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DELTA DASH gets it done! Fishing Bay Yacht Club Long Distance Series (Race 3 - Delta Dash) was Saturday. Mayo Tabb, *Excitation*, Bob Fleck, *Mad Hatter*, Lew Thatcher, *Catitude*, and Allan Heywood, *ILMATAR*, finished at the front of their fleets, A, B, C and Non-Spin respectively. Two more races remain in the Series: Smith Point on August 22nd and Wolf Trap on September 12th. For info www.fbyc.net

FULL MOON RACING.. It's that time again. . . when "slightly off-center sailboat racers" can justify their looney behavior. This AUGUST FULL MOON is official, i.e. reaches full peak, on Monday August 3, 2020 at 11:59AM. You could be at your looniest at that moment. So, hide the insurance policy papers and don't *FaceTime* with your dentist while your wolfman fangs are protruding! This Full Moon is called the Sturgeon Moon – best time to catch giant sturgeon on the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain. Chesapeake Bay fishing is not mentioned in August Full Moon legends. The August Full Moon is also called other names, including the Blueberry Moon (charming, and easier to catch in the Southern Bay area.) Enjoy the races – summertime moonlight races are special. Here are two scheduled on the southern Chesapeake Bay:

☺ **York River Yacht Club will host the 2020 MOONLIGHT RACE on Saturday, August 1st.** Start, at R24, in the evening around sunset and finish after dark. The course 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. 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

☺ **PLANTATION LIGHT RACE** is set to start on Saturday evening, August 1st. First warning is at 1900 (7:00 PM). The race is sponsored by Hampton YC and OPEN TO ALL. Starts will be offered for PHRF Spin Classes A, B/C, Non-Spin and for Cruising fleet (single headsail only). Starting area will be in the vicinity of CCV Harbor Mark "H", aka R N "20". The RC will choose among three possible courses – the longest of which is 44.7 nm and includes Plantation Light as a rounding mark, another course is 33.1 nm and includes York Spit Light as a mark, and the shortest choice is 23.6 nm and rounds a mark York River Channel Mark. The finish line will be established between CCV Bay Mark "Q", aka Q R R "22" and an orange signal flag on the Ft Monroe Seawall. The event requirements and the specific courses are shown in the **NOR available at** <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/HYC-Circular-5-V6-Plant-Lt-2019.pdf> Boats not finished by NOON on Sunday, August 2nd, will be scored DNF. Contact: John Blais, 757-357-0621 ENTRIES DUE by THIS FRIDAY, July 31st – 1700 (5:00PM) As is the Plantation Light Race tradition, awards will be presented at the annual HYC Awards Night in December 2020.

ONE DESIGN EVENTS READY FOR AUGUST:

*****81st ANNUAL ONE DESIGN REGATTA and CAPITAL DISTRICT FLYING SCOT CHAMPIONSHIPS - Sat. Aug 8 - 9, 2020** Click on <https://www.fbyc.net/events/2020/200808-onedesign-81st-annual-one-design-regatta/> The 81st Annual One Design Regatta, hosted by

Fishing Bay Yacht Club, will consist of two days of racing, fun and camaraderie. There may be multiple courses for eligible one-design classes. A Portsmouth Yardstick handicap class will be offered for boats that do not have enough boats to qualify for a one-design class. This year, because of COVID19 rescheduling, the Capital District Flying Scot Championships will be held in conjunction with the Annual One Design Regatta. Flying Scot competitors who register for the AOD will sail in the Capital District Championship races as either members or non-members of the district. This Championship will be governed by the rules as defined by the current edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017 - 2020, and the Flying Scot Sailing Association Class Rules dated January 2017 and amended January 2019, Article B-VI. As an added feature **Flying Scot builder and avid racer, Tyler Andrews, will conduct a Flying Scot training seminar on Friday, Aug 7.** **REGISTRATION** Advance registration is expected by all participants at www.fbyc.net, at the link on the event page under documents or directly on [Regatta Network](#). **CLASSES** Any one design class having five or more boats registered, including but not limited to Flying Scot, Front Runner, Laser, Laser Radial, J70, 470, and Optimist, will be eligible to run a class race. Optimists will be divided into Red, White, Blue, and Green fleets. The Portsmouth Number (D-PN) handicapping system will be used to score classes of unlike boats. A minimum of five entries is required for a class to become and remain eligible. **Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than August 3, 2020.**

*****HOD Heads-Up!** Information, NOR, and ON LINE registration for the **2020 HAMPTON ONE DESIGN NATIONAL REGATTA – August 14-16** – hosted by **Norfolk Yacht and Country Club** are available at the event YachtScoring website - click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13089> **OR** Contact: Hampton Class-Gordon Stokes (757)573-8147 (cell); Regatta Chairman: Eddie Wolcott, Jr.; PRO: Mark Wheeler. NOTE: All registrants must CHECK IN, Friday August 14.

MID-WEEK RACING is working! There is Wednesday Night racing at Hampton YC (around Hampton Bar) and Broad Bay Sailing (at Little Creek), and Thursday Night racing at Broad Bay Sailing Willoughby Racers. York River Yacht Club is nurturing interest in their Wednesday night races and so are other clubs on the southern Bay. Check at the club you are interested in – racers are beginning to see ways to race and still keep away from Covid. There are ideas out there that may work for you!

Don't Forget: CAPE CHARLES CUP – hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association, Saturday, Aug 15th and Sunday, Aug 16th Racing this year will be off Ocean View and off Buckroe Beach on Sat and Sun respectively. Click on www.CCCup.net for all the info.

LOOKING FOR A JOB – Check out the [gCaptain Job Board](#). **gCaptain** is an electronic marine industry newsletter. Their job postings range from *Abel Seaman* through *3rd Assistant Engineer, Medical Services Officer, Port Engineer, Tug Captains* and more. Click on https://jobsite.gcaptain.com/jobseeker/search/results/?goal=0_f50174ef03-cec89251cd-170245117&mc_cid=cec89251cd&mc_eid=89b42d1318 and get the hunt underway.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, took an IQ Test – it came back negative. Thus validating the forehead thermometer reading taken by the waitperson at the restaurant, that came up "empty". Ya gotta laugh – it's good for the spirit. Ahhhoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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