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Frostbite Series: DANGER PAWS, JONATHAN, CALLINECTES, and PISCES win Frostbite Series fleets! The final race of the annual Frostbite Series was held in pleasant winter racing conditions, sunny and crisp, yesterday, Sunday, in Hampton Roads harbor. The Series uses a five-consecutive-Sundays format. This year foul weather and lack of wind erased two of the five days. Nevertheless, the competition in the spinnaker fleets was spirited. SERIES RESULTS: PHRF A (9 boats): 1. **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi Ford**, *Danger Paws*; 2. **Peter Hunter**, *Wairere*; 3. **Ian Hill**, *Sitella*. PHRF B (5 boats): 1. **Bill Gibbings**, *Jonathan*; 2. **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 3. **Butch Patterson**, *Schock Full O' Nuts*. PHRF C (3 boats): 1. **Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*; 2. **Andrew Norris**, *Papahu*; 3. **Louie Lewis**, *Incentive III*. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats): 1. **John Wandling**, *Piscas*, 2. **Cliff Porter**, *Tilt*; 3. **Bob Thomas**, *Surprise*. Principal Race officer-Brian Deibler; Signal Boat-Jack pope; Official Scorer-Kim Deibler. Awards for the 2017 Frostbite Series will be presented at the Hampton Yacht Club Annual Awards Night, Tuesday, December 5th.

40th ANNUAL GABOON RACE – this coming Sunday, December 3rd. The Gaboon is the season ending race for the southern Bay racing season. Join **Phil Briggs**, skipper of *Feather* (J36), and others for the 40th rendition of this favorite, unique (first place trophy is a spittoon), and barrel-of-fun event. Phil is the founder of the Gaboon and he has chaired every single one of the 40 races. The Gaboon is a pursuit (staggered start race) that begins and finishes in Hampton River after sailing a pre-set course in Hampton Roads Harbor. Boats are assigned starting times, with faster boats starting after slower boats. The idea is that after sailing the 8nm course, all the boats will finish together. In the previous 39 years, that has never happened, but maybe this time . . .! Each *boat starting time* will be posted at the registration table in the Hampton Yacht Club lounge prior to the race on race day. The deadline for entries is 12:30pm on race day. The staggered starts begin at 1:00pm. The fastest boat starts last. PHRF and Cruising boats are welcome. Check out the Notice of Race at <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/HYC-Circulars-GABOON-2017-Final-1.pdf> **Race for the Gaboon Spittoon!**

FBYC Winter Series 3 – scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd. See www.fbyc.net for details.

To Fiddler's Green. LTC Wallace "Wally" Gallant, 92, passed away Saturday, November 18, 2017, in the VA Hospital. Wally, a former commodore of Hampton Yacht Club and vice-president of CBYRA, skippered *Whiskers*, and raced on the southern Bay for several years. Wally retired from the US Army after serving during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, Distinguished Service Cross, two Bronze Star Medals for valor, one Bronze Star for meritorious service, Purple Heart, two Legions of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, and eleven service medals with nine campaign stars. Wally's family will receive friends from 10-11AM tomorrow, Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home followed by a funeral service beginning at 11:00 AM. Interment with full Army honors will take place at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Transitions Family Violence Services, P.O. Box 561, Hampton, VA 23669. An obituary is available in the *Daily Press*, November 24, 2017.

Almost Kon-tiki 2. Wesley Schoonmaker (Norfolk) intended only to test a new paddle when he launched his 8-foot raft near Willoughby Spit last week. He said the wind immediately blew him away from shore. He drifted North through the night and part of the next day, crossing 2 big ship channels before landing, after 33 hours on the water, at Machipongo on the Eastern Shore. The Coast Guard launched a search that covered, in all, 1,438 miles. Schoonmaker was reported wind burned, but in stable condition. (NOTE: For more details see *Chesapeake Bay Media, Bay Bulletin 11/22/2017*)

There was a **fire at York River Yacht Haven** this past Thursday evening. The fire in a large **storage building** (an old horse barn converted for storage) was extinguished by Abington Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Gloucester and York

County firefighters. (NOTE: details available in the Daily Press, November 25, 2017.)

2018 Southern Bay "Big Boat" Schedule available. Contact your club's representative for a copy, or click on "reply" to this email and request your electronic copy of the schedule. It will come to you directly from SBRNYCU at mcbear@earthlink.net.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, anticipating the gift giving season, will be busy the next few weeks compiling a list of *What Every Racing Beagle Needs*. The list will include a Patagonia@ light weight, sub-zero sailing vest with expandable gussets, an Amazon weekly subscription for a small barrel of gizzard flavored milk bones, the *Racing Rules of Sailing* on a microchip embedded in my collar (for my skipper's easy reference), a new iPod, and a Grateful Dead headband to keep these beautiful beagle ears from flappin' when it's breezing' up! Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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