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Commodore's Corner

While the sailing season is starting to wind down, there are still a few club activities in which to participate.

The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race is this week with local festivities starting on Saturday following the arrival of the schooners. Proceeds from the Race support children's education programs at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation & other charitable organizations. For more information and/or to make a donation, go to http://www.schoonerrace.org/ or send an e-mail to Virginia@schoonerrace.org/.

Club members made a good showing in the 4th Annual Neptune's Atlantic Regatta. Fifteen of the twenty-four racers were BBSA members. More details and results follow later in this issue.

Big thanks to Jim and Bev Borberg for their delightful program last month at the Virginia Beach Central Library. They better make their trip next year a good one to top this year's presentation! Thanks to all who came out for the evening and to those who brought snacks.

The Sunday Afternoon Fall Dinghy Series continues on Willoughby Bay throughout the month of October. If you have a Sunfish, Laser, or other dinghy, what are you waiting for?? For more information, go to www.broadbaysailing.org.

Hope to see you all at the October meeting at ODU where we'll be presenting the Cape Charles Cup trophy to Team *BLACK WIDOW*!

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BBSA Meeting - Tuesday, October 16th - 6:30pm

Our October meeting / potluck dinner will be at the ODU Sailing Center. Please bring a salad, dessert, or covered dish to share. Beverages will be provided by the club for a small donation. Sea stories at 6:30pm will be followed by dinner and more sea stories. Enjoy an evening watching the sunset over the Elizabeth River at ODU's first class facility. Guaranteed you will not go home hungry!

Racing News

PHRF Racing News by Scott Almond commodore@broadbaysailing.org

BBSA wrapped up our racing season for the year with the 4th Annual Neptune's Atlantic Regatta held on September 29. Twenty-four racers (15 from BBSA) enjoyed a healthy northerly breeze and a strong dose of sunshine as well as the festivities of the Neptune Festival at the oceanfront. For the third straight year, an oil

painting by BBSA member and local artist Barbara Williams was used as the background for the trophies. This year's painting was "Race to the Finish." Many thanks to Barbara for continuing to give our trophies a unique look with a personal touch. Also, special thanks to Mel Brock on TWICE AS NICE for supplying the Race Committee boat (and mimosas) again this year. His 42' catamaran was just the R/C platform needed in the 3-4 foot swells at the starting line. I'd also like to thank all of the volunteers on the committee boat, many of whom are not members (yet!). Results have been posted on our website as well as CBYRA's Results Page. http://www.broadbaysailing.org/racing/phrf.asp . The top BBSA finishers in each fleet:

PHRF A

2nd Place – TREATY OF GHENT - Jim Williams and Will Roberts

PHRF B

2nd Place – VIRGINIA LEE - Mike Brannon

PHRF C

1St Place – LONA B - Carey Hardesty

PHRF N

1St Place - BLACK WIDOW - Leo Wardrup

2nd Place – TROUBLE - Bill Barnes

3rd Place – DREAMTIME - Jim and Bev Borberg

Cruising

2nd Place – ARIA - Jay Wright

3rd Place – MARIAH - Doug and Judy Rose

If you're not ready to stop racing yet, join the Willoughby Racers on November 3rd for the Hot-Buttered Rum Race. Hot-Buttered Rum served and war stories exchanged at Rebel Marina following the race.

Upcoming dates of which to be aware:

October 20 - 'Round the Lights Race - CBYRA Race #434 (BBSA Distance Racing Series #7) - http://www.opcyc.org/

November 4 - Hot-Buttered Rum Race - www.broadbaysailing.org

For information, notices of race, and/or questions regarding any of the above, please check our website (www.broadbaysailing.org) or contact me directly.

Cruising News

YORKTOWN RIVER WALK CRUISE September 14-16, 2007

The River Walk Cruise is now a misnomer as the cruise was weather diverted to York River Yacht Haven across the York River on Saturday morning around 10am by the recommendation of the River Walk Harbor Master and mutual consent of all parties. The wind from the north had reached 25 mph and was expected to stay there for 48 hours. The River Walk docks are exposed to the north winds and would become very uncomfortable and make it very complicated to dock sailboats. This was all accomplished by cell phone and radio en-route. All was well when we started arriving at York River Yacht Haven shortly after noon.

"Wind Walker" and "Dreamtime" arrived together from Cape Charles, where a mini-cruise adjustment was made much earlier to visit the Town Marina at Cape Charles on September 14th and take a short walk of the main Street. The town is adequately stocked with available restaurants of several varieties. We ate at Kelly's Pub and there was also the Harbor Grille a couple of buildings away with the same basic food. Chesapeake was about a block away and had seafood and fine dining. There was also an Italian restaurant of sorts featuring pizza. The food was good at Kelly's and we got what we expected. Fine dining was on the plan for the next evening. The marina has had a considerable upgrade from the 1990's but remains basic with rest rooms and good power and fixed docks. It is a working marina with watermen's toys and equipment all around, which adds a little odor and flies.

The trip to Cape Charles was sporty with a SE wind around 22mph trying to get to the east. It was not a big problem

but the boats had plenty of salt to be cleaned. We had a storm in the night with gusts in the 30's and pretty consistent 25mph winds. "Modus Vivendi" was to join us from Deltaville, but sent us his regrets due to the wind from the SE.

At 8:30 the following morning we departed from Cape Charles to the York River as the wind picked up to the mid twenties out of some variations of north. We immediately heard from "Modus Vivendi" surfing down from the north and "Cheshire" bucking the waves coming from the south. All boats arrived by mid-afternoon and we were joined by "Whisper", already at the marina, and Cruising Co-Captail Dave Miller and wife Micky drove up for the cocktail hour/dining. Commodore Scott Almond and wife Megan joined us for dining at the River's Inn, one of our favorites. We all had a good weekend.

Kathie and Charlie

2007 Cape Charles Cup Photo Contest Winner Announced

The 2007 Cape Charles Cup photo contest winner is Jean Pattenaude. Jean's beautiful prize winner can be found at http://members.cox.net/cccup. In true Corinthian spirit, Jean has graciously donated her first place prize (a \$50 gift certificate for 2008 Cape Charles Cup merchandise) back to the Cape Charles Cup regatta.

When you see Jean, please congratulate her on her artistry and help us extend a heartfelt thanks for the contribution! Look for this special image on future Cape Charles Cup promotional materials.

Jim Williams

2007 Chairman, Cape Charles Cup

Shark Catamaran National Championship

Jerry Pattenaude

BBSA sponsored the 45th Shark Catamaran National Championship at First Landing State Park August 7-10th 2007. 13 boats attended with sailors coming from as far north as Canandaigua, NY and as far south as Miami, Fl.

There were two races per day for 6 races total. If we were able to get 6 races in there would be a throw out. South west was the prevailing wind direction, which makes for the most awesome sailing at the mouth of the bay.

Past National champs Bryan and Christina Perrin dominated the series with 3 bullets and two thirds to win the title.

My niece, Christina Couch, and I took home a respectable 3rd place overall. This was Christina's first championship regatta so we are looking forward to hearing more from her!

A lot of long hours and hard work goes into putting this event together and when it comes together without a hitch, then you know you have the right team. Jean Pattenaude, my wife and Shark President, is someone you want on your team when it comes to putting a well run regatta together, although she may not want this word to get out. But then again, that may be why she was awarded the "woman behind the man" trophy at the BBSA banquet last year.

One of the challenges of this venue is getting the catamarans over the dunes and onto the beach. Thanks to Charles Savage, who owns Surry Equipment, this was made simple by the use of a 4 wheel drive tractor. The Shark Sailors are just getting too old for some of this.

Lloyd Griffin was the Race Chairman.

John Kristich donated his time and drove my Grady White for the mark boat.

George Trieber donated his time and boat, Cheshire Cat.

Many thanks to George and Nina for their support.

Membership News

We welcome Willoughby Racers JUAN and MARIA DIAZ

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