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505 Mid-Atlantic Championships. Southern Bay racer Henry Amthor sailed with Jesse Falsome and they finished 2nd overall in some very competitive racing in “wet and wild conditions” in Annapolis this past weekend. Another southern Bay team, Clark Hays sailing with Eric Swab, finished 4th overall in the 14 boat fleet. Class A Foiling (1 boat) and Class A Non-Foiling (6 boats) along with an Open Catamaran Class (4 boats) were also at the Pumpkin Patch Regatta hosted by West River Sailing in Galesville, MD. For details http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19843#_newsroom

Consider: For our sport we need more young sailors racing on big (keel) boats. Here, via *Scuttlebutt Sailing News* (#5433, 10/14/2019), from *AFLOAT, Ireland's Sailing, Boating, and Maritime Magazine*, comes an opinion from a New Zealand sailing notable, Tom MacSweeney. He is also intimately involved with the 2021 New Zealand American's Cup venue. Have a listen with your Monday coffee. <https://afloat.ie/blogs/tom-macsweeney/item/44313-more-young-sailors-are-needed-on-racing-yachts>

Speaking of Young Sailors. . . BIG BLUE SAILING ACADEMY (Regatta Chair, Mitch Brindley) hosted at the ODU Sailing Center the **2019 C420 MID ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP** this past weekend. Skippers and crew had to be 21 years old or younger as of the end of 2019. Twenty-one (21) teams of 2 each raced Saturday and Sunday, in 15-20 gusting and buckets of rain. The ODU sailing team ran the regatta for the high schoolers, under the watchful supervision of ODU Head Sailing Coach Mitch Brindley and several other volunteer adult race officials. For results click <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/RxB1gPBCSL> **Southern Bay kids racing were: Parker Moore (HYC), Tyler Brown and Barrett Wise (HYC), Mae Wallace Angus and Walker Angus (FBYC), Mason Chapman, Jr. and Georgia Wensell (FBYC), Kiana Beachy and Ellie Hasbrouck (NYCC)**

ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE. While Thursday the *BIG BREEZE* proved to be too much wind for even many schooners on the Bay, on Saturday there was little to no breeze for the 50 signed up to race in a southern Bay favorite race 'ROUND THE LIGHTS. Of the 50 who started, 11 (10 PHRF racers and 1 Cruiser) actually finished the race. It was mid-afternoon by the time any breeze arrived that was equal to the fierce flood current making sailing toward Thimble Light near impossible early on. Race chairman Tim Etherington, put it

this way: “Winds out of the north at 7-8 at the start into a flooding tide. They quickly became light and variable and stayed that way for much of the day and into early afternoon. The winds filled in around 8 knots around 3pm after much of the fleet already threw in the towel. **The last boat to start was the first boat to finish.** All but one of the boats that finished turned right and headed first to Middle Ground. Speed over the ground was about 2.5 knots even without the wind. The boats that decided to turn left and go to Thimble Shoal first quickly found out the current was not going to let them enter the bay. Many drifted forward and backward trying to get out before giving up. Some decided to then turn toward Middle Ground basically starting over but by then it was too late. Each year we give an award to the fastest wrong way boat. The difference is typically around 30 minutes. This year there was only one wrong way boat that finished, Jonathan, and they were over two hours behind the leader. It was a fun day on the water, just not a racing day.” **The first three finishers overall in the pursuit race were: 1. Don DeLoatch, Riff Raff; 2. Pete Hunter, Wairere; 3. Neil and Lis Biondi, Danger Paws.** All three were PHRF A boats. Old Point Comfort YC administers the ‘RTL each year.

J24 World Championships have begun. The fleet will have a practice race today and the first day of competition will be tomorrow. Southern Bay racer **Will Bomar** is sailing on *Bangor Packet* with skipper **Tony Parker** and crewmates **James Niblock, Zeke Horowitz, and Ross Desdoff.** Follow the action in Miami in the 81 boat fleet by clicking on the event site at YachtScoring <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=5893>

FBYC Fall Series #3. Day of #3 of this Series was Saturday. RESULTS: PHRF A (5 boats). 1. **Craig Wright**, Afterthought; 2. **Glenn Doncaster**, Nanuq; 3. **David Clark**, Corryvreckan. PHRF B/C (5 boats). 1. **Bob Fleck**, Mad Hatter; 2. **Paul Wash**, Cheeky Monkey; 3. **Dennis Hannick**, Goin’. PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats). 1. **Mike Dale**, Juggernaut; 2. **James Sturdy**, Wendas; 3. **Jim Raper**, Rhapsody. For complete scoring details, click on <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19258> **Race Day #4 of this Series is set for this coming Saturday, October 26th.**

And, so it begins – 2019 FROSTBITE SERIES, hosted by Hampton Yacht Club, opening race, is this coming Sunday, October 27th. Racing is in the Harbor, around fixed marks, first warning is at high noon. **ENTRIES ARE DUE at 1200 THE DAY BEFORE RACE DAY.** Starts will be offered for PHRF A, B/C, and Non-Spin as well as Cruising Fleet boats. **For additional information contact PRO Brian Deibler at (757) 715-8977 OR see Notice of Race at http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/HYC-Circular-Frostbite-2019_-FINAL.pdf plus an important addendum at <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/HYC-ADDENDUM-TO-RACE-CIRCULAR.pdf>** The rest of the Frostbite Series races are the following 4 consecutive Sundays in November: Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019. Remember, Eastern Standard Time will have kicked in the wee hours (2AM) of November 3rd.

FALL FLING (November 2-3) EARLY BIRD ENTRY discount vanishes after Sunday, October 27th. Racing and traditional oyster-festing for one-design classes under 25 feet. Lightning, Viper 640, Laser, 505, Sonar, Albacore, Melges 24, Melges 14, J24, J70 and more are expected. Classes with fewer than 3 entries will be combined in an open fleet and scored using the Portsmouth Handicap System. *Ya wanna race, come on down!* Latest new entries: J24 class – **Alan Bomar** (Hampton); Lightning class - **Michael Darrah**

(Alexandria); **Joan Hurban** (Crownsville, MD). **Lee Fairchild** has opened the Sonar class. Viper 640 - **Geoff Ewenson** (Annapolis) Check out all the current entries, NOR and enter on line at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19717> For additional info, contact Event Chairman Joe Buczkowski (757) 416-9807 or PRO John McCarthy (757) 850-4225.

HOT BOAT ON THE MARKET. DANGER PAWS, Neil and Lis Ford's southern Bay championship Melges 24, is for sale. It's a well maintained, properly cared for racer. Here's what Neil said about DP: *Melges 24, Hull #399, Danger Paws, for sale. Absolutely great boat for sailing in the Bay. Fast, responsive and a pleasure to sail. Trailer, covers etc.. 19.5k Neil Ford 757-759-0559* If you are looking to race, here is a beauty. Lis and Neil have not yet figured out what to sail next. But, they will, don't doubt it!

BROAD BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION MEMBERS – HEADS UP! Your regular meeting has been moved to TOMORROW, October 22nd at 6:30pm, EDT, at the new Bold Mariner Brewery location (on East Ocean View Ave.)

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, thinks the schooners who delayed the start of the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race last Thursday because of *TOO MUCH WIND* will find their timidity, however prudent, tough to live down among racing sailors. As one southern Bay racer commented, **“So there's too much wind for a schooner race? Hope we don't have too much ice for the Capitals' hockey game tonight.”** *For the Record: The 2019 GCBSR start was delayed from Thursday noon until Friday morning, due to anticipated winds of as high as 30 knots, which were deemed unsafe for some of the smaller participating schooners. /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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