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Hot Buttered Rum and Racing! The annual Hot Buttered Rum Race, sponsored by BBSA Willoughby Racers, had 16 boats race in two fleets on Saturday in Norfolk's Willoughby Bay (aka Little Bay). The racers were limited to non-spinnaker (single headsail only) canvas, but it didn't seem to slow anyone down. The boats on the longer course (6.8 nm) all finished in just over one hour and those on the shorter course (4.4 nm) all finished in well under an hour. The partaking of the post-race hot buttered rum at Rebel Marine was a success, too, along with the Chili Cook-off.. **RESULTS:** Gold Label Fleet (7 boats): 1.*Black Widow*, **Copeland/Gade/Girardin**; 2.*Melantho*, **Jack Clayton**; 3.*Blew J*, **Ben Ritger**. Silver Label Fleet 1 (9 boats): 1.*Recovery*, **John Edwards**; 2.*Bang-a-Rang*; 3.*Tipsea*, **Schultz Family**, Chris Schultz with his wife and two young daughters as crew. Event Chair: Robert Duncan; Race Officer: Bill Cohee in *Free Bird*; Official Scorer: Scott Almond.

Frostbite Race 2 is in the books! Race 1 of the Series fell prey to foul weather a week ago Sunday, but Race 2 came off yesterday just fine. Sixteen (16) frostbiters sailed in Hampton Roads Harbor in mostly light-but-doable breezes.

RESULTS: PHRF A (7 boats): 1.**Peter Hunter**, *Wairere*; 2.**Neil Ford**, *Danger Paws*; 3.**Ian Hill**, *Sitella*. PHRF B (4 boats): 1.**Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2.**Bill Gibbings**, *Jonathan*; 3.**Butch Patterson**, *Schock Full o' Nuts*. PHRF C (3 boats):

1.**Andrew Norris**, *Papahu*; 2.**Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*; 3.**Louie Lewis**, *Incentive III*. PHRF Non-Spin (2 boats): 1.**Bob Thomas**, *Surprise*. Principal Race officer-Brian Deibler; Signal Boat: Jack Pope, *Bee Cee*. **HYC Frostbite Race 3 is set for November 12.** OPEN TO ALL. Racing is around fixed marks in Hampton Roads Harbor. Same Time – Same Bat Channel. Daily awards will be presented in the HYC Dockside Lounge following racing. The overall series awards will be presented at HYC Awards Night, December 5th. For the complete Notice of Race click on <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/HYC-Circulars-Frostbite-2017-Final.pdf> Entries are due the day before race day. For additional info **contact:**

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HYC Fall Fling. Racers at this annual event got in a great day of racing on Saturday – 6 races on flat water in great breezes. Much lighter breezes led to 2 races on Sunday before the fleet headed for the barn and the awards presentation.

RESULTS: 505 (9 boats): 1. Brendan Connell (SSA); Henry Amthor (HYC); 3.Clark Hayes (HYC). VIPER 640 (5 boats): 1.Steve Taylor (HYC); 2.Justin Morris (HYC); 3.Mark Wheeler (HYC). Results for the following fleets were not available from the event at press time due to technical difficulties: SONAR (6 boats), LIGHTNING (8 boats), and Other (4 boats):

Event Chair: Joe Buczkowski; Race Officers: Saturday – Brian Deibler; Sunday – John Blais.

BVI is open for business, despite Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria! Plenty of southern Bay racers plan a cruise to warmer climes in the off-season. The names Harvey, Irma, and Maria bring to mind pictures of terrific damage done in some of our favorite areas in the Caribbean. HOWEVER, things in many places are well along the way to restoration and normal operations. Check out the links below to see if your plans for the Caribbean visit are still a good idea. The Caribbean wants you to visit. You will be most welcome. Bon Voyage!

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Coming up soon: CCV Awards Banquet, November 18th, 6pm – midnight, at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Hampton on the waterfront. Awards will be presented, there will be a cash bar and heavy d'oeuvres, and music and, therefore, dancing! Purchase your tickets on line at www.ccvracing.us (\$45 in advance, \$55 at the door).

TWO IMPORTANT 2018 RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINARS, here on the southern Bay.******US SAILING ODRMS – Saturday, January 20, 2018**

For Race Officials, and those who want to be, the *US SAILING One Day Race Management Seminar* will be on Saturday, January 20, 2018, hosted by Hampton Yacht Club in Hampton, Virginia. This is a day long seminar (8:30am to 5:30pm) that covers race management procedures and techniques in depth. Those who attend the seminar may, if they desire, take the on-line test that is required for US Sailing Race Official certification. This seminar provides a wealth of information that will be helpful to anyone involved in running races. Participants must be a member of US Sailing (you can join on-line). Seminar instructor is John McCarthy assisted by Jerry Thompson, both US Sailing certified Race Officers and Judges. The \$60 seminar fee includes course material, online testing, continental breakfast (coffee, tea, pastries and fruit), lunch (deli buffet with beverage) and soft drinks, water and sweets at the breaks. On-line registration is open now and closes on Monday, January 15th at 2355 (11:55pm) (Eastern). Please contact Lin McCarthy for additional information: (757) 850-4225, mcbear@earthlink.net Click here for info and to register: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>

******NUTS & BOLTS for RACE COMMITTEES – Saturday, March 10, 2018.**

This is a Murphy Seminar presented by *Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use*, and hosted by Hampton Yacht Club, Hampton, Virginia. The seminar is entitled "*Bearings and Angles and Numbers, Oh, My!*" The morning will be spent discussing starting lines, gates, offset legs, finish lines and other places where numbers are important, but need not be daunting. Taught in John's informative, entertaining style, the seminar will remove the mystery from what these numbers mean and how to determine them quickly and easily. No math skills required . . . just common sense. Instructor is John McCarthy, US Sailing certified Race Officer and Judge. Seminar hours are 9:00am to Noon. The \$25 seminar fee includes materials and coffee, tea, pastries and fruit at check-in and coffee, soft drinks, water and sweets at the breaks. For additional information and/or to register for the course contact Lin McCarthy, (757) 850-4225, mcbear@earthlink.net

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, must admit that given Saturday's post-race hot rum, chili cookoff, oyster roast, and various closing celebrations, it was impossible to determine whether the fog that descended on the southern Bay on Sunday was weather related or, more likely, personally induced! Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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