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

## **TODAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> IS *LABOR DAY* - There are burgers to be grilled and brewskies to be downed! Enjoy!!**

Working around rotten weather and rottener forecasts for Friday and Saturday, racers at the **2017 STINGRAY POINT REGATTA**, refused to cave to the elements. The threats and spitting rain on Friday did not deter seventeen (17) boats from doing the "pre-regatta" mid-distance race around marks in the Bay at the mouth of the Piankatank River. Saturday morning however was a different story. About one-third of the regatta fleet ventured out in cold (yes! wet, windy, soggy, *cold!*), and then returned to the protection of Jackson Creek after giving a shot to the southeast winds (16-18 knots) and 3-4 foot (and growing) seas. With the prediction of thunderstorms coming, the race chairman declared racing suspended for the day and the party-ing lamp was lit. The evening dinner, band, and plenty of sailing tales made for a *memorable moment*. Sunday turned out to be worth the wait. The fleet (34 boats of 40 entered) got in 3 races in lovely breezes, which did not peter out until close to the deadline for starting another race. To put the cherry on top, the wind had gone round to the west, no more choppy seas with significant rollers and there was sunshine. It was all worth the wait.

**RESULTS:** PHRF A1 (5 boats): 1.**Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*; 2. **Pete Hunter**, *Wairere*. 3.**Hawk Caldwell**, *Short Bus*. PHRF A2 (6 boats): 1.**Gary Van Tassel**, *Avenger*; 2.**Neil Ford and Lis Biondi Ford**, *Danger Paws*; 3.**Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*. PHRF B (4 boats): 1.**Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*; 2. **Dennis Hannick**, *Goin'*; 3.**Jim Raper / Marston Roberts**, *Rhapsody*. PHRF C (5 boats): 1.**Julie Ann and Paul Wash**, *Cheeky Monkey*; 2.**David and Jacki Meiser** (also winners of the Sportsmanship Trophy), *Easy Button*; 3.**Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion*. PHRF Non-Spin (8 boats): 1.**Frank Murphy** (also winner of the Halsey Trophy), *Last Boat III*; 2.**Mike Dale**, *Juggernaut*; 3.**James Sturdy**, *Wendas*. J70 Class (6 boats): 1.**Blake Kimbrough**, *Nostalgia*; 2.**Drake Johnstone**, *Cat's Pajamas*; 3.**Hunter Davidson**, *Loonatictu*. Event Chair-Julie Ann Wash; Principal Race Officer-John McCarthy; Signal Boat-Geoff Cahill; Mark Boats: Noel Clinard (Weather); John Wake (Start/Finish Line); Steve Gillispie (Gate); Official Scorer-Ruthanna Jenkins.

**To Fiddler's Green.** **Ronald L. Ward**, Sailing Club of the Chesapeake Life Member, Annapolis Yacht Club Past Commodore, and Past AYC Race Committee Chairman passed away Wednesday August 30, 2017. SCC sent the following (in part): *For those friends on the AYC race committee, Ron was both a mentor and an outstanding role model in race management, judging, umpiring, and life. Ron contributed a major effort towards the evolution of our sport of sailing. He took relative youngsters under his wing and encouraged them to be better race officers, bucked them up when anyone messed up and sparkled with pride when his crew succeeded. He lived his life to a high standard, but stayed modest about his own accomplishments.*" Ron's influence reached beyond Annapolis and there are many southern Bay sailors who will miss him too. Sincere sympathy is extended to all his family and friends.

## **THIS COMING WEEKEND**

### **On Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>:**

**\*\*\*TRI-SERVICES REGATTA, Saturday, September 9 – Open to monohull keelboats LOA 20' or longer belonging to members of Langley Yacht Club, Norfolk Naval Sailing or Old Point Comfort Yacht Club.** For information contact Tim Dull at (757-615-2985) or click on [www.norfolknavalesailing.org](http://www.norfolknavalesailing.org). Skippers meeting is 7:00pm, Friday at Norfolk Naval sailing Center; Saturday racing – first warning at 10:00am, and the post-race social at 6:00pm at Pub One, Joint Forces Staff College (Norfolk).

**\*\*\*FBYC WOLF TRAP RACE, Saturday, September 9 – Open to all.** [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net) Part of the FBYC Long Distance Series.

**\*\*\*YPRCC FALL REGATTA, Saturday, September 9 – Open to all.** The racing area will be in the Rappahannock River East of Towles Point. Click on <https://sites.google.com/site/yankeepointrcc/racing/sailing-instructions-nor>

**On Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>:**

**\*\*\*HAMPTON ANNUAL MIDDLE GROUND LIGHT RACE, SUNDAY, September 10 – Racing for all PHRF as well as a Cruising fleet.** Racing will be in the Harbor and one mark will be Middle Ground Light. First warning is at 1030 Sunday. For information contact John McCarthy (757) 850-4225 or click on <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/HYC-Circulars-Middle-Ground-Lt-2017-Final.pdf> Post-Race Social will be on the HYC dock – crabs, beer, and soft drinks.

**Sunfish and other dingy racers, remember, the HAMPTON ROADS SUNFISH CHALLENGE & DISTANCE DINGHY RACE is SATURDAY, SEPT 16 – LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY.** Event officials say they have over 50 already signed up, including one skipper from Massachusetts and one from Alaska. Misplaced your beloved dinghy? Don't let not having a boat stop you – a loaner program has been added. Check out the website at [www.hrsunfishchallenge.com](http://www.hrsunfishchallenge.com)

**MURPHY'S LAW:** (see above item) *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, wonders just how dinghy a racer must be to misplace his or her dinghy? Well, enough pondering. . . the dogs are grillin' and the beer is chillin'. Happy Labor Day! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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