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2017 'ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE. DANGER PAWS is Overall Winner along with other fleet winners, **MERIDIAN X** (A1); **COOL CHANGE** (B), **ROUNDAABOUT** (C), **MELANTHO** (NS1), **BLACK WIDOW** (NS2), and **CAT'S PAWS** (Cruising). Forty-six (46) of 48 registered boats crossed the start line for the *Old Point Comfort Yacht Club 2017 Round the Lights Race* at staggered start times Saturday morning. It was a wild and woolly time on the leg to and from Thimble Shoal Light. Reported uncomfortable conditions there caused one seasoned observer to comment with a chuckle, "That light *does* mark a *shoal*, after all, and that's what happens when waves hit a *shoal*!" Winds were a bit variable, but mainly in the mid-teens gusting to 18 knots. Boats scampered around the course and race officials reported that most finished within 20 minutes of each other. The race was followed by the usual great party and awards presentation at OPCYC. Kudos to all the skippers and crew who turned out in rainy, blow-y, conditions to race. They had a good one! For complete results including overall finishes, click on <http://opcyc.org/main/sites/default/files/2017-10/Round%20the%20Lights%202017%20Results.pdf>. Event Chairman-Tim Etherington.

36TH CHESAPEAKE BAY LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP Forty-four (44) sailors got in 7 races over Saturday and Sunday in a variety of conditions at Fishing Bay. **Rob Hallawell** from Milford, Connecticut, won the championship. Sailors came to Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville, from as far away as Toronto and Miami. The weather began to turn and cloud up with some misty rain on Friday but, some hearty sailors still went for a practice sail. Saturday's weather was part of the general yuck! that spread over the southern Bay. Sunday brought more palatable conditions. RESULTS: Overall Champion: **Rob Hallawell** (YYC); Great Grand Master: **Jacques Kerrest** (Severn SA); Grand Master: **Mike Schmidt** (Magothy River SA); Master: **Rob Hallawell** (YYC); Apprentice: **Luke Shingledecker** (Severn SA); Women: **Susan Taylor** (Severn SA) Two southern Bay Laser racers, both from FBYC, finished in the Top 10: **Len Guenther** (6th) and **Charlie Brewer** (9th). For complete results- <https://www.fbyc.net/news/36th-chesapeake-bay-laser-masters-results/> Event Chair-Jon Deutsch; Principal Race Officer-Rick Klein.

Peter III, won the inaugural VIPER DAY hosted by Hampton Yacht Club on Sunday. Racers got in 4 races and post race socializing at The Viper Pit on the HYC grounds. Peter had a string of 1-2-4-2. **Henry Amthor** and **Mark Wheeler** finished 2nd and 3rd respectively. Principal Race Officer-John McCarthy; Signal Boat-Brian Deibler (*Barefoot'n*); Mark Boats-Marshall Findley (*Kerry Sue*) and Dave Hamilton (*Black Dog*).

Justin Morris, along with crew Elizabeth (wife) and Stephanie (daughter) is now a confirmed Viper racer. As a result, Justin is looking for a home for his Hunter 26.5, *The Hunter*. Justin purchased the boat new in 1988. She is at HYC, has an inormous sail inventory, and has been racing very successfully in the PHRF C fleet. A 5hp 2 stroke is included with the boat as well as all sorts of gear, lines, and equipment. Justin says the boat can be raced tomorrow in PHRF C, and it makes a great day sailor or small cruiser. Asking price: \$5,000 obo. Contact Justin at 757 606 3115 (o) or 757 286 4750 (cell).

Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC) Fall Series 3 is this coming Saturday, October 21. Info at www.fbyc.net

Word is (i.e. rumor has it) that schooner **VIRGINIA** set a record in the annual **Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race**. Southern Bay racer **Mark Wheeler** (Hampton) was the ship navigator for the race down the Bay. Click on Google to find the overall results.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, did plenty of bouncing around on Saturday in the 'Round the Lights Race. Both pairs of slick-bottomed boat shoes proved unacceptable for moving across the decks and foulies were more foul than the weather! Both items are goin' on the Murphster's "wants and needs" list, right below "designer" brew and steaks from Omaha! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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