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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #988 July 20, 2020**

**SBRNYCU** is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings.

Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

**Try sailing - it's NOT easy!** - Bill Schanen, [SAILING Magazine](#)

**RACING, RAINBOWS, and THUNDERSTORMS serve to make 2020 CCV Moonlight Triangle Race “unforgettable”.** The huge thunderstorm was over Norfolk Saturday night and Dixon Wilde, skipper of *Kingfisher*, got the picture of the double rainbow as he and crew navigated “. . . a 90 degree wind shift and increase to about 18 knots, from about 7.” The C&C 99 won the PHRF Non-Spin class of the evening race off the shore of Hampton's Buckroe and North. Andy Armstrong's *Virginia H III*, was the only PHRF A boat to finish the A course of 30.1 nm. An unexpected thunderstorm south of the 1<sup>st</sup> mark had accompanying winds that played havoc with the set course. It was reported the boomer had winds strong enough that they broke *Myrage's* boom (Chris Schaumloffel's Hobie 33). The 30.7 nm course was set for PHRF A; 21.7 nm for PHRF B/C; and 14.8 nm for PHRF Non-Spin. After that gust, light wind was the challenge. However, 10 of the 15 starters finished the race by 0155.

RESULTS: PHRF A (4 boats): 1. *Virginia H III*, **Andy Armstrong**; PHRF B/C (6 boats): 1. *Rumble*, **Ben Weeks**; 2. *Wham Bam*, **Dave Taylor**; 3. *Callinectes*, **Ben Cuker**; PHRF Non-spinnaker (5 boats): 1. *Kingfisher*, **Dixon Wilde**; 2. *Seeker*, **Alan Johnson**; 3. *Tilt*, **Cliff Porter**. Principal Race Officer: Greg Cutter; Scorer: Carrie Cutter; Signal Boat: Dave McConaughy and Sue Kessler. *Low Country*. For complete results by fleet click <http://ccvracing.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-Moonlight-Triangle-Results.pdf>

**In Fiddlers Green - Brooks Zerkel** . If you are a Chesapeake Bay racer, you most likely know **Brooks Zerkel**, if not by name, by sight. Pleasant to the *nth* degree and always earnest, Brooks administered and helped administer racing events the length of the Chesapeake Bay as well as some such as Southern Bay Race Week, Screwpile Lighthouse Regatta, and Charleston Race Week. Brooks was always around where the work was to be done. After a recent terrific, health-related struggle, Brooks passed peacefully in the hospital in Richmond. Many racers will miss him. May he Rest in Peace and may his wife Barbara take solace in how vast was the respect felt for her lovely husband. He had many friends and many, too, are thankful for the better memories and experiences he shared with them. Brooks passed from us on July 3, 2020.

**Still need to pick up your 2020 CCV Racing Guide? - Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** , 3:30-5:30 pm. Pick up the *Guide* at Bay Harbor Brokerage, 1553 Bayville St, Norfolk - at the end of Willoughby Spit.

**NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S CUP - Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, in Elizabeth City had 13 boats in the Moth classes.** Winner of Vintage Division was **Donald Hewitt** of Elizabeth City, NC. Winner of Generation 1 was **Bob Patterson** from NJ winning over **Matt Wright** from Norfolk in a tiebreaker. Winner of Generation 2 was **Mike Parsons** from PA over **Parker Purrington** from Norfolk. Results from the other classes (*O'pen Bic, Topper Uno, and Argo*) are sketchy as of publication time. This regatta was organized by the Classic Moth Boat Association (CMBA) and River City Community Sailing, with assistance from Pasquotank River YC, Elizabeth City Parks and Rec, College of the Albemarle, and East Coast Sailing. For additional results information, please contact Greg Duncan by email at [GregDuncan55@gmail.com](mailto:GregDuncan55@gmail.com)

**YORK RIVER YACHT CLUB offers an Intro to Wednesday Night Racing. . . . on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.** All boats, club members or not, are welcome. Want to follow the competitors around the course, then grab some crew and come on out. Quick meeting on the balcony of the Yacht Haven activities room at 11 AM the day of the race to answer any questions. Sailing Instructions available at [yryc.org/racing](http://yryc.org/racing) Post-race YRYC will host a cook-out - serving hot dogs and burgers - by the YRYH pool. BYOB. Questions? YRYC Race Captain at [racecaptain@yryc.org](mailto:racecaptain@yryc.org)

**Also at York River YC:**

**YORK RIVER YACHT CLUB will host the 2020 Moonlight Race on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.** Start, at R24, in the evening around sunset and finish after dark. The course that will take competitors out around York Spit Light and back. Details will be in the Special Sailing Instructions posted on the YRYC Racing Web Site – click on [www.yryc.org/racing](http://www.yryc.org/racing) . Spinnaker and a Non-Spinnaker Fleet. The John Dworak Memorial Trophy will be presented to YRYC Moonlight Race winners. To register or more information, contact [racecaptain@yryc.org](mailto:racecaptain@yryc.org)

**A good deed.** When southern Bay racer, **Scott Almond**, started gathering up used Sunfishes earlier this summer, friends thought he was going to become a *coureur de bois* and open a “side hustle” dealership. But, no. Scott has been ferrying the individual Sunfishes to a site near Wakefield where some youthful sailors will be learning to sail. Scott will be teaching and when the sessions are over he’ll return the boats and tackle to the rightful boat owners. KUDOS!

**MARK THE RACING CALENDAR MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:**

**\*\* HAMPTON ONE DESIGN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. Aug 14 -16, 2020.** HOD registration for the Championship is available at [www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13089](http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13089) along with schedules, event documents, contact info, etc.

**\*\* CAPE CHARLES CUP – hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association, Saturday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>** Racing this year will be off Ocean View and off Buckroe Beach on Sat and Sun respectively. Click on [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net) for all the info.

**\*\* STINGRAY POINT REGATTA – Covid 19 Edition. Here’s a tease for this coming LABOR DAY Weekend –**Dave Hinckle of host Fishing Bay Yacht Club has posted the planned, Covid-modified details on the Labor Day weekend event. Racing on Saturday, Sep 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> only, regatta dinner under the tent with no buffet line, and, among other arrangements and accoutrements, FBYC is working on having live music, most likely a small 3-2 piece band. The pricing is right for the racing and the dinner and entertainment. Click on [www.fbyc.net/news/stingray-point-regatta-covid19-edition/](http://www.fbyc.net/news/stingray-point-regatta-covid19-edition/)

While you are perusing the **July Issue** of *SpinSheet Magazine*, be sure to check out the article on newish-comer to the southern Bay scene, **Scott Norman**, Norfolk Yacht and CC Waterfront Director. Scott’s position includes being in charge of the NYCC sailing program and other waterfront activities and programs. Scott is especially involved with the club’s youth and juniors sailing. The article, on page 63, “*Determined to Make a Living Sailing*”, provides a sketch of his expensive personal sailing experience and his young family. Read SpinSheet ON LINE, click here <https://www.spinsheet.com/read-spinsheet-online> Enjoy!

**MURPHY’S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, was on the rail for the ride up the last leg of the moonlight race this weekend. Among my cohorts on the rail with me, a discussion of the hardships of *practice* came up. This is the question posed: *If practice makes perfect, and nobody is perfect, then why practice?* We were silenced until the tack! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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