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PLANTATION LIGHT RACE. What looked like the Armageddon of summer rain storms blew up over Portsmouth and Norfolk and then slid further south and east a couple of hours before the start of the annual HYC Plantation Light Race Saturday evening. Things got going on time and the 10 boat fleet was underway by 7:30pm. The 33.1nm course took the PHRF A and the PHRF B/C boats to port of YR1 and York Spit Light and heading back down to finish between QRR "22" and the Ft Monroe Seawall. The PHRF Non-Spin fleet went 23.6nm, leaving YR1 to port before heading for the same finish line. First to cross the finish line was **Seward Lawlor's Chesapeake** at 13:42. RESULTS: PHRF A (4 boats): 1. **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi, Danger Paws**; 2. **Seward Lawlor, Chesapeake**; 3. **Christian Schaumloffel, Myrage**. PHRF B/C (2 boats): 1. **Chris French, Elixir**; 2. **Ben Cuker, Callinectes**. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats): 1. **Alan Johnson, Seeker**; 2. **Jeff Rogers, Halaha**; 3. **Keith Midgette, Luna Blu**. Everyone was finished well before 0600. Awards will be presented at the annual HYC Awards Night party on December 3rd. Principal Race office-Bob Thomas; Signal Boat-Dale Ashcombe.

COMING UP THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th - The CCV FOUNDERS RACE. This summer happening is a middle distance race, in the harbor around a combination of drop and government marks. There will be reaching legs plus some windward-leeward. PHRF spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spin (double headsail allowed), and CRUISING (single headsail only) boats are expected. PHRF Circular Random (CR) handicaps will be used for PHRF boats. First warning signal is scheduled for 1100. This race counts in both the CCV High Point standings and the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (administered by BBSA). For additional info contact race Principal Race Officer John McCarthy at (757)850-4225, or click on www.ccvracing.us for NOR and to enter.

Lightning North Americans. Southern Bay Racers, **Joe Buczkowski and son Zach with Ed Lane**, traveled to Canada last week to compete in the **2019 ILCA Lightning North American Championship Regatta**. The event was hosted by Buffalo Canoe Club at Ridgeway, Point Abino, Ontario. Joe, Zach, and Ed finished in the top half (17th) of the President's Cup division. A well know southern Bay expatriate, **Steve Hunt**, sailed with Bob Martin and Diego Escobar, to finish 3rd in the Championship division. For complete details of all 5 races click on https://yachtscoring.com/current_event_entries.cfm?eID=6128

A small gaggle of southern Bay 505 racers are heading up to Canada, this week. **Tyler Moore, Henry Amthor, Sterling Spruill, Klye Pfrang and Kaila Pfrang**, all from Hampton YC, will head up to Kingston Yacht Club in Ontario to race in the **2019 505 North American Championship Regatta, Aug 21-25**. Follow them at <https://kingstonyachtclub.com/regattas> with your fingers and toes crossed!

One of the **Plantation Light Race** skippers, Jeff Rogers, had the following to say about how difficult the current was at one end of the finish line. Jeff said that Dana Dillon always used to say that anytime you pass R 22, the current is against you. Jeff continued, *"Many years later, I have to agree with him. It was agin' us going out of Hampton Roads and, wow, was it ever agin' us coming back in! I have seen it run hard at R22, but I can't recall ever seeing it worse than last night. It must have been well over 2 knots. Boats were calling in "approaching the finish line", then 10 minutes and 4 tacks later they were called "over."* Last week Cape Charles Cup skippers had current issues too. The **current current situation** on our mighty Chessie is **currently** a bear!.

OK, DOUBLE-HANDED RACERS – get yourselves together! There will be a double-handed distance race in the **2024 Olympics Games in Paris**. Inspired by the attention given to the double-handed racing *milieu*, **Annapolis Yacht Club** is offering a 24-hour distance race to double-handed crews this coming September. The race will start on **September 28th** off the entrance to Severn River and finish 24 hours later at AYC's dock on Spa Creek. The race area will be between the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Point Lookout. The race is scheduled to last 24 hours, the first boat to the finish line will receive the top prize. The race will be an endurance contest for the crews racing throughout the night hours. Plenty of southern Bay racers have raced through the night and several double-handers have done the Down the Bay in the past couple of years. Who knows, maybe we will see TWO of our own in Paris in 2024 on the Olympic medal podium!! For race details and to enter the AYC Race – click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9531> **AYC Double Handed Distance Race, September 28-29, 2019**.

On September 8, 1973, the inaugural **Whitbread Round-the-World Race** started Leg 1 (of 4) off Portsmouth, England. Plans are now underway for the **50th Anniversary Whitbread to start from a to-be-named European port on September 10, 2023**. The idea is for the course to remain traditional – Europe to South Africa, to Australia or New Zealand, to a South American port, and back to Europe. The boats are to remain true to the Whitbread standard too – must be fiberglass production and designed prior to 1988. Organizers will allow only mods to add bunks and storage and to strengthen standing rigging and deck gear. Sailors will race with dacron and nylon sails only – no laminates. And, get this – no GPS allowed – paper charts only. Radar without a GPS readout is ok, but communications are limited to SSB and VHF radios. Don McIntyre, the race honcho, is limiting entries to 30 boats. McIntyre expects racers will be able to acquire older boats, make use of crew labor to refit and, then re-sell the boat after the event. So, as Peter Nielsen writes in his article "Whitbread Redux", in *SAIL Magazine*, September 2019 issue, do the Whitbread *"... if surfing Southern Ocean waves has been on your bucket list, and you are prepared to be without your smartphone for weeks on end..."* Click on www.oceangloberace.com and get on it. Real ocean racing like they did it back in the 1970's and 1980's. Is a southern Chesapeake Bay boat and crew possible? [See "Whitbread Redux", Racing Under Sail section, *SAIL Magazine*, September 2019 issue, pages 18-19, by Peter Nielsen]

Heads-up!! Here's another 50th celebration – this one right around the corner. 50th United States Sailboat Show, (Thur-Sun) October 10-14, 2019, City Dock, Annapolis, MD. Click on www.AnnapolisBoatShows.com

LABOR DAY WEEKEND RACING and SEPTEMBER RACING:

Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend:

**** 25th Annual STINGRAY POINT REGATTA** - August 31 – September 1 The two day regatta is preceded by the Stingray Light Race, a distance race, on FRIDAY, Aug 30, meant for sailors to ease into the weekend. The Stingray Light Race will be scored separately from the Sat. and Sun. racing. INFO and TO ENTER <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9466> or www.fbyc.net

**** NYCC LABOR DAY REGATTA** – August 31 – September 1 *There is no entry fee for this regatta.* Expected classes include: Melges 14, Lasers, Laser Radials, Flying Scots, Comets, Sharks, Harbor 20s, Flying Juniors, Optimists (including Green), Club 420s and others. A class must have 4 boats in order to have a separate start. Contact: Eddie Wolcott 757-434-7324 for info or click on https://www.norfolkyacht.com/Yachting/Upcoming_Races_and_Regattas/Labor_Day_Regatta

Beyond the holiday in September:

- Sept 7 Tri-Services Regatta Langley YC/Old Point Comfort YC/ Norfolk Naval SA.
- Sept 7 Wolf Trap Race Fishing Bay YC www.fbyc.net
- Sept 7 Fall Regatta Yankee Point Racing & Cruising Club www.yprcc.org
- Sept 8 ANNUAL HAMPTON MIDDLE GROUND LIGHT RACE Hampton Yacht Club
http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/HYC-Circular-Middle-Ground-Lt-2019_-FINAL.pdf
- Sept 14 York River Cup York River YC – www.yryc.org
- Sept 14-15 Rappahannock River Cup – www.rryc.org
- Sept 15 CCV Fall Series (Day 1) – www.ccvracing.us
- Sept 21 Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge & Distance Dinghy Race
<https://www.hrsunfishchallenge.com/>
- Sept 22 CCV Fall Series (Day 2) – www.ccvracing.us
- Sept 28 NEPTUNE'S ATLANTIC RACE - Broad Bay Sailing Assoc – www.broadbaysailing.org

- Sept 28-29 DOUBLE HANDED DISTANCE RACE – Annapolis YC <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9531>
- Oct 2 OctoberFest Wednesday Evenings Racing begins – www.ccvracing.us
- Oct 4-6 HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9520>
- Oct 5 Willoughby Racers Memorial – Broad Bay Sailing Assoc. www.broadbaysailing.org

SMITH POINT RACE. The Fishing Bay Yacht Club annual Smith Point Race is part of the FBYC Distance Race Series. Seven (7) boats sailed Saturday. RESULTS: PHRF A (2 boats): 1. **Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*; 2. **Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*. PHRF B (3boats): 1. **Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*; 2. **Miles Booth**, *Shenanigan*; 3. **Jim Raper**, *Rhapsody*. PHRF C (2 boats): **James Sturdy**, *Wendas*; 2. **Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion*. Race Officer-Will Angus. For details click on www.fbyc.net

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is very interested in signing on a Double Hand boat for a run at the Paris Olympics. One of my favorite distant cousins, Ooh-La-La Murphy, lives in Paris and is famously known for her casual soirees and trademark sautéed frog milk bones. Ahhhho!!! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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