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CCV Spring Series Opens. Weather or not?? That was the question. A special early Sunday morning report from Beaufort, NC, said that they had gale force winds and sideways rain. Meanwhile, at Charleston Race Week racing was cancelled for all except the distance race groups (pursuit and offshore circle), which were moved into the harbor. However, the sunshine and moderate breeze in Hampton Roads, a prelude to the predicted Armageddon, enticed the CCV racers out to open the Spring Series. As expected, the bad stuff, rain, wind, and cold, rolled in just as the first race was ending and a victory was declared and celebrated in the HYC bar. **Riff Raff**, Melges 32, brought her skipper, **Don DeLoatch**, and crew home in first place in the PHRF A fleet in her inaugural race. RESULTS: PHRF A (6 boats): 1.**Don DeLoatch**, *Riff Raff*; 2.**Leroi Lissenden**, *Voodoo 2*; 3.**Phil Briggs**, *Feather*. PHRF B/C (9 boats): 1.**Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2.**Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran**, *Rumble*; 3.**Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*. No non-spin or cruising fleets made. Principal Race Officer: John McCarthy; Signal Boat: Buddy and Dariene DeRyder; Mark Boats: Marshall Findley and Bill and Dave Gibbings; Scorer: John Ritter.

CCV Spring Series Day 2 (Race 3) is scheduled for this coming Sunday, April 22. This is a middle distance race in the harbor (fixed marks). For info go to www.ccvracing.us or contact Brian Deibler (757) 715-8977.

CRW. Charleston Race Week competitors got in plenty of racing even though the bad weather closed most of the schedule down entirely on Sunday. Southern Bay racers at CRW: **Ian Hill** (HYC), *Sitella*, finished 2nd in the ORC A fleet (4 boats), to TP52, *Spookie*. Two southern Bay J70s, **Latane Montague** (FBYC) and **Rob Gorman** (HYC) finished in the middle of the huge 68 boat class and Montague was 9th in the 17 boat Corinthian fleet. **Steve Taylor** (HYC) finished 5th in the Viper 640 class. **Mary Ewenson's** *Terminally Pretty*, a former SBRW Black Seal Cup winner, was the first overall Viper, taking 6 bullets in 8 races. For complete details and results of CRW, go to www.yachtscoring.com

COCK ISLAND RACE Cancelled for 2018. Cock Island Race event officials have announced that the 2018 event, originally scheduled for June 15-16, will not be held. The City of Portsmouth has withdrawn their

financial support and, after thorough examination of the costs of the event, the host club, Portsmouth Boat Club, has decided to suspend the race for 2018. PBC Commodore Mary Arel said that this was a very difficult decision. PBC plans to regroup and, later this summer, begin to consider options for 2019.

Media Watch: DOWN THE BAY RACE, double-handers, and Greg Cutter. There's a lengthy article in *Scuttlebutt*, Thursday, April 12, 2018 – Issue #5058, about the Down the Bay Race and, in particular, the double-hand class. Last year DTB had 5 double-hand entries and Greg was a big proponent of the class. The article tells of the experience and encourages others to join in the fun for the 69th running of the **Down the Bay Race for the Virginia Cruising Cup**. The start of the 120 mile, non-stop, dash from Annapolis to Hampton, is Friday, May 25, 2018. For Notice of Race, on-line entry and contact info, click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4556>

Annapolis Spring Boat Show April 20-22 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) Here's a great opportunity for a road trip to Annapolis. Take in the Spring Boat Show at the Annapolis City Docks, enjoy a meal at one of the downtown spots, hit Chick 'n' Ruth's for an ice cream concoction, and drive back home in time to get in some racing on the rest of the weekend. There are a gazillion exhibitors at the show and plenty of sail boats and other watercraft (SUP, kayak, etc) Check out the website at <https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/annapolis-spring-sailboat-show/> - all sorts of activities and sights to see!

HYC SPRING REGATTA, THIS SAT – SUN, April 21-22. This regatta is open to all One-Design classes under 25'. A minimum of 3 boats (entered and paid) is required for a class. Check out the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and enter on line at www.regattanetwork.com/event/16207 Vipers, Sonars, and Melges 14 classes are building. **Early Bird Entry Savings (\$10) available through TODAY, April 16th.** Event Chairman: Joe Buczkowski (757) 416-9807; PRO: John McCarthy (757) 850-4225.

FBYC Opening Day (Saturday, April 21) and Spring Series 1 (Sunday, April 22) - for info and to enter click on www.fbyc.net

Tickets for the **TowneBank Norfolk In-Water Boat Show** are on sale now. It's early but, September will be here before you know it. The show is all set for Thursday - Saturday, September 13 - 15, 2018, at Waterside Marina, Waterside District, Town Point Park, 333 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA., 12 P.M. - 7 P.M. Daily <https://festevents.org/events/2018-season-events/norfolk-boat-show/>

High School Sailing Update: Christchurch School hosted and won the MASSA Mallory Qualifier this past weekend on the Rappahannock River. CCS won the regatta with 131 points. **Boyd Bragg** (Irvington) & **Sally Johnson** (Irvington) won the A Fleet for CCS and **Benton Amthor** (Yorktown) and **Galt Oliver** (VA Beach) won the B fleet. Congratulations to Christchurch's southern Bay teens for the win and good luck at the Mallory High School Sailing National Championship at Lakewood Yacht Club in Houston, Texas, on May 11-13.

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MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has filed (today!) the required IRS forms and is trying for the umpteenth time to convince Uncle Sam to recognize sail boat racing for its (tax deductible) medicinal, therapeutic value. Where else can you face the challenge of the elements, yell and make threatening gestures at your friends (mark roundings), and share rum, beer, and hot chili after the experience. It's equivalent to a medical test of the body's systems, a therapist's instructions on release of true feelings, and administration of OTB (over the bar) treatments. So says the Murphster. Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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