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**53<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S CUP, Sat, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> & Sun, Aug 6<sup>th</sup> (THIS COMING WEEKEND) hosted by Ware River Yacht Club.** All classes are invited and among those expected to attend are: Sunfish, Albacore, Hampton One-Design, Buccaneer, Laser, Laser Radial, Mobjack, Mutineer, and 420. Classes with fewer than 3 boats will race under the Portsmouth Handicap Rule. This regatta provides a great social opportunity, too. The Gov Cup Regatta Dinner and Social on Saturday night is a racers' favorite, so make your reservations by THIS WEDNESDAY, AUG 2<sup>ND</sup> with Ginger James at (757) 941-5150. Go to [www.wryc.org](http://www.wryc.org) for print pre-registration forms and more. For additional details as well as general information, contact event chairman Clayton James, (757) 941-5150.

**CAN AM CHALLENGE REGATTA.** Dennis Hannick and crew of *GOIN'* finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the 7 boat Tripp 26 Class at the Can Am Challenge, sailed this past weekend on Lake Ontario near the Niagara River. Youngstown Yacht Club (NY) hosted the regatta. The Tripp Class was also racing to determine their Great Lakes Champion. The Tripps got in 11 races over the three days on the course. Details and specifics of the event scoring are available at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3001> Dennis makes his home in King George, Virginia, and sails out of Fishing Bay YC. *Goin'* is very familiar to southern Bay racers, especially those in the PHRF B fleet.

**Three southern Bay sailors survive dire circumstances at sea.** Wes Jones of Gloucester (skipper of SV *Valiant*), Bobby Forrest (Mathews County) and Morrie Pierson (Richmond) survived a near tragedy in the North Atlantic this past week. The account starts out "Three Virginia sailors, including a recently retired teacher from Richmond, were plucked from the cold waters of the North Atlantic on Wednesday after their 40-foot sailboat rolled over in stormy seas 200 miles off the coast of Iceland." Read the entire account at [http://www.richmond.com/news/local/retired-richmond-area-teacher-rescued-after-storm-rolls-sailboat-in/article\\_674d7513-1e69-5974-89b2-da34ec1b0078.html?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=user-share](http://www.richmond.com/news/local/retired-richmond-area-teacher-rescued-after-storm-rolls-sailboat-in/article_674d7513-1e69-5974-89b2-da34ec1b0078.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=user-share)

**TOM BRADY MASTERS RACE** – Fourteen (14) boats in all sailed in this annual event. And, those in the Masters Fleet faced down creaky knees and balky backs brought on by Mother Nature's soggy, rainy, damp offering. No one was deterred by the cloudy day and a great time was had by all. There were two fleets: MASTERS FLEET (all on board 60 yrs old, boat 10 yrs old) and YOUNGSTERS FLEET (all others)  
**RESULTS:** Masters Fleet (9 boats): 1. **Rusty and Naomi Burshell, Flag Raiser** (Sonar); 2. **Phil Briggs, Feather** (J36); 3. **Andy Armstrong, Bluejacket** (Laser 28). Youngsters Fleet (5 boats): 1. **Leroi Lissenden, Voodoo 2** (Tripp 38); 2. **Greg and Carie Cutter, Diablo** (Andrews 28); 3. **W. Midgett, Luna Blue**. Principal Race Officer: John Blais. Official Scorer: Bev Blais The **Grand Master Trophy** goes to the Masters Fleet boat with the crew with the oldest (and wisest) average age. *Feather* carried the oldest crew: **Phil Briggs, Bill Peach, Bob Mosby, Bill Schultz, Marvin Sylvest, Bill Wheary, and Rich Wilcox** sport an average age of 78! Awards will be presented at the HYC Annual Awards Night on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Southern Bay Kids at North Americans and Nationals Regattas.** The Christ Church School / Fishing Bay Yacht Club combination affiliation had seven (7) teams at the **CLUB 420 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS** in Ft Erie, Ontario, this past week. Buffalo Canoe Club hosted the 128 boats event which ran July 25-28. Finishing in the TOP TEN were **Benton Amthor with Erik DeMono** (5<sup>th</sup> overall) and **Boyd Bragg with Aisling Sullivan** (6<sup>th</sup> overall). Also sailing under the CCS/FBYC banner were: **Brendan Little & Carson Rozell; Nathan Smith & Palmer Oliver; Gannon Troutman & Reese Bragg; John Vail & Jefferson Elkin;** and, **Sydney Register & Anna Flynn.** **USODA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**, hosted by **Big Blue Sailing Academy** with a whole lot of support and logistics assistance from **Norfolk Yacht & Country Club** and personnel and equipment from other Hampton Roads clubs. Approximately 500 Opti competitors will have raced during last week and this week. This past Friday the **USODA GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** was won by **Vanessa Lahrkamp** from American YC LISOT. Vanessa had a string of 3-1-3-2-[6] to win the day's racing for the championship title. **Madeline Amthor**, (FBYC) 19<sup>th</sup>, finished in the Top 20 among 66 competitors and **Baylor Goldthwaite** (FBYC) was 21<sup>st</sup>. Also sailing from southern Bay clubs were: **Rebecca Schill** (NYCC); **Audry Permenter** (NYCC); **Jennifer Permenter** (NYCC); **Leila Pfrang** (HYC), and, **Amelon Rule** (NYCC). **The USODA Open National Championships continue at ODU from today through Thursday (Aug 3). So, if you see MITCH BRINDLEY during the week, be sure to pat him on the back, and, if the sun is below the yardarm, buy him an adult beverage. Mitch is the one who has pulled all of this together for the Opti kids and their entourages. And, at the same time, has been managing his ODU Sailing Team Program and the Big Blue Sailing Academy Program. A whirling dervish looks like slow motion compared to Mitch! BIG KUDOS!**

**The Mariners' Museum** will open the "50 Years, 50 Model Ships" exhibit this coming **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Hampton Roads Ship Model Society** and TMM is honoring the modelers and their meticulous workmanship with the exhibit which will run

through February 11, 2018. The models include military craft, pleasure boats, and historical ships like *USS Monitor* and *CSS Virginia*. For information go to [www.MarinersMuseum.org/ShipModel50](http://www.MarinersMuseum.org/ShipModel50)

**HAMPTON ONE-DESIGN (HOD) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** and **THE 78<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ONE DESIGN REGATTA** the weekend after this coming. The HOD Nationals will start on Friday, Aug 11 and go through Sunday, Aug 13). The FBYC 78<sup>th</sup> Annual One Design Regatta will begin on Saturday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> and go through Sun, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. Both events are hosted by FBYC and will share the shore and the water. For details and registration go to [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net).

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is spending the day watching 311 Optis race in the Open Championship. The Girls and the Team Championships have already been determined. If you come to "spectate", be sure to abide by the "restricted area" markers. The racing area is in the mouth of the Lafayette – you will not have any trouble seeing the fleet! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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