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### **TODAY is Columbus Day.** In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue .... Sail today as a salute to Sir Chris!

CCV FALL SERIES FLEET WINNERS are SITELLA, COOL CHANGE, ROUNDABOUT, and SEEKER. Twenty (20) boats, skippers, and crews finished the 2017 CCV Fall Series in pouring rain Sunday. This also marked the end of racing for the CCV High Point Championships for 2017. SERIES RESULTS: PHRF A (12 boats) 1.Ian Hill, Sitella; 2.Neil and Lis Biondi Ford, Danger Paws; 3.Will Roberts, Remedy. PHRF B (9 boats) 1.Rusty Burshell, Cool Change; 2.Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran, Rumble; 3.Bob Archer, Bad Habit. PHRF C (7 boats) 1.Alan Bomar, Roundabout; 2.Ben Cuker, Callinectes; 3.Louie Lewis, Incentive III. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats) 1.Alan Johnson, Seeker; 2.Keith Midgette, Luna Blu; 3.Ken Copeland, Black Widow. Principal Race Officer-John McCarthy; Signal Boat-Marshall Findley; Mark Boat-Bill and Dave Gibbings; Official Scorer-John Ritter.

# Tickets for the CCV Annual Awards Banquet, Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Hampton, are available at <u>www.ccvracing.us</u> (click on "store")

**WILLOUGHBY MEMORIAL REGATTA:** Fourteen (14) boats formed two Non-Spinnaker fleets and raced Saturday in Norfolk's Little Bay, aka Willoughby Bay. Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA), Willoughby Racers group, administers the race each year. This annual race, open to all, began circa 1990 about the same time as the BBSA/Willoughby Racers Annual Hot Buttered Rum Race began (2017 Nov 4<sup>th</sup>). Saturday the racers had a good day and a good time – the essence of sailboat racing. RESULTS: Fleet 1 (7 boats):1.**Gordon Edwards**, *Cowboy*; 2.**Dave Hulce**, *Encounter*; 3.**Jack Clayton**, *Melantho*. Fleet 2 (7 boats):1.**Robert Duncan**, *Oh Sheet*; 2.**Rob Waring**, *Tempo*; 3.**John Wandling**, *Pisces*. Principal Race Officer: Jonathan Romero. Jonathan and half of his *Tempo* crew filled in as race committee, while the other half of the crew sailed *Tempo* with Rob Waring on the helm. Kudos to the *Tempo* team for standing up.

**FBYC Fall Series – Day 2.** Sixteen (16) racing teams got in two races yesterday Sunday in the FBYC Fall Series. Winning their fleets for the day were: PHRF A – **Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*; PHRF B – **Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*; PHRF C – **Burke Johnson/Hal Starke/Rick Peterson**, *Play It Again*. PHRF Non-Spin – **James Sturdy**, *Wendas*. Principal Race Officer-Tom Roberts. Complete results are available at <u>www.fbyc.net</u> Day 3 and Day 4 of this Series are on Saturday, Oct 21 and Saturday, Oct 28 (final day) respectively.

**Getting ready already.** Bob Old, skipper of *JEZEBEL* (J30), says she is now sporting a beautiful new *Stars and Stripes* blue paint job. He plans to have her on the race course come Spring. Look for her in PHRF B. Welcome back in advance, Bob!

**The Schooners are coming! The Schooners are coming! The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race** will begin off Annapolis this coming Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The finish line for classes A and AA is at Thimble Shoal Light and the finish line for classes B and C is at Windmill Point. After finishing on Friday, the schooners will proceed to docking in Portsmouth. On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, schooners may be viewed at dockside, and some may also offer tours for the public. See <u>www.gcbsr.org</u> for additional details.

#### RACING THIS COMING WEEKEND, Saturday – Oct 14 & Sun Oct 15:

**Oct 14 sat ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE** – This is one of the favorite Fall events for keel boat racers. Classes racing will be PHRF A, B, C, and Non-Spin (two headsails allowed) as well as a Cruising Fleet. All boats must meet the safety

requirements of the PHRF *Ches Bay* category (see <u>www.phrfchesbay.org</u>) The start and finish lines are in Mill Creek off the Old Point Comfort Marina dock. This Is a pursuit race (slower boats start earlier). Individual boat starting times will be available at <u>www.opcyc.org</u> (click on "Racing"). Racers will leave Mill Creek at their appropriate times and round both Thimble Shoal Light and Middle Ground Light, choosing which Light to round first and in which direction. Entry fee (\$35) covers skipper and entire crew for the post-race party and awards presentation. The party is held at event sponsor Old Point Comfort Yacht Club (OPCYC) on Fort Monroe, next door to Deadrise Restaurant and OPC Marina on McNair Road. Party begins at 6:30pm on the dot. Entries will be accepted until 8:00am on race day. **Info and registration: Tim Etherington (757) 690-3178 or Ken Damon (757) 615-8571.** 

Oct 14 SAT RRYC COMMODORE'S CUP – Hosted by Rappahannock River Yacht Club. Sailing Instructions are available at <u>www.rryc.org</u> For info contact Tom Chapman (804) 577-3202

Oct 15 SUN HYC VIPER DAY – This is a special regatta for Viper 640s hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. Sunday is planned as a day of casual racing featuring multiple windward/leeward races plus hot dogs and beer in the "Viper Pit" following racing. Also, there are *crew vacancies available for those interested in sailing*. For info, including NOR, contact John McCarthy (757) 850-4225

**Oct 14-15 SAT-SUN 2017 CHESAPEAKE BAY LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP** - Fishing Bay Yacht Club hosts this annual event for the older, but wiser and more experienced Laser racers! You must be at least 35 years old as of race day. Scoring will be done overall and by age group: Apprentices (35-44); Masters (45-54); Grand Masters (55-64); and Great Grand masters (65+). Visit Notice of Race and Register Online before October 9 to get the early discount. A regatta souvenier will be available to those who register earlywhilesupplies last. For info and registration: Event Chair Jon Deutsch (804-305-1244. The entry fee is \$80 – save \$10 if enter by today, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. The social package (\$25) includes dinner, beverages, and breakfast.

#### HEADS-UP – 2018 Racing Schedule:

Yacht club, sailing association, and special event representatives will soon begin the process of preparing the southern Bay big/keel boat **racing schedule for 2018**. Some of our races are tied to festivals, traditional weekends, holidays, full moons, etc. and they are pre-determined. As in the past, efforts are aimed at having the official schedule ready for publication no later than mid-November. Here below are some of the *already set 2018 dates:* 

- \*Jan 20 Sat US SAILING Race Mgt Seminar – at HYC \*Mar 10 Sat Murphy Seminar – Nuts & Bolts for Race Committee – at HYC \*May 25-26 Fri-Sat Down the Bay Race - HYC \*May 28 Mon Memorial Day Holiday SBRW 2018 Opening Night \*May 31 Thur \*Jun 1-3 Fri-Sun SBRW racing + parties, awards and more \*Jun 8-10 Fri-Sun HARBORFEST (Norfolk) – festival only \*Jun 16 Sat CCV Summer Solstice Ocean Race CCV \*Jul 4 Wed Independence Day Holiday \*Aug 11-12 Sat-Sun Cape Charles Cup (Leo Wardrup Memorial) – BBSA \*Aug 31 Fri Pre-Stingray Point Middle Distance Race – FBYC \*Sep1-2 Sat-Sun Stingray Point Regatta- FBYC \*Sep 3 Mon Labor Day Holiday \*Sep 15 Sat Hampton Roads Sunfish & Dinghy Distance Race
- \*Sep 29 Sat Neptune's Atlantic Regatta BBSA

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, is sure Christopher Columbus had a bent toward sailboat racing. After all, he began his voyage with three ships in the armada, the *Nina*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria*. He, of course, chose the longest boat for himself (the *Santa Maria*) and brought the other two, apparently, for "competition". PHRF has no records of the ratings assigned! Ahooo! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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