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CCV Racing ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION & PARTY – THIS COMING FRIDAY, November 22nd.

Location: Downtown Norfolk at Nauticus, Living Sea Landing on the 3rd Deck, The party will get started at 1900 / 7:00PM. Skippers, crew, family and friends are sure to enjoy the fun and entertainment. **For info and party and parking details, click on www.ccvracing.us .**

FROSTBITE #4. The race was “undone” by the Storm. Officials cancelled the racing well ahead of time and it proved to be the right idea!

FROSTBITE #5 – next Sunday, November 24th, will be the final race of the Series. For info see the same Bat Channel. **Info:** <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> **OR contact PRO Brian Deibler at 715-8977 (cell)**

FIDDLERS GREEN. Rob Whittet, III, passed away on November 4th. Rob had fought a lengthy battle with Leukemia and lymphoma. Rob was a native of Richmond and a 40 year member of Fishing Bay Yacht Club. Most southern Bay racers will remember Rob racing his C&C 37, *Wavelength*, every chance he got. Complete information about Rob's life and many significant accomplishments is available by clicking on https://www.richmond.com/obituaries/whittet-robert/article_fab59635-bb56-5585-bebe-49c0414fc4a1.html. Sincere sympathy is extended to Rob's family and many friends.

CONGRATULATIONS! to Christopher Newport University senior, Vir Menon, who a week ago finished 8th in the Nation at the National Collegiate Single Hand Championships held in Santa Barbara, CA. The competitors sailed Lasers. CNU head sailing coach, Max Plarr, said, *“Hard work, dedication, grit. These are three characteristics of senior team captain, Vir Menon. They are qualities that have been essential to his successful career at Christopher Newport and will serve him well on his future Olympic track.”*

Talk about special grit. There is a southern Bay racer who recently traveled to British Columbia, Canada, to pick up a boat delivery. He helped a friend tow a small tugboat with a truck and trailer rig across the Continental Divide in a snowstorm. Undaunted, they arrived in Hampton just a little tired and safe and sound. Good on 'em!

Sailboat Racers are Beer Connoisseurs, so. . . Call it a beer, a brewski, a tinnie, or any other name and drink it from a glass bottle, a tin can, a keg, or your sailing cap, every racer knows that a good beer is a good thing! So think about this. A place in Chincoteague, Virginia, is among one of the very few in the country that can sell this very special beer. A gourmet grocery, **Poseidon's Pantry in Chincoteague**, has **Sam Adams Utopias 2019** for sale for \$230 a bottle. The beer is legal in only 15 states due to its 28% alcohol. Details about the beer and how it came to be in Chincoteague are in Meg Walburn Viviano's article dated November 12, 2019, in *Chesapeake Bay Magazine* Bay Bulletin, Nov 13, 2019. Click here <https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/230-bottle-of-rare-beer-for-sale-in-chincoteague/>

Here's an idea for Thanksgiving Friday (November 29th). **Annual Black Friday Sail out of HYC** - Friday, Nov 29th. Come join in on a fun day sail around or inside the Hampton Bar because you're not going to work and you don't want to go shopping. No set crews, so come alone if you want and you'll be put on a boat or bring your own boat and crew out. Dock time is noon, meeting at CCV "A" mark by 1230 (back to club by 3 pm-ish). If we have foul weather, we won't cancel the event, but will instead immediately adjourn directly to the bar and claim we went sailing. Contact - David Taylor, 757-344-5292.

There will be two US SAILING ONE DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINARS available this winter convenient to the southern Bay and the eastern North Carolina areas. *The registration fee for each seminar is \$35 and includes course materials and online testing.. This course is OPEN TO ALL and also meets US Sailing requirements for Club Race Officer certification or renewal. Testing is optional, but required for US Sailing Club Race Officer certification. On line registration and detailed info on each location is available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/resources/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/> US Sailing instructors, John McCarthy and Jerry Thompson will both teach both seminars. Early registration is recommended since spaces are limited. The two seminars are:*

****ODRMS Feb. 01, 2020-Saturday (0800-1700) hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, 7001 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA.** NOTE: Drinks, snacks, and LUNCH will be provided for additional cost of \$20 per registrant payable at the door prior to the beginning of the course. For info contact Ben Schill.

****ODRMS Mar 14, 2020-Saturday (0800-1700) hosted by Blackbeard Sailing Club, Fairfield Harbour (near New Bern, NC)** NOTE: Lunch will be provided (sponsorship). For info contact Bill Jarvis.

COMING SOON - 42nd GABOON RACE (December 1), hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. Pursuit race, starting and finishing off the HYC Docks. No crew number limits. Bring the neighbors and relatives. There is racing for PHRF class boats. Race course is in the Harbor. For info and all the details, click on <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/HYC-Circular-Gaboon-2019-FINAL.pdf> and <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/HYC-ADDENDUM-TO-RACE-CIRCULAR.pdf> Phil Briggs is event chairman and he has honcho-ed every single Gaboon Race. Expectations are he'll know how to handle the 42nd one, too.

CBYRA Junior Sailors Awards. All summer long on the Chesapeake kids sail and sail and sail. It is quite an accomplishment to stand high in the final overall standings of a given fleet. **Six (6) southern Bay junior racers finished the 2019 season in the top echelon of their fleets. They are: C420: 4th Walker Angus & Mason Chapman (FBYC). LASER RADIAL: 1st Andrew Ciszewski (FBYC); 3rd Jordan Bendura (FBYC). OPTI Overall: 2nd Bo Angus (FBYC); 4th Rebecca Schill (NYCC); 7th Audrey Permenter (NYCC).**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is of the opinion that 3 solid days of freezing temperatures, gale force winds, and relentless rough seas are enough for any sailor to stand... even on land. If only Chincoteague were within easier striking distance, we'd all be soothing our discomfort with \$230 beer (see item above) and hoping it would help replicate Utopia here and now! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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