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GET YOUR GOBBLE GOIN'! THANKSGIVING DAY IS THIS THURSDAY- NOVEMBER 28, 2019.

It's **THANKSGIVING** among southern Bay racers. For several years now, racer Mike Veraldi (J24, *Quick*, Virginia Beach) has led an effort to collect gifts for needy children at Christmastime. Mike has reached out each year to the southern Bay racing community and beyond. Last year Mike received donated gifts (toys, useful school items, toys, sports stuff, toys, etc. for children of all ages) from more than 200 sailboat racers. The gifts are collected, starting in early November, grouped by age-appropriateness and delivered by Mike to a well known charitable organization, **ForKIDS**. This year the group of racers/sailors who happen to work together at the offices of *SpinSheet Magazine* in Annapolis is going to contribute their gifts to Mike's ForKIDS. The plan is for the staffer to bring the group's gifts down to Hampton to be handed off to Mike. **IT'S EASY TO GIVE YOUR GIFT – Go on line and purchase your new toy(s) and have it delivered directly to Mike Veraldi at 3982 W. Stratford Road YOUR, Virginia Beach, VA 23455** Mike makes the following offer to encourage giving to FORKIDS: **TO ANY RACING SAILOR WHO DONATES A TOY TO THIS CAUSE, HE (Mike Veraldi) WILL GIVE ONE FREE PORT/STARBOARD CROSSING OR ONE FREE MARK ROOM AT A MARK ROUNDING OF YOUR CHOOSING DURING THE 2020 SAILING SEASON. Limited to one per boat and non-transferable!**

CCV Racing High Point Champions feted at annual soiree. Friday night the **CCVR High Point Champions were properly and finely honored, along with other season CCVR event trophy winners.** Collecting fleet championship trophies were :PHRF A – **Neil Ford & Lis Biondi**, DANGER PAWS; PHRF B/C - **Ben Weeks & Michele Cochran**, RUMBLE; PHRF Non-Spin - **Cliff Porter**, TILT. The grand affair was held at Nauticus in downtown Norfolk. *Kudos* especially to CCVR Commodore Carie Cutter and Event Chairman Christina Ritger, who led the effort to provide CCVR members and friends with a gathering and celebration totally appropriate to the occasion!

FROSTBITE WINNERS. Thirteen (13) were in the starting area at the start of the final Frostbite Series race Sunday and most finished the race under slightly diminishing winds and sunny skies (not warm, but sunny). Frostbiters got in four of five planned racers this year. The rotten coastal storm that hit last Sunday caused the cancellation of most water related activities in the southern Bay, including Frostbite 4. Final Series Standings: PHRF A: 1.**Ian Hill**, Sitella;

2. **Phil Briggs**, Feather; 3. **Neil Ford & Lis Biondi**, Danger Paws. PHRF B/C: 1. **Rusty Burshell**, Cool Change (the J30 finished the Series with 4 bullets); 2. **David and Bill Gibbings**, Jonathan; 3. **Paul Clifford**, Wind Dancer. PHRF Non-Spin: 1. **Cliff Porter**, Tilt; 2. **Alan Johnson**, Seeker; 3. **Louie Lewis**, Incentive III. Principal Race Officer-Brian Deibler; Official Scorer-Kim Deibler.

42nd GABOON RACE – SUNDAY. December 1st, 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.

Annual Black Friday Sail out of HYC - Friday, Nov 29th THIS COMING FRIDAY / day after Turkey Day! Come join in the fun of a day sail around or inside Hampton Bar. You're not going to work anyway, and you sure don't want to go shopping! Dave Taylor says, "No set crews, so come alone if you want and we will put you on a boat or bring your own boat and crew out. Dock time is noon, meeting at CCV Mark "A" by 1230, (back to club by 3 pm-ish). If we have foul weather, we won't cancel, but instead will adjourn directly to the bar and just claim we went sailing." Contact - David Taylor, 757-344-529

Yachtsman / Yachtswoman of the Year – time for nominations! There are lots of familiar names on the list of former US Sailing Rolex Yachtsman/Yachtswoman of the Year. Particularly familiar to southern Bay racers is **Anna Tunnicliffe**, former ODU sailor and Olympic Gold Winner, who won Yachtswoman of the Year for 4 consecutive years (2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011). And, in 2008 both titles were captured by Chesapeake Bay sailors when **Terry Hutchinson**, from Annapolis won Yachtsman of the Year. Terry repeated in 2014. They say no one wins unless they are nominated. You can see the requirements at

https://www.ussailing.org/competition/awards-trophies/us-sailings-rolex-yachtsman-yachtswoman-of-the-year-awards/?utm_source=US+Sailing+Master+List&utm_campaign=b187ac12de-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_12_21_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f0660e04e8-b187ac12de-277494489

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has plagued US Sailing and Rolex for years for them to create a *YachtsBeagle of the Year* category. Both organizations prattle on about the scarcity of Racing Beagles, the lack of participation in international competition, difficulty in speaking English at large gatherings, dearth of YachtsBeagles at fund raising campaigns, . . . you get the picture. The Murphster thinks the main problem is that the organizers of the award don't believe a YachtsBeagle would wear a Rolex watch. Try me! Ahooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

SPECIAL NOTE: *The 2020 SOUTHERN BAY RACING SCHEDULE is now available through your race program officials at various southern Bay yacht clubs, sailing associations, etc. These same officials have been working on the schedule since early September. 2020 looks like it will be especially exciting on the Southern Chesapeake Bay. You may also obtain an electronic copy of the 2020 schedule by "replying" to Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use at mcbear@earthlink.net – just put 2020 Racing Schedule on the SUBJ: line.*

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