air, there was racing on Saturday, Oct 22nd on the Bay. Saturday was the day with the 30+knots wind and a lot of racing was cancelled. HOWEVER, there was some. This from one of our southern Bay racers, **Leroi Lissenden**, crewing on a friend's boat: "*All races on Sat were not cancelled. Bob Krush and I went to Solomons to race on our friend Norm Dawley's Custom 48 "Pursuit" in a mid distance race around Hooper Light, Pt. No Pt. light and back to Patux.1. TWS stayed between 30-35 with sustained gusts of 40-44kn. Lots of fun down wind, not so much back up to the finish. Winner was Short Bus/Hendo 30 (they actually set a chute for about 10min, spent another 15 min or so on their side), second was us/Pursuit, third Jim Whited/Bad Cat. Several other boats came out, but changed their minds. Pursuit cemented the distance series win with their 2nd place.*"

CNU Oyster Roast and Alumni Regatta. Get your ticket(s) for the Christopher Newport Sailing Foundation annual Oyster Roast and Alumni Regatta. The event is set for THIS Saturday, November 5th; regatta during the day, OYSTER ROAST from 5pm to 10pm. Everyone is welcome at the OYSTER ROAST, which will be held at the CNU Sailing Center. Assorted side dishes, desserts, ales, soft drinks, wine by La Bodega of Hampton and *the very finest Virginia oysters* are included in the \$25 ticket. All proceeds will go toward the CNU Sailing Team's Fleet Replacement Program. For additional information and ticket purchase click on <http://cnsailingfoundation.wixsite.com/cnsf/shop>

A piece of southern Bay racing history has become available – Bumps and Dave Eberwine's J36 SEA STAR. Bumps and David purchased the blue hull beauty in 1987. Her list of successes on the southern Bay and beyond is too extensive to repeat here. Suffice it to say that the number of significant trophies and/or championships that may have eluded her is minuscule. Anyone interested in *SEA STAR* should contact David Eberwine at (757) 869-7362

Overall trophy winners of the **Norfolk Yacht and Country Club Spring and Summer Series** were announced at the recent annual NYCC Fall Yachting Dinner. OVERALL: 1st. **Bill Ripley, *Obsession***; 2nd **Tim Lira, *Colgate***; 3rd **Harry Tenney, *Margarita***

THIS COMING WEEKEND:

******2016 FROSTBITE SERIES, Race #2, Sunday, November 6.** Hampton Yacht Club presents this series which runs on 5 consecutive Sundays beginning Oct 30 thru Nov 27. Racing is in Hampton Roads Harbor with the starting line in the proximity of CCV Harbor Mark "H". The course is around fixed marks. All PHRF classes and Cruising Fleet boats are invited to race. First warning will be at 1200, high noon. TO ENTER: \$60 (USSA member) \$70 (non-USSA member) for the entire Series; OR \$25 /\$30 per race. Entries are due the day before race day. Mail entry to: Race Committee (Fall Series), Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669. FROSTBITE SERIES IS OPEN TO ALL. For information contact Brian Deibler (757) 715-8977. For NOR click on <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/HYC-Circulars-Frostbite-2016.pdf> Daily awards will be presented in the HYC Lounge following each race. Series awards will be presented at HYC Awards Night on December 6th.

******HYC Fall Fling (one design), Nov 5-6.** Invited classes include Viper 640, International 505, Lightning, J24 and Sonar, as well as other classes with a minimum of five(5) boats entered. An additional enticement to racers is the Saturday evening oyster roast (at an HYC member's home) included in the entry fee. For details and entry contact Leigh Chapman 757-593-0250

From event chairman Alan Bomar comes word that the **Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta** is having an **awards reception THIS WEDNESDAY, Nov 2, 2016.** There are 10 more spots available for the dinner with special guest Gary Jobson. Join the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for dinner and drinks at Capital Ale House in Richmond. Gary Jobson will speak on his experience serving as ESPN's sailing analyst and NBC's Summer Olympics correspondent. Contact Ann Flippin at 804-774-2268 for more details. The event will be open to the first 10 people who RSVP [the event is free]. Pick up the phone!

Hampton University Sailing Team finishes 6th at War Memorial Regatta – MAISA Fall Championship.

Congratulations! to the HU Pirates for their 6th place finish among the top 18 collegiate teams in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Complete results are available at <http://scores.collegesailing.org/f16/war/> Other southern Bay collegiate teams at the WAR, competing as one of the best 18 teams in the MAISA region, were: Old Dominion University (9th), University of Virginia (13th), Christopher Newport University (14th), and Virginia Tech (17th).

Collegiate Sailors on Southern Bay Keel Boats: The crew of another southern Bay race boat, **Ben Ritger's *Blew J*** (J30 competing in PHRF B), also includes another collegiate racer – **Joe David** is a recent graduate of Old Dominion University and immediate past captain of the ODU Sailing Team.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, for Trick or Treat this evening, will be cleverly disguised as a skate boarding Ghost Beagle. The Halloween quest is to acquire as many chocolate covered milk bones as possible in the limited time available, hence the skate board. The give-a-way to the disguised Murphster will be the finely honed beagle nose and aerodynamic ears at the front end and the tell tail at the back end. Just rattle those bones, the Ghost Beagle will appear. Boooo! /s/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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