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### **CHRIS BEHM NAMED COLLEGE SAILOR OF THE YEAR**

Hampton native, dyed in the wool southern Bay racer, and Georgetown University senior **Chris Behm** has had quite a week. He was instrumental in the stunning performance by the Georgetown University sailing team which resulted in the Hoyas' first-ever **ICSA/Gill National Championship**. Chris was instrumental in the come from behind win to capture the title. His second place finish in the last race iced the victory. But, that's not all. **The Intercollegiate Sailing Association named Chris as 2008 Sailor of the Year**. He will pick up the coveted Everett B. Morris Trophy, and, in so doing, enters an elite circle of sailors previously honored. The likes of **Tyler Moore, Terry Hutchinson, and Anna Tunnicliffe** come to mind as they each have strong ties to the southern Bay. Chris Behm graduated from Hampton Roads Academy and sails out of Hampton Yacht Club.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15th is FATHER'S DAY!** Spiff up and rig out his boat for him and take the dear ole man sailing! You bring the beer!

**MOVIN' ON wins YORK RIVER CUP:** Saturday was a long, hot day, but at the end of it all, **Mike Austin** and the crew of *Movin' On* won the spinnaker fleet and the York River Cup for 2008. York River Yacht Club's move further down the river (they are now located at Crowne Pointe Marina in Perrin Creek) may have been fortuitous, indeed. While all of Hampton Roads sizzled, the racers at the mouth of the York got a sea breeze that enabled them to finish two races. It took about 5 hours, but they got 'er done! Behind *Movin' On* in the PHRF Spinnaker Fleet were, *Hornet*, **Missy Southworth** (2nd) and *Dream On*, **Steve Bowen** (3rd). *Jade*, **Barry Campbell** won the PHRF Non-Spin Fleet and *Elixir*, **Joran Gendel**, finished 2nd. Race Chairman - Brian Gregory.

**Harborfest HomeTowne Regatta:** The 32 Harborfest Hometowne Regatta racers get credit for sticktoitiveness. Most of them were still on the Hampton Flats griddle when the race committee, taking high noon wind readings of 2 knots, adverse current readings of 2.5 knots, and temperature readings of 101 degrees in the shade, called a halt to mostly already immobile fleet. The best parts of the day were going to the starting area (near #18 on the Elizabeth River) and reaching the first mark; after that, the action ground to a halt for most. But, that's sailboat racing. The parties and the festival were NOT slowed down. Event Chair - Larry Bryant; PRO - John McCarthy; RC Boat (*Osprey*) - Casey and Shirley Games.

**Quote of the Weekend:** *"OK, race committee, we'll abandon the race as soon as the crew gets back in the boat...they're swimming."*

**Tripp Behm**, who just finished 2nd overall in the J/24 fleet at SBRW, will be running the racing for the Opti Green Fleet at the Bay Open-Junior Olympics Regatta, hosted by Hampton Yacht Club in mid-July. The Behm brothers are having a busy summer!

**14th Annual Hospice Regatta (Greater Hampton Roads) - THIS coming Saturday, June 14.** Hampton Yacht Club administers this race which benefits the Riverside Hospice and EdMarc Hospital for Children. Racing is in Hampton Roads Harbor with the starting area at Hampton Flats (CCV Harbor Mark H). There are starts for all PHRF Fleets as well as for a special Hospice Class (non-sanctioned). First warning signal is 1100. The overall winner of this Hospice Regatta will represent Hampton Roads at the National Hospice Invitational Championship Regatta next spring in Annapolis. For information and/or to enter **contact Glenn Giles at (757) 851-9690**. Hospice Class Skippers/Owners Meeting will be held on Friday, June 13, at 1900 hours at Hampton Yacht Club; Hospice Class ratings will be assigned at this meeting.

**Race Scorers:** When reporting your results for a sanctioned event, please be sure to include the sanction event number on the subject line of your email. There are a gazillion events out there, and the Bay-wide files are set up by, you guessed it, the

CBYRA sanction number. Remember, in Region 4, the southern Bay, results should be emailed asap to Tom Roberts at [tjroberts2@cox.net](mailto:tjroberts2@cox.net) and Beth Kahr at [CBYRAoffice@CBYRA.org](mailto:CBYRAoffice@CBYRA.org)

The **21st Cock Island Race**, that is... the 21st Annual Party - Race - Party, happens weekend after this coming, June 20-21. Expect the usual good times rolling on this procession out the Elizabeth River and back to ICW Mile Marker 0. The social activities are on the Portsmouth side of the river, and they tend to set the industry standard for regatta parties! For race info go to the Portsmouth Boat Club website at [www.portsmouthboatclub.org](http://www.portsmouthboatclub.org). Word is there are more than 80 entries.

**Save \$10 on your entry fee for The Hanbury Cup regatta (June 28th)**, by sending your entry to Jim White, 261 Ashridge Lane, Newport News, VA 23602, NO LATER THAN June 23rd. This is a good race for a good cause - the proceeds go to the Christopher Newport University Sailing Team.

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! Say now if you are in favor or not in favor of mandatory US Sailing membership for owners and helmspersons competing in most races run under the RRS. To register your opinion go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com>**

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Hot - Hot - Hot! *Yrs Truly, the Murphster*, has fastened palmetto leaves to my tail - still HOT. Hang in there! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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