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31st COCK ISLAND – grandest weather, rejuvenated event. RIFF RAFF wins Cock Island Hanbury Cup and PHRF spinnaker fleet. Don DeLoatch and crew of *Riff Raff* raced home in convincing fashion at the 31st Cock Island Race on Saturday. They sailed the 8.10 nm course out the Elizabeth River and back to the finish line off the Portsmouth seawall. Both PHRF fleets and the fastest Cruising fleet did the 8.10 nm course. All others raced the 3.16 course. Fleet winners: PHRF Spinnaker (5 boats): **Don DeLoatch**, *Riff Raff*, PHRF Non-Spin (6 boats): **Bill Ripley**, *Obsession*; Cru 1 (8 boats): **Paul Clifford**, *Wind Dancer*; Cru 2 (7 boats): **Mike Winters**, *Tangibili*; Cru 3 (7 boats): **Mike Barclift**, *Valedor*. Thirty-three (33) of the forty-six (46) entered sailed in the 31st Cock Island race, offered by the Portsmouth Boat Club. Event Chairman: Matt Arel; Principal Race Officer: John Ritter. Click on www.portsmouthboatclub.org for complete results. Sunday, the usual day for delivery home for Cock Island racers, offered a beautiful ride out Norfolk Harbor Reach, often in company of fellow competitors. NOTE: Local lore has it that Cock Island came by its name during the early 1900s when cock fights were an attraction to the fair city of Portsmouth. And, yes, the main transportation from Norfolk (and the southside beyond) was not by either tunnel, but by ferry across the Elizabeth River.

Christchurch School Sailing Team. Follow-up on The Seahorses. *Chesapeake Bay Magazine, Bay Bulletin*, the June 11, 2019, issue, provides an enjoyable read on the team's National Team Racing Championship captured earlier this spring (Memorial Day Weekend) in Maine. Click here: https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2019/6/11/rural-va-high-school-wins-sailing-team-racing-nationals?fbclid=IwAR3iTk-f8hqbX9FbLiHwty_TG1aACCUknOAmArh1jyA9M6kXZq0dVZvRU

THIS COMING SATURDAY, June 22, is the Summer Solstice Ocean Race offered by CCV. This is a 58 nm daylight race out to and around Chesapeake Light for boats at least 28 LOA. First warning is at 0800 (8am) in the Southern Chesapeake Bay near tall range light CCV Bay Z. There is a 2300 (11PM) time limit for the race. Pertinent information, including safety requirements and recommendations, is included in the Sailing Instruction - click on www.ccvracing.us. There is a Skippers Meeting at 1830 (6:30PM), Friday, June 21st at Hampton Yacht Club at the gazebo (north end of the HYC property), S.I. 4.1 states, "Skippers will be required to fill out a crew list form at the meeting." *No entries will be accepted after Thursday, June 20, 2019.* For information contact Event Chairman Christian Schaumloffel at ChristianSch@yahoo.com.

THIS COMING SATURDAY, JUNE 22, is “**TAKE SOMEONE SAILING DAY**” *SpinSheet Magazine* is encouraging all Chesapeake Bay sailors to take at least one new person sailing Saturday to experience the beauty of sailing. The effort coincides with Summer Solstice Weekend (June 22-23) and there is an opportunity to win prizes ☺! Click on <https://www.summersailstice.com/win> for how to enter. And, for *SpinSheet Magazine*'s 10 best reasons to go sailing, click here <https://www.spinsheet.com/start-sailing-now/why-go-sailing> Share the fun of Sailing!

JULY promises great racing - schedule is full of special events:

***** Southern Chesapeake Bay Leukemia Regatta July 12 – 14 info and to enter <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=7281>**

***** Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge July 20 – 22 check out all the details at www.spic.us**

***** HYC Sprints July 27 Brand new – great race, close rating bands, small fleets, 3-5 boats, multiple races, short courses with quick turn around, Big Boat racing with a one design feel - click on <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/HYC-Circular-THE-HAMPTON-SPRINTS-2019-FINAL-Mar-1.pdf> For entry by email and questions - contact Lin at mcbear@earthlink.net or 757-850-4225.**

FBYC Moonlight Race – for results check at www.fbyc.net

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, recalls from history class, that in the days of sailing ships, one of the most popular ways of lining up crew was to approach potential crew from the blind side, whack him on the head, and tote him off to the ship. Welcome aboard! It's good that these recruiting tactics are not likely to be applied for the “Take Someone Sailing Day” effort scheduled for this coming weekend. Hopefully, we will not hear either of novice crewbies on boats doing the Summer Solstice Ocean Race with huge lumps on their heads! Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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