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DOWN THE BAY RACE FOR THE VIRGINIA CRUISING CUP. The start is this FRIDAY, MAY 24th. The race is 120 miles non-stop, Annapolis to Hampton. Check-in opens at 1800 at Severn Sailing Association (Eastport), there will be a party until 2100 with a brief skippers meeting at 1900. The Warning Signal will be given at 1000, May 24th, in the Bay near Severn River R "2". The post-race Awards Ceremony will be at 1900, Saturday, May 25th, at Hampton Yacht Club. Regatta details, documents, and on-line entry available at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=7346>

RESTLESS, wins the 2019 CAPE HENRY CUP. Skipper **Donna DeSteph** brought her Irwin 38, *RESTLESS* in first in the PHRF Non-Spin fleet, almost 16 minutes ahead of the second place finisher. The universal prediction of light air convinced race officials to send the fleet on the 18+ nautical mile course. The weather was fine and, to top off a great day, racers were favored with a building breeze that brought whitecaps in the afternoon. All twenty-one (21) of the 22 boats that started finished between 2pm and 4pm. RESULTS: PHRF A (4 boats): 1.**Christian Schaumloffel**, *Myrage*; 2.**Don DeLoatch**, *Riff Raff*; 3.**Will Roberts**, *Remedy*. PHRF B/C (12 boats): 1.**Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*; 2.**Andy Armstrong**, *Blue Jacket*; 3.**Ben Cuker**, *Callinectes*. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats): 1.**Donna DeSteph**, *Restless*; 2.**Ben & Christina Ritger**, *Argo*; 3.**John Wandling**, *Pisces*. Cruising (4 boats): 1.**Booty Baker**, *Klimax*; 2.**Rudy Eash**, *Brittany*; 3.**Keith Midgette**, *Luna Blu*. Principal Race Officer – Scott Almond; Signal Boat – Jerry Pattenau and Joe Lieberman. Broad Bay Sailing Association will present the CAPE HENRY CUP AWARDS at their monthly meeting and pot luck supper tomorrow, TUESDAY, MAY 21, at the Old Dominion Sailing Center. Social and dinner begins at 6:30pm, awards presentation at 7:30pm. Information available at <https://broadbaysailing.org/event-3277131>

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK SAILING INSTRUCTIONS are posted at the **YachtScoring event website** <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123>

Tucker Thompson, representing the New York Yacht Club entry in the coming America's Cup, *American Magic*, stopped by Hampton Yacht Club this past week. Tucker gave a special presentation on the

Cup to a gathering of approximately 200 HYC-ers at the Virginia Air and Space Center IMAX Theatre. The group at the I-MAX was peppered with several collegiate sailors from Christopher Newport and Old Dominion, including MAISA Sportsman of the Year, Christopher Newport University junior **Vin Menor**. (Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA))

One way to watch the **Down the Bay Race** (start is Friday, May 24th) is to pick **one of the race boats and crew to keep your eye on**. For instance, **Jim Raper's *Rhapsody***, a C&C 35, will be racing in the PHRF Spinnaker fleet. This is *Rhapsody's* 3rd DTB. In 2016 the team pulled up short at the mouth of the Piankatank River and retired with seasick crew during a very rough night. In 2017 *Rhapsody* finished 6th in PHRF B. Hopes are high this year concerning the outcome of the 120 nautical mile dash, non-stop from Annapolis to Hampton. The *Rhapsody* crew: **Kevin Zwick** (bow); **Earl Motley** (main); **Ed O'Conner** (jib); **Stuart Kegan** (mast); **Katie Yudkin** (spinnaker trimmer); **Dennis Hannick** (watch captain/navigator); **Brad Miller** (watch captain/tactician); **Jim Raper** (helm). Among the crew, in addition to Jim Raper, are three who usually campaign their own boats – Dennis Hannick races his Tripp 26 *Goin'*, Brad Miller, Beneteau 30 *Schiehallion*, and Stuart Kegan & Katie Yudin, Tartan 10 *Split Decision*. *Rhapsody* plans leave her home port in Fishing Bay, Wednesday and sail overnight, docking at Severn Sailing Association on Thursday evening, ready to race the next day.

WORRELL 1000. Team Australia -Rod Waterhouse with Beua White - won the event. They arrived at the Virginia Beach oceanfront Saturday, May 18. Their overall time (total of sailing legs time) was 73 hours 37 minutes and 24 seconds. As is a Worrell tradition, after finishing the racers adjourned to The Raven on Atlantic Avenue. It was at The Raven that the announcement of the date for the next Worrell 1000 was made – May 3, 2021 Read all about the finish in *Scuttlebutt*, May 20, 2019, issue 5332. And, subscribe to the Worrell racers' mantra - **“Sail fast, take chances, keep the pointy end up.”**

Lots of the fun racers will enjoy at **SBRW 2019** is backed by **Spinsheet Magazine**, and two sailmakers, **Ullman Sails** and **Doyle Sails**. For starters, *SpinSheet* sponsors the **Racers Beer Raffle** (so called because instead of tickets in a hat, cold beers - each with a SBRW bow number on it – are drawn from a tub of ice for the prizes. The Raffles are part of each awards ceremony on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and there is a “practice” raffle at the Thursday night Welcome and Check-in Party. **Ullman Sails** invites everyone on Friday and Saturday to the Ullman tent for the **Post-Race Wrap 'n' Rap**. The Ullman team will cover what worked out on the water and what didn't, including sail trim, course strategy and tactics. **Doyle Sails** is a key player in the Sunday final awards ceremony. Doyle provides Doyle Dawgs and beverages for everyone at the ceremony where the daily, regatta overall, and the Black Seal Cup awards are presented. The folks from these sponsoring organizations, **Mary Ewenson of SpinSheet, Jerry Latell of Ullman Sails, and Jimmy Miller and Eddie Williams of Doyle Sails** also present the coveted Boat of the Day award flags after each day of racing.

FBYC Spring Series 3: Detailed results are available at www.fbyc.net. Fleet winners: PHRF A (5 boats) – **Glenn Doncaster, *Nanuq***; PHRF B/C (9 boats) – **Bob Fleck, *Mad Hatter***; PHRF Non-Spin (6 boats) – **James Sturdy, *Wendas***. FBYC Spring Series 4 will be June 8th.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows that the Hampton Roads area will soon be host to the famous Blackbeard Pirate Festival. There will be pirates and wenches in the streets and pirate ships on the waters. So, here are a couple of factoids about pirates – A pirate's favorite music is Arr and B; the pirates tax office is the Aye. Arrr. S., and, when you cross a pirate with a zucchini you get a Squashbuckler! Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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