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42nd GABOON RACE - smooth as silk. . . not even really cold. The mark boat, *Kerry Sue* (Lippencott 32), skippered and crewed by Marshal Findley and Susan Downing, left early to set the turning mark, avoiding the worst of the impending rain. The downpour lightened up just as the racers began to arrive at registration in the HYC lounge. As crews swarmed over their boats and/or launched the dry sailed ones, the wind arrived on the scene and lingered around a respectable, tantalizing 17-18 knots – enough to get the boats out the river, even though on the nose. Most of the racers reported the conditions as “not uncomfortable”. Nobody came back looking or feeling like a popsicle. The Gaboon is a pursuit race, i.e. the slower boats start ahead of the faster ones. The starting times are determined by each boat’s PHRF handicap. The first to cross the finish line is the overall winner. This year that boat was DANGER PAWS, **Neil Ford/Lis Biondi**. Just inches apart at the finish line were, in 2nd place, FEATHER, **Phil Briggs**, and SITELLA, **Ian Hill** in 3rd. Eleven (11) boats, skippers and crew ignored the local weather prediction for ghastly conditions and enjoyed a particularly good winter sailing day at just the right time. John McCarthy and Buk Lawrence closed up the start/finish line operation once all the racers were accounted for and the order of finish was announced by event organizer Phil Briggs around 3 o’clock. All were invited to the actual awards presentation on Tuesday evening, December 3rd at HYC Awards Night. And, *Kerry Sue*, the first one on the water, was the last to return. The mark boat and supplemented crew, had assisted one of the competitors who found themselves in a tussle with Hampton Bar. All ended well – no injuries, no damage, no big thing!

NEW YEAR’S MADNESS RACE – January 1, 2020 ! Named in memory of southern Bay racer Dana Dillon, and presented by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club in coordination with Hampton Yacht Club, here’s the reason southern Bay racers open their post-New Year’s-EVE-party eyes every January 1st. The festivities begin with breakfast at HYC, opening at 8am, followed by the mandatory skippers meeting at 10am, and then on to the racing, followed by an awards party/presentation at OPCYC. The race starts off the HYC docks and finishes off the OPCYC pier. FOR ALL THE DETAILS including the schedule, how to enter, and more, click on www.opcyc.org and follow the prompts for the upcoming race. OR contact Tim Etherington at 757-218-2775.

If you plan to sail in a YORK RIVER YACHT CLUB event this coming season, you will encounter some very talented and experienced racers, including the recipient of 2019 YRYC top racing honors, Jim Bordeaux, skipper of *Solstice*, J-4.0

ALL VISA High School Sailors. The Virginia Interscholastic Sailing Association has announced the Fall 2019 ALL VISA sailors. These young southern Bay racers are recognized for "...*their achievement in commitment to the sport of sailing, competition within VISA and representation of VISA at district and regional events.*" They are: **ALL VISA SKIPPERS:** Nathan Smith (Christ church School); John Vail (Christchurch School); Henry Allgeier (Norfolk Academy); Alex Schuck (Norfolk Collegiate School); Niccolo Nodero (Hampton Roads Academy); Jack McKenna (Poquoson), and Harrison Thomson (Norfolk Collegiate School). **ALL VISA CREW:** Reese Bragg (Christchurch School); Adam Elci (Norfolk Collegiate School); Ali Zaidi (Norfolk Academy); Anna Flynn (Christchurch hool); Marina Dryer (Christchurch School); Emmaline DiCarlo (Poquoson); Justus Kaminski (Hampton Roads Academy; Sam Beck (Norfolk Collegiate School). **ALL VISA WOMEN'S SKIPPERS:** Maggie Campbell (Nofolk Collegiate School); Jennifer Permenter (Norfolk Academy); Rebecca Schill (Norfolk Academy). **ALL VISA WOMEN'S SKIPPERS:** Maggie Campbell (Norfolk Collegiate School); Jennifer Permenter (Norfolk Academy); Rebecca Schill (Norfolk Academy). **ALL VISA WOMEN' CREW:** Reese Bragg (Christchurch School); Anna Flynn (Christchurch School); Marina Dryer (Christchurch School); Emmaline DiCarlo (Poquoson High School); Kennedy Jones (Christchurch School); Charlotte Pirnik (Kecoughtan High School). Norfolk Collegiate and Christchurch tied for 1st place in VISA for the season and Norfolk Academy captured 3rd.

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. 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.*

ForKIDS. Remember – Mike Veraldi (J24, Quicky) is hard at work gathering your donations for FORKIDS. **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, 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**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, is just now regaining post-turkey fest verticality. It was the wine dipped, squirrel-flavored milkbones that did the Murphster in! LET THE HOLIDAYS BEGIN! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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