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

**Tomorrow, Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Autumnal Equinox (9:30am EDT)**

***WIND Y!*** It *blew dogs off chains* and caused a lot of racing to be abandoned or reduced or relocated or rescheduled. 2020 became the gift that keeps on giving this past weekend, as a strong, no-nonsense NorthEast wind stomped through the southern Bay on a three day rampage.

**CCV FALL SERIES, DAY 1** racing was abandoned Sunday morning. Principal Race Officer John McCarthy said, "We abandoned racing at the dock at 0930. Sustained wind at Willoughby Degaussing Buoy had remained at 20+ since Friday. At 0915, wind at the buoy was 24 gusting to 28. So, the decision not to race was pretty easy. We're not in favor of breaking boats or people." **CCV FALL SERIES, DAY 2, October 4<sup>th</sup>** will feature a middle distance race, which will also be scored in the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series, and will use the PHRF CR handicap for scoring. PRO is Brian Deibler, 757-715-8977. The first warning will be at 1100. The Starting Line will be in the vicinity of CCV Mark "H" (Harbor). Racing will be in the Harbor. Entry info and Notice of Race are available at [www.CCVracing.us/racing](http://www.CCVracing.us/racing)

**CLASSIC MOTHBOAT NATIONALS** have been rescheduled for Friday, October 09 through Sunday, October 11.

Location remains Elizabeth City, NC. For NOR, and Sailing Instructions and additional information, click on

<https://www.mothboat.com/schedule/eventdetail/27/-/elizabeth-city-nc-2020-classic-mothboat-nationals> OR call Greg Duncan at (252) 207-9421

**2020 ILCA ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS** Norfolk Yacht and Country Club was host. Racers got in 3 races in 20+ knots on Saturday, with a lot of capsizing and swimming, and were back for 3 more on Sunday in more high winds. *Special 2020 ILCA notes from Mariah Rule:* Sailors raced in 20 knots sustained seeing frequent gusts to 30 knots. It was an INTENSE, two-day, six race, world class regatta. Event participant numbers were capped at 90, 85 of whom sailed on at least one of the two days. When the thrills and spills were tallied, it was clear there had been talent on the Lafayette River. In the 4.7 Division, **Spencer Dominguez** of Key Biscayne Yacht Club took first. **Guthrie Braun** of St. Petersburg Yacht Club won first overall in the Radial Division. In the Full Division, **Jack Baldwin**, Chicago Yacht Club, took top honors. HYC's **Vir Menon** earned a 5th place finish in the Full Laser Division as the top local finisher. The "seasoned sailors" raced too. Southern Bay racers **Chris Pfrang** in Masters, **David Hanna** in Grand Masters, and Legend (75+), **David Hartman**, had a great time going really, really fast! Principal Race Officer: Chip Till For complete results, click <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/St7RBmGp4k/results>

**RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER CUP, the annual competition hosted by Rappahannock River Yacht Club, was raced on Saturday.** Tom Chapman, who sailed in the regatta (see following results ), shared the final standings inf.: Rappahannock River Yacht Club (RRYC) defended the Rappahannock Cup over Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club (YPRCC) in windy(14-16 kts sustained) and with gusts over 20 kts. Eight boats from both yacht clubs had a great day of racing on the river with RRYC claiming the first three places overall. First, **Tom Chapman's J-24 Hot Air**, second, **Glenn Solt's Alerion 28 Freedom** and third **Arabella Denvir's J-24 Trouble**. PRO Brian McCauley and his RC team set up two windward leeward courses and one Olympic course. The Rappahannock Cup is the annual championship between yacht clubs on the river, aka The Rivah!.

**FBYC FALL SERIES 1 was held on Saturday, but the daunting conditions limited turnout.** Results are available on [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21316#\\_newsroom+results](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21316#_newsroom+results) The second day of the series is **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, followed by racing on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **THIS COMING WEEKEND – the first FALL weekend of 2020:**

**\*\*ATLANTIC REGATTA. Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA) is presenting unaffiliated (festival-wise) the ATLANTIC REGATTA, since Neptune's festival was Covid Cancelled by the City of VaB. It's a lot like the dormant 2020 Neptune Race would have been, i.e. staggered start, etc. The race course is from Little Creek, round Cape Henry [to starboard], and finish off the VA Beach oceanfront, so racers will have sailed in the Ocean. **Click on <https://broadbaysailing.org/event-3956755> for NOR, special notes, and ON LINE registration. OR, contact Jerry Pattenaude at 757-543-3029. The price is right, only \$25, and entry deadline is Noon, THURSDAY, September 24<sup>th</sup>.** This race is #11 in the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series. Awards will be presented at the next BBSA general membership meeting.

**\*\*SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA - September 27<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) & September 28<sup>th</sup> (Monday),** Hosted by Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Solomons, MD. Southern Bay racers already entered are: **Dennis Hannick/GOIN'**; **Sledd Shelhorse/Meridian XI** , and **Ian Hill /Sitella**. Join the boats from the southern Bay area, who will be "riding the bubble" up the Bay to Solomons to meet the racers from "up the Bay". For NOTICE OF RACE, current entries, and much more, click on the event Yachtscoring pages at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=11776> . **NOTE: Be sure to see "Notice of Race, Amendment #1" (which replaces the original NOR in its entirety) and NOR, Amendment #2. Event Chairman: James Keen; Principal Race Officer: Don Behrens.**

**SEA SCOUTS on the race course:** In the Tri-Services Regatta, sailed a week ago, September 12<sup>th</sup> , there was a Pearson 28, manned by Sea Scouts from the southern Bay area. **Norm Effinger** was the experienced helmsman on the boat and he credited **David "DJ" Jennings** as being the skipper of the crew. Norm said DJ ". . . understands sail trim and will devote himself to trying every adjustment to get an edge." The heavy air and number of boats (28) racing in the confines of Willoughby Bay was challenging, and the scouts took to it. Norm said, "Nobody was sick and nobody wanted to go home." NOTE: Old Point Comfort Yacht Club "mentors" the Sea Scouts. DJ is a 22 year old leader and has been in the Sea Scouts since age 14.

**FALSE ASSURANCES (Quadrant Publishing, LLC; 2202) is an easy read (mystery-action-thriller) that involves a J111 in the Marblehead-to-Halifax Ocean Race, the Boston FBI, terrorists, and other plot-thickeners.** The role of the J111 begins at the start of the novel and most sailors and racers will appreciate the author's attention to detail regarding the sailing of the boat, the gear (electronic and otherwise) and racing protocols. This is Christopher Rosow's debut novel (the sequel is also available). The author is described as "working in the design and construction space.", and further, as a sailing advocate in a big way who resides in Connecticut and lives among "way too many boats".



**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, is still recovering from a wind induced bad hair day. However,*

**thanks to *THE WIND*, in addition to flying, unchained dogs, you could have had this Big Bubba end up in your boat slip, instead of where it did, i.e. on Willoughby Spit. Locals who know, say it came from the York River probably sometime Friday – the first day of this scoundrel wind ! :**

*/S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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