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Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, [SAILING Magazine](#)

31st Race to Cock Island One of the zaniest races of summer on the southern Bay. On Saturday, June 15th, the race itself begins and finishes in close proximity to Milepost Zero on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, just off the Portsmouth Seawall near Tidewater Yacht Marina. Prior to race day, on Friday, there is a pre-race / check-in party at Tidewater Yacht. And, after the race Saturday, from 5 -9 pm, there is a post-race party with live music, food, and libations. The awards will be presented at 6pm. Friday and Saturday are two fun-packet days – don't let your guard down, 'cause ya don't want to miss any of the festivities! This race goes back more than 30 years and the Portsmouth Boat Club folks know how to put on the parties and the race. John Ritter is Principal Race Officer and it "ain't his first Cock Island rodeo!" **NOR, scratch sheet, and entry form available at:** <http://www.portsmouthboatclub.org/> For additional info, specific questions, contact Matt Arel at mmarel@me.com SPECIAL NOTE: Regatta officials have passed the word that each entered boat will receive 4 access wristbands for the Friday party and may purchase more at \$10 per.

2019 LIGHTNING DIXIE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA: The Dixie District covers a lot of sailing area. There are established Lightning Fleets in Alexandria, VA, Have de Grace, MD, Susquehanna- between York and Lancaster, PA, Chestertown, MD, Rehoboth Beach, DE, Annapolis, MD, Chesterfield County, VA, Solomons, MD, Rock Hall, MD, Smith Mountain Lake, Moneta, VA, and, the host of the 2019 Districts, Hampton, VA. The 2019 District Champion is **Steve Constants with Chole and David Constants**. The Constants, sailing out of Severn Sailing Association, won the title after a grueling Saturday of sailing and a gorgeous Sunday in stiff breezes (high teens throughout) and sporty conditions throughout. The fleet got in 6 races, thereby allowing a throw out. In **2nd place – Jim Alman (RDYC), 3rd – Trevor Prior (Susquehanna YC); 4th –Joan Hurban; and, 5th Joe Buczkowski (HYC)**. Event Chairman – Joe Buczkowski, Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy; Signal Boat – Ken and Andria Saylor (*Gem*); Mark Boat – Dave Hamilton (Black Dog) with Tom Ryan; Mark Boat – Charlie Baker (*On Liberty*) with Dave Gibbings.

FBYC Spring Series 4. The Fishing Bay Yacht Club offshore fleet got in 3 races Saturday for Day 4 of their Spring Series. After all was said and done for the day: RESULTS: PHRF A (3 boats) – 1. **Craig Wright, Afterthought**; 2. **David Clark, Coryvreckan**; 3. **Andrew and Craig Ciszewski, Radio Flyer**. PHRF B/C (8 boats) – 1. **Paul Wash and Paul Edward Wash, Cheeky Monkey**; 2. **Bob Fleck, Mad Hatter**; 3. **Steve Quiriconi, Hotty Toddy**. PHRF Non-Spin (3 boats) – 1. **James Sturdy, Wendas**; 2. **Mike Dale, Juggernaut**; 3. **Dick Cole, Nutcracker**. The FBYC Distance Series opens this coming Saturday, June 15th, with the Moonlight Race For info and to enter, www.fbyc.net

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The 2019 VETERANS CUP, originally scheduled for June 29, will NOT be held this year.

ANNAPOLIS TO NEWPORT update. Yesterday one of the A2N record contenders detoured toward Norfolk because of a dismasting. The information reached individuals in the southern Bay sailing community yesterday. This morning we can all read about what's happening in *Scuttlebutt*. Everyone on the crew is OK. The Coast Guard monitored closely the situation throughout. Click here for the lowdown. https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2019/06/08/shooting-for-records-in-annapolis-to-newport/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Scuttlebutt%205346%20%20June%2010%202019&utm_content=Scuttlebutt%205346%20%20June%2010%202019+CID_a37c1e054

The June 5 JBoats Sailing News, acknowledges the outstanding performances of various J Boats at last week's SBRW 2019. They said:

J/Crews Sweep Southern Bay Race Week

(Norfolk, VA)- Southern Bay Race Week is always the weekend after Memorial Day, so early season excitement runs high and preparation is key for the usual 90- 100+ boats that come to race on the Southern Chesapeake Bay. Regatta headquarters is Hampton Yacht Club in Hampton, VA, the event trademark is southern hospitality coupled with great racing for three days in the Hampton Roads area of the Chesapeake. After two days of struggle to get in races in spite of cranky winds and threatening thunderstorms, Mother Nature bestowed a beautiful final day upon the racers of solid racing breezes and sunshine - life was good and competition intense. When all was said and done, J/Crew took six of the top spots in the 11 classes spread over 3 divisions.

Ian Hill from Chesapeake, VA / Hampton YC, brought his J/111 SITELLA in first in the PHRF SUPER A class. In the PHRF A1 class, Craig Wright's J/109 AFTERTHOUGHT, sailing out of Fishing Bay YC, took first convincingly by 5 points over the second place boat. Ben Weeks & Michele Cochran on their J/29 RUMBLE from Yorktown, VA/ Hampton YC, were familiar faces on the podium as they picked up the first place for PHRF B1. Taking third place in PHRF B2 Fleet was the J/30 COOL CHANCE skippered by Rusty Burshell. Sailing in the PHRF C class and taking first place was Alan Bomar in his J/24 ROUNDABOUT from Ft Monroe, VA / Hampton YC. The J/24 BLUE BUS, skippered by Christian Johnson from Virginia Beach, VA was winner of Cruising B fleet; he was sailing with a crew of his wife Morgan and 2 young sons ages 4 and 5 yrs old! In the J/70 One-Design Division, Ron Gorman brought SURRENDER TO THE FLOW home first in class. Ron hails from Suffolk, VA/ Hampton YC. Filling out the rest of the podium was Steve Quiriconi's HOTTY TODDY and Arielle Darrow's HYC LADY VORTEXES all-women's crew. All in all, it was an astonishing performance by J/Teams across the board. Congrats to all!

COMING UP BEFORE YOU KNOW IT:

CCV Summer Solstice Race Saturday, June 22 www.ccvracing.us for info and how enter.

RRYC Spring Regatta Saturday June 22 www.rryc.org for info and how to enter

FBYC – Cut Channel Race Saturday June 29 www.fbyc.net for info and how to enter

NOTE – 2019 Veterans Cup will NOT be held this year.

Plan on going to SCREWPILE REGATTA (July 20-22) at Solomons, MD - time is now to make reservations for crew and for the boat! www.splc.us This is a great time in the middle of the summer, in the middle of the Bay!! Don't miss this!

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has a message for Weather Guru Jim Cantore, "Don't cancel 'til you are sure.". This weekend the Sunday weather was a pleasant surprise to gazillions of boaters. Predictions of dire weather and buckets of rain were superseded in early morning by the reality of sunshine and great sailing breezes. Cruisers and racers who had stayed ready to go benefited big time. The Murphster thinks maybe that's why we pack "GO BAGS", not "Reschedule for Next Weekend Bags". /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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