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FROSTBITE SERIES fleet winners: WAIRERE, SCHOCK FULL O' NUTS, CALLINECTES, and WHAM BAM. In the 2017 Frostbite Series offered 5 Sundays of racing. Actually, the sailors were able to race on three (3) of the 5 race days. Officials made multiple attempts to get the race off on a windless Sunday #3 while Sunday #4 brought extremely heavy air and was cancelled in advance Saturday evening. But, yesterday on a sunny, crispy, day with light to moderate breezes, eleven (11) boats capped off the series. Eighteen (18) boats raced in at least one of the Series races. **OVERALL SERIES AWARD WINNERS:** PHRF A (8 boats)- 1.**Peter Hunter, Wairere**; 2.**Phil Briggs, Feather**; 3.**Glenn Doncaster, Nanuq**. PHRF B (4 boats)- 1.**Butch Patterson and Larry Boone, Schock Full O' Nuts**; 2.**Dave Bouchard, Ganar!**. PHRF C (3 boats)- 1.**Ben Cuker, Callinectes**; 2.**Andrew Norris, Papahu**. PHRF Non-Spin (3 boats)- 1.**Annie Eckmann, Wham Bam**; 2.**Andy Armstrong, Bluejacket**. Awards will be presented at the HYC Awards Night, Tuesday, December 6. Principal Race Officer-Brian Deibler; Signal Boat-Jack Pope; Official Scorer-Suzanne Hamilton. The annual Frostbite Series is administered by Hampton Yacht Club.

39th Gaboon Race THIS COMING SUNDAY, December 4th. Phil Briggs (*Feather*) is event coordinator of this wonderful race. Phil has run every one of these races. He knows what he's doing! It's a pursuit race (slower boats go first), that starts and finishes off the HYC docks in the Hampton River. The harbor course is pre-set. Entries are due by 12:30 pm on race day. Registration is on race day in the HYC Lounge (starting times will be posted at this time). The first start time will be no earlier than 1:00pm. For NOR and entry information click on <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/HYC-Circulars-Gaboon-2016.pdf> or call Phil at (cell) 757/719-0386 or (home) 757-723-5477. HYC presents the annual Gaboon Race.

2017 Southern Chesapeake Bay Racing Schedule is ready. More than 30 yacht club, sailing association, and event officials have been working for the past 8 weeks on the 2017 Southern Bay Racing Schedule. Their efforts have resulted in a full and exciting coming year of racing. Keelboat racers can check with their clubs' racing officials for the schedule. **Or, for an electronic copy, click *reply to this email* and put "2017 Schedule request" as the subject. You will receive your copy by email, courtesy Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use.**

Holiday Time Fun: Jonathan Romero, founder and chairman of the annual Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge, in cooperation with Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA) entered a float in the Norfolk Grand Illumination Parade and as well as in the Hampton Holly Days parade. Jonathan said, "The theme, *Sailing into Winter Wonderland*, featured a **Sunfish sailboat** cresting waves with a Lateen sail chocked full of colorful lights." Members of both groups worked over several weekends building the float and several more marched in the parades. Maybe area elves and Santa will consider delivering Christmas gifts in a sailboat.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, thinks the idea for sailors to enter local holiday parades (see above) is a good one. Anyone with any size boat could do it. After all, it is the essence of *whatever floats your boat!* /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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