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*Try sailing - it's NOT easy!* - Bill Schanen, [SAILING Magazine](#)

**SITELLA, RUMBLE, RESTLESS and TEMPO win fleets in Moonlight Triangle.** Thirty-one (31) boats were at the starting line for the Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV) annual summer evening race in the Bay. Thunderstorms and the resulting turbulent conditions drove ten (10) to retire from the race before finishing. The PHRF A and B classes sailed a 21.7nm course and were buffeted by two boomers before dark. The remaining classes sailed a 14.8nm course. RESULTS: PHRF A (12 boats): 1. **Ian Hill**, *Sitella*; 2. **Jim Bordeaux**, *Solstice*; 3. **Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*. PHRF B (11 boats): 1. **Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran**, *Rumble*; 2. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 3. **Andy Armstrong**, *Bluejacket*. PHRF C: only one boat sailed the course, **Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*. PHRF Non Spin (5 boats): 1. **Jay Thompson**, *Restless*; 2. **John Edwards**, *Recovery*; 3. **Alan Johnson**, *Seeker*. Cruising (2 boats) 1. **Jonathan Romero**, *Tempo*. Principal Race Officer: Richard Payne. Official Scorer: John Ritter.

**TOM BRADY MASTERS RACE – This coming Saturday, JULY 29, 2017.** Hampton Yacht Club offers this long standing event to all racers. There are two fleets: **MASTERS FLEET** (all on board 60 yrs old, boat 10 yrs old) and **YOUNGSTERS FLEET** (skipper, crew and boat can be any age). No spinnakers. No double headsail rigs. Single headsail only. All boats must meet PHRF of the Chesapeake "Near Shore" Safety Requirements. Awards for each fleet. Grand Masters Trophy to the boat in the Masters Fleet with the oldest (and wisest) average age. All ages are as of race day. Skippers Meeting: HYC Dockside Lounge, race day at 1130; courses, starting times, and class splits (if any) will be announced. To see the NOR, click on <http://hamptonyc.com/yachting/racing/2015-phrf-racing-results/> - events w/ NORs are listed chronologically. For info contact John Blais 757-357-0621. Social (free beer, soft drinks, and munchies) after the racing in Dockside Lounge. Awards will be presented at the HYC Annual Awards Night on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. **Get yourself and your friends together and defend your generation's racing honor.**

**We racers of the Southern Chesapeake Bay (and beyond) are more fortunate than usual today.** That's because we have in our midst **Mark Wheeler and the skipper, Sledd Shelhorse, and crew of Meridian X**. Mark and sailors like him are filled with devotion to and love of our sport. Mark has raced all sorts of boats, large and small, at home and all over the world. He is a mainstay on *Meridian X* and a mainstay in our sailing community. When Mark went overboard in the middle of Lake Michigan, in the middle of the night, in the middle of a savage storm during the recent Chicago to Mackinac Race, he fell into 60 degree water. He fell from *Meridian* while she was sailing in truly challenging conditions with her chute up and flying away at about 18 knots. The actions of the *Meridian* crew were exceptional and went way beyond textbook. Smart, able racers retrieved one of their own in extreme conditions, where chances of success were less than even. Read the account of the incident in Mark's own words at *SpinSheet Magazine's* website - <https://www.spinsheet.com/racing/chicago-mackinac-race-man-overboard-night> Save for a whistle, an exceptional skipper and crew, and a determined man overboard ....

## **AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF *HOT RACING*.**

**Aug 5 Sat** PLANTATION LIGHT RACE – Hampton YC – Bob Thomas, 757-592-1650

**Aug 4 Fri** ST MARY'S GOV. CUP-South Leg – Fishing Bay YC – [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)

**Aug 9 Wed** FALL WED. SERIES opens - York River YC – <http://yryc.org/>

**Aug 11-13 Fri-Su** HOD NATIONALS – at FBYC – Latane Montague, 703-626-3543

**Aug 12-13 Sa-Su** 78th ANNUAL ONE DESIGN REGATTA – [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)

**Aug 12 Sat** PURSUIT RACE – Yankee Point RCC (Lancaster, VA)

**Aug 16 Wed** FALL WED. SERIES opens - Yankee Point RCC (Lancaster, VA)

**Aug 19-20** Sa-Su **CAPE CHARLES CUP – Broad Bay SA - Randy Goodman, 757-348-7921**  
**Aug 19** Sat **DISTANCE RACE 3 – Fishing Bay YC – [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)**  
**Aug 25** Fri **FALL FRIDAY SERIES opens – Norfolk Yacht & CC – [www.norfolkyacht.com](http://www.norfolkyacht.com)**  
**Aug 26** Sat **FOUNDERS RACE – Cruising Club of VA – Bob Thomas, 757-592-1650**  
**Aug 27** Sun **SINGLE HAND RACE – Hampton YC – Michelle Garn, 757-713-8077**  
**Sep 1-3** Fri-Sun **STINGRAY POINT REGATTA – Fishing Bay YC – [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)**  
**Sep 2** Sat **LABOR DAY REGATTA – Norfolk Yacht & CC – Eddie Wolcott, 757-434-7324**  
**Sep 4** Sat **MOONLIGHT RACE – York River YC - [www.yryc.org](http://www.yryc.org)**

**OPTI USODA NATIONALS cranking up.** The USODA Girls National Championship is Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and the open USODA National Championship begins Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and runs through Thursday, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. Big Blue Sailing Academy at ODU is hosting the event with the assistance from Norfolk Yacht & Country Club and a plethora of volunteers from a number of Chesapeake Bay yacht and sailing clubs. The Team Racing Championship begins TOMORROW, Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and finishes on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has been highly recruited for the upcoming TOM BRADY MASTERS RACE (see item above). Aside from the fact that the Murphster is the most experienced racing beagle on the Bay, *Yrs Truly*, is likely the *only* crewbie who is eligible for *either* the Masters or the Youngsters class. The Racing Beagle is legal no matter which class. The Murphster has been around the southern Bay racing scene (since a pup) for 20+ years, so the boats in the Youngster class are offering serious enticements. However, the boats in the Masters class are sniffing around too. After all, *in dog years* the Murphster meets the older group's requirements, too. The only crewbie they are working harder to get is some guy named Methuselah. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all*

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