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'ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE - FEATHER flies to overall win for the 5th time! Great wind for a perfect day for a racers' favorite race. There were excellent conditions – warm air temps and constant wind speeds in the high teens to low 20s, and there were a few memorable gusts. All but one of the 35 boats that started finished the 17 ½ nm course. Racers had to get around both the Thimble Shoal and the Middle Ground Lights, in each racer's chosen order, and return to where they began, in Mill Creek between Ft Monroe and the I-64 Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. **Phil Briggs and his crew on FEATHER**, started this pursuit race in a time slot ahead of only 5 other boats. The big blue J boat crossed the finish line 2 minutes and 51 seconds ahead of 2nd place *Stardancer* (**John Blais**), and an additional 20 seconds ahead of 3rd place *Myrage* (**Christian Schaumloffel**). **Winners of Fleets individual fleets:** PHRF A (10 boats) – **Phil Briggs, FEATHER**; PHRF B (6 boats) – **Bob Archer, BAD HABIT**; PHRF C (2 boats) – **Alan Bomar, ROUNDABOUT**; PHRF Non-Spin (5 boats) – **Dick McCrillis, COURAGEOUS**; CRUISING (3 boats) – **Anna Yarashus, ALLURE**; CRCA -Spin (5 boats) – **Jack Clayton – MELANTHO**; CRCA-Non-Spin (4 boats) – **Bill Ripley, OBSESSION**. Event Chair: Andrew Norris; PRO: Tim Etherington Old Point Comport Yacht Club is the originator of and annual provider of the **'Round the Lights Race – a southern Bay racers' favorite**. The OPCYC visionary who came up with this race back in the previous century is Jeff Rogers, who raced this past weekend. KUDOS to all involved!

MARY EWENSON, staunch friend of sailors and sailing and especially close to the southern Bay Viper 640 fleet, has been named the 2021 recipient of the **Kleinschrodt Family Sportsmanship Award**. This prestigious award recognizes outstanding sportsmanship and is awarded at the Viper North Americans based on competitors' nominations. For complete details please see **SCUTTLEBUTT SAILING NEWS, October 18, 2021 – Issue 5922 for full details**. Click on <https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2021/10/16/sail-like-ewe-did-live-like-ewe-did/>

J/111 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP update: This week Hampton Yacht Club is hosting the **2021 J/111 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**. The boats are here and early in the week will be tending to measurements, rigging, check-in, weigh-in, etc. On Wednesday (Oct 20th), they will be practice racing in the Harbor between 1-3pm. On Thursday, championship racing will begin and continue through Sunday. There will be 11 races in the Bay off Buckroe. Event Chairman is Mark Wheeler; PRO: John McCarthy. To see more information on the regatta click on <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14269>

FBYC Fall Series 3. This past Saturday, FBYC racers got three races in the books on Day 3 of the series. **Mayo Tabb / EXCITATION** and **Bob Fleck / MAD HATTER** won the PHRF A and PHRF B-C fleets respectively. John Wake was PRO.

See the Results and follow the Series at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22550> The fourth and final day of the 2021 Fall Series is this coming Saturday, October 23rd.

HEADS-UP! FROSTBITE 2021 – HYC opens the annual FROSTBITE SERIES on Sunday, October 31st. Following the opening day of the Series, FROSTBITE racing will occur every Sunday in November, for a total of 5 Sundays of racing. For NOR click on <https://hamptonyc.com/events/2021-frostbite-series/> Series PRO is Brian Deibler at (757) 715-8977. This is the *Granddaddy* of southern Bay FROSTBITE SERIES – come on – it is grand fun!



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, was reminded Saturday that the purported reason behind pursuit/staggered start races is based on the logic that if the handicap corrections are figured in at the *start*, then surely at the end everyone will *finish together*. Saturday in Mill Creek there were flashes of proof in the pudding. Witnesses at the finish line on Mill Creek reported a gaggle of boats of all sizes trying to edge out one another to finish up the standings. *Almost perfect – but not quite all together. . . not yet. /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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