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TRI-SERVICES REGATTA has been rescheduled to THIS COMING SATURDAY, Sept. 14th. Suck on that, Dorian! For info contact John Ritter, 757-329-6992. The plan (skippers meeting, start times, etc) is pretty much the same as the original, just pushed back a week.

HAMPTON ANNUAL MIDDLE GROUND LIGHT RACE. Friday there was *TOO MUCH WIND*. By Sunday, there was nooooo wind at all and very little current. To prove the point, **Justin Morris**, skipper of *Viper 640 Knot Hunter*, and crew tied off to a crab pot and went swimming. After an appropriate wait and confirmation that there was no wind on any horizon, the race was abandoned and the 25 boat fleet packed it in to the party on the HYC flag deck of crabs, beer and soft drinks. Not that bad a post-hurricane Sunday, actually.

Up the Bay in the Rappahannock River area was a good place to be when Hurricane Dorian passed off the Virginia Capes on Friday. There was a higher than usual tide, flooding in expected areas, and some trees down, but all in all not too bad. So, Saturday turned out to be a good day to race. At **Fishing Bay Yacht Club** fourteen (14) boats turned out to do the **Wolftrap Race**, #5 in the FBYC Distance Race Series. RESULTS: PHRF A (5 boats): 1.**Mayo Tabb**, *Excitation*; 2.**Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*; 3.**Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*. PHRF B (5 boats): 1.**Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*; 2.**Wayland Rennie**, *Trilogy*; 3.**Miles Booth**, *Shenanigan*. PHRF C (3 boats): 1.**Russ Collins**, *Morningtide*; 2.**James Sturdy**, *Wendas*; 3.**Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion*. There were no finishers in the PHRF Non-Spin fleet. For detailed race results click on http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19251#_newsroom+results Principal Race Officer – Brooks Zerkel.

NATIONAL HOSPICE REGATTA ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP will be hosted by the College of Charleston (SC) Friday, June 5 through Sunday, June 7, 2020. Racers in the southern Bay's Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta, hosted this Fall at Rappahannock River Yacht Club, October 4-6, 2019, will be competing for a spot at the Championship in Charleston next June.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER! During Labor Day weekend, the Hampton One-Design class was part of the Labor Day Regatta hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. The Governor's Cup Regatta is a significant event each year on the HOD schedule. The **2017 Governor's Cup** had been cancelled due to inclement weather. So, Friday a week ago, August 31st, the HOD class finally made up the 2017 Governor's Cup. **Gordy Stokes and crew Dan Spooner** won the coveted trophy. Also, there in the time machine were 2nd place winners **Chip and Sarah Lollar** and, in 3rd place **Charles McCoy, Jr with his son John**. Maybe all who sailed have a valid claim for a 2 year credit on their listed ages on their drivers licenses!

Keeping the HOD Governor's Cup history up-to-date, on the next day, Sunday, September 1st, **Gordy Stokes with crew sister Ann Stokes won the 2019 Governors' Cup**. In second place was, **Charles McCoy, Jr with son John**, and in third place, **Chip and Sarah Lollar**. Gordy Stokes has now won the Governor's Cup for 2008, 2010, 2017 and 2019. *NOTE: Laser and FJ classes winners at the NY&CC Labor Day Regatta were Alain Vincey and Sasannah Day, respectively.*

HRSC&DDR CANCELLED. Word has come from event chairman Jonathan Romero that the **2019 Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge and Distance Dinghy Race (scheduled for Saturday, September 21st) has been cancelled.** Jonathan's message: *"This message is to inform you that after much discussion and thoughtful reflections, this year's Hampton Roads Sunfish Challenge & Dinghy Distance Race has been cancelled. But look for the 2020 Sunfish Challenge to be held on the 3rd Saturday in September".*

Typhoon Fall Series is underway at Rappahannock River Yacht Club. The second week saw 12 boats on the course. The mid-series, 3rd night of the Wednesday night series will be followed by a pot luck dinner on the porch at RRYC immediately after racing for the evening. For info, please contact Gary Hooper at 804.438.8052 (h) or 804.314.7205 (c)

Youth Sailing Virginia – OYSTER ROAST 2019 – October 4, 2019, 6-9pm – Oozlefinch Craft Brewery, Ft Monroe, Virginia. EARLY BIRD ticket price ends this coming Sunday, September 15. Info and ticket purchase: <https://youthsailingva.org/youth-sailing-virginias-oyster-roast/>

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR "SEASONED" LASER RACERS. The 38th CHESAPEAKE BAY LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP will be hosted at Fishing Bay YC, October 12-13. Frugal racers, sometimes affectionately know as skinflints, will save \$10 on the fee by entering on or before October 7th. Click on www.fbyc.net for NOR and ON LINE Registration.

Believe it or not, the AMERICA'S CUP (AC75) competition is beginning to get cookin'. Team New Zealand is the first to launch. And, launch they did on September 5th – a foiling monohull like you've never seen. The yacht is named *TE AIHE*, which means *Dolphin* in Maori. UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT AC75 DATES: October 1, 2019-\$1 million late entry fee deadline * April 23-26, 2020-First AC World Series Event (Cagliari, Sardinia) * December 10-20, 2020-AC Christmas Race * January-February, 2021-Prada Cup Challenger Selection Series * March 2021-The America's Cup Match. Check out the New Zealand entry at *Scuttlebutt Sailing News* link <https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2019/09/05/team-new-zealand-first-to-launch/> The final

match is just about a year and a half away, but there will be a whole lot of launching, developing teams, gossip, and competition in between now and then.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, possessor of a svelte-challenged figure, has long thought the dryer was shrinking all my t-shirts. It turns out it has been the work of the refrigerator and post-race parties. Who knew? There are no plans to give up either. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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