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MOONLIGHT TRIANGLE: FEATHER, BAD HABIT, ROUNDABOUT, and BLACK WIDOW win PHRF Fleets; Vagabon-de is 1st in Cruising. The moon was a-shinin' and the wind was a-blowin', except when parts of the A and B fleets ran out of wind at York Spit Light until the new wind brought the rest of the fleet up to them. All's well that ends well, though. After six and one-half hours of racing over a 30 mile course, **Phil Briggs' J36, Feather**, took the long course line honors and held her correction to claim first in PHRF A. Things were a little closer in PHRF B, where **Bob Archer's Bad Habit**, Pearson Flyer, finished ahead of the second place boat by one minute and 45 seconds (corrected), also over the 30 mile course. The PHRF B fleet was by far the largest fleet (10 boats), while PHRF A, C, and Non-Spin turned out 4 each. PHRF C, PHRF Non-Spin, and the Cruising Fleet sailed a 20.9 mile course. There were 3 Cruising boats in the race. **RESULTS: PHRF A - 1.Phil Briggs, Feather; 2.Jim Williams, Treaty of Ghent. PHRF B - 1.Bob Archer, Bad Habit; 2.Rusty Burshell, Cool Change; 3.Harry Tenney, Margarita. PHRF C - 1.Alan Bomar, Roundabout; 2.Steven Taylor, Insolvent. PHRF Non-Spin - 1.Leo Wardrup, Black Widow; 2.Bob Howell, CYMRU. Winner of the Cruising fleet was Lester Knight, Vagabon-de.** Race Chairman - Tom Peddy

"Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noonday sun . . ." or words to that effect from the classic ditty. Add the **Fins Up** crew and friends to the canines and Brits. This hearty bunch spent Saturday afternoon in 105 degree temperatures rigging their boat for spinnaker competition. It might have been easier if they could have pulled the boat up under one of the shady oak trees that rim Bob Nunn's marina in Hampton. No matter, they took a break to do the Moonlight Triangle sailing non-spin.

They did a great job. Both the **Screwpile and the Opti Nationals organizing committees** may have some valuable advice on controlling chaos and managing mayhem that would be useful all over the place - the Gulf, Afghanistan, even the Macy's back-to-school sale!!

Another great SCREWPILE REGATTA: MERIDIAN and MIDNIGHT MISTRESS win their fleets. The 16th Chesapeake Bay classic event came off as planned - racers raced, rum flowed, and trophies are now happily displayed in conspicuous places. LG Raley and his band of relentless volunteers have done it again. One hundred and twenty (120)boats entered the **2010 Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta** at Solomons, MD, and they raced and partied from Saturday night through Tuesday afternoon. Light air on the opening day tested everyone's mettle, but Day Two brought a great, rock steady, 10 knot SW breeze and racers left the courses exhausted and happy. Race officials took advantage of 6-8 knot breezes on Day 3, and then wrapped up the racing when wind began to die out. Every fleet got in at least 6 good races and most got in 7. In addition to fleet winners **Sledd Shelhorse** (*Meridian* in PHRF A0) and **Jake and Pat Brodersen** (*Midnight Mistress* in PHRF NS), other southern Bay racers also stood on the Screwpile podium: **Leroi Lissenden**, *Voodoo 2*, finished 3rd in the 15 boat PHRF A1 fleet and **Justin Morris**, *The Hunter*, beat out southern Bay expatriate **Jonathan Phillips**, *Fine*, for the third place trophy in the 15 boat PHRF C/D fleet. Another southern Bay expatriate, **Sanford Richardson**, *Kahuna*, finished 3rd in PHRF A0. Also carrying the southern Bay banner at 2010 SPLC were: **Pete Hunter**, *Wairere* (5th A0); **Cal Huge**, *Jubilee* (6th A0); **Sam Mitchener**, *Double Eagle* (5th A1); **John and Beverly Blais**, *Stardancer* (7th Bene 36.7); **David Clark**, *Corryvreckan* (7th J/105); **Greg Cutter**, *Gremlin* (7th Sport Boat); **Dennis Hannick**, *Goin'* (6th B); **Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion* (7th C/D); **Brendan Drinkwater**, *Number Two* (10th C/D); **MD Riley**, *Turbo's Tub* (13th C/D); **Bob Hausmann** *Bobinski* (15th, C/D); **Leo Wardrup**, *Black Widow* (5th Non-Spin); **Tony Thornton**, *TL Sea* (6th Non-Spin); **Bob Howell**, CYMRU (11th, Non-Spin).

HYC brings home to the southern Bay the Battle of the Chesapeake Trophy: At the Screwpile Regatta, in addition to competition for individual awards in the 11 fleets, there is a competition that tallies the boats' regatta scores grouped by yacht club. The yacht club with the best cumulative score wins the coveted *Battle of the Chesapeake Trophy*. This year, Hampton Yacht Club racers had the best total score at the regatta, beating second place and defending winner Annapolis Yacht Club by a hair, less than one point.

Little Bay Challenge: This annual main-and-jib-only race is sponsored by Broad Bay Sailing Association (the race) and Portsmouth Boat Club (the party), traditionally on the same Saturday as Screwpile Lighthouse Regatta

and especially for those who cannot make SPLC. Racing was good in pleasant breezes, a summer thunderstorm was avoided, and calm was restored in time for the post-race party. Thirty-seven (37) boats raced in Norfolk's Little Bay (Willoughby Bay) to decide individual fleet winners as well as the best yacht club group. Hampton Yacht Club evidently had enough good racers to mount cup challenges simultaneously in Norfolk as well as Solomons, MD. HYC racers won the Little Bay Challenge, Old Point Comfort was 2nd, Portsmouth Boat Club was 3rd and the BBSA Willoughby Racers were 4th. Little Bay Challenge fleet leaders: Fleet 1 (9 boats) - 1. **Christian Schaumloffel**, *Mirage*; 2. **Louie Lewis**, *Incentive+*; 3. **Andy Armstrong**, *Virginia H.* Fleet 2 (9 boats) - 1. **Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*; 2. **Harry Tenney**, *Margarita*; 3. **Don DeLoatch**, *Stingray*. Fleet 3 (9 boats) - 1. **Steve Ritz**, *Excelsior*; 2. **Bumps Eberwine**, *Spray*; 3. **Cary Hardesty**, *Lona*. Fleet 4 (10 boats) - 1. **Jeff Rogers**, *Halaha*; 2. **Rodney Paice**, *Wiki Wiki*; 3. **Rick Griffin**, *Braker*. Principal Race Officer - Scott Almond. Complete results at www.screwpile.net

Opti National Championships at Fishing Bay - Southern Bay Bullets:

***KUDOS!** in capital letters to the team of volunteers, shore-side and on-the-water, who worked on this 10 day regatta for many, many months. The friendly, yet professional, manner in which situations - yep, the heat index did go above 100 degrees on numerous days - were handled throughout the event, make this a most memorable effort on behalf of youth sailing. Key people for the Opti 2010 National Championship Regatta, **Noel Clinard, Ric Bauer, and Jay Buhl**, should get, if there is such a thing, "golden Optis" for the time and effort they and their volunteer teams logged for this outstanding event and for youth sailing. **Strother Scott and Jon Deutsch** kept information flowing through the website <http://optinationals2010.org>

***Outstanding among the 17 southern Bay Opti racers on the Championship** course were: **Alexander Hanna** - HYC (17th in 70 boat Gold Fleet); **Kendall Swenson** - FBYC (24th in 70 boat Gold Fleet); **Will Whitmore** - FBYC (19th in the 68 boat Silver Fleet); **Jed Londrey** - FBYC (1st in 66 boat Bronze Fleet); **Hannah Steadman** - FBYC (6th in 66 boat Bronze Fleet); **Gray Kiger** - NY&CC (22nd in 66 boat Bronze Fleet); and, **Stephen Streater** - NY&CC (4th in 58 boat Pearl Fleet).

*In the **Team Nationals**, one of the southern Bay entries, Fishing Bay Yacht Club (#1), took 7th place overall out of 24 entries.

***Three FBYC girls** competed in the Girls Nationals against 77 others: Kendall Swenson (21st); Claire Lennarz (40th); Hannah Steadman (43rd).

***Every adult** who spent long hours in the broiling heat on the water and the shore, so that Opti's could race - to each of you goes a special pair of golden wings for use in sailor heaven.

COMING UP SOON:

*The first **Racing on Broad Bay Tuesday Night Regatta** came off just fine July 13. Seven boats, mostly Lasers, showed up and they got in three great races. **Racing on Broad Bay will happen again TOMORROW, Tuesday, July 27th at 6:00PM.** For information contact David Tunncliffe at david@tunncliffeconsulting.com

***46th ANNUAL VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S CUP REGATTA - Saturday & Sunday, August 7-8, sponsored by Ware River Yacht Club.** ALL DINGHY CLASSES ARE INVITED. Albacore, Hampton One Design, Mobjack, Buccaneer, Mutineer, 505, Flying Scot, Laser, Frontrunner are expected. Classes with fewer than 5 race under the Portsmouth system. Lot of good stuff going on at this long standing, much revered regatta on the Ware River in Gloucester, Virginia. Event Chair: Clayton Jones (757) 941-5200 and Race Chairman: Rick Klein (804) 693-5629. Get your entry form at www.wareriveryachtclub.com Registration fee (\$30 single crew, \$40 two or more crewed boats) includes regatta T-shirt.

***ALBEMARLE HOSPICE REGATTA - Saturday, August 7, sponsored by Albemarle Hospice.** This is a one day event sailing on the Pasquotank River. The Pasquotank River Yacht Club hosts the Archer Farmer Cup at this event. Entry fee is \$50. For event details, please go to www.albemarlehospiceregatta.com

***TOM BRADY MASTERS RACE - Saturday, August 7, sponsored by HYC.** *One more time around the bar. . . and more!* This is an annual favorite especially for seasoned racers. Everyone on board **MUST** be at least 55 years old and the boat must be at least 10 years old. Only single headsail (and no spinnakers) is allowed. Skippers meeting is 1200 hours on race day at Hampton Yacht Club. Post-race social for awards presentation. *This race is OPEN TO ALL who meet the seasoning requirements.* Entries are due at HYC no later than 1100 on race day. For info and to enter, please contact HYC, (757) 850-4225.

***ADMIRAL'S CUP REGATTA - Saturday, August 7, sponsored by York River Yacht Club and Seaford Yacht Club.** Nice summer time event - race uses the SYC mark list (see NOR) for the fixed mark courses. Classes - PHRF spinnakers, PHRF Non-Spinnakers, as well as a Cruising Class. Organizers ask that you enter prior to August 4 to facilitate planning for the event. For info contact Steve Bowen (804) 642-4746, or Chuck

Eldred (757) 898-1025. OPEN TO ALL, this is a sanctioned event and earns points toward the CBYRA High Point standings. Free docking and rafting is available for up to 5' draft vessels - call Chuck Eldred for info (757) 898-1025. Live entertainment and dinner (\$15) at the awards party.

***FOUNDERS RACE - Sunday, August 8, sponsored by CCV.** Racing is ESE of Fort Wool over Willoughby Bank (off Ocean View shore). A drop mark course is intended. First warning is at 1100; there is a 4 and one-half hour time limit. Traditional CCV hot dog, soda, and beer social follows the racing at the HYC flag deck where race awards will be presented. For info and entry, please contact Jake Brodersen at (757) 875-9797. NOTE: Racers with CCV Racing Memberships are automatically entered.

Dear Readers and Racers,

Thank you all for the avalanche of **SBRNYCU** 500th issue congratulations. You are the best!

Murphy, Lin, and John

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs truly, the Racing Beagle*, as often happens to sailors at regattas, made a new friend at Screwpile. TW Grace has sleek lab lines and spends a lot of her time keeping the Raley clan in tune. She is just as lovely as anyone would expect, coming from the **southern** Maryland area, you see! The *Murphster* is quite smitten. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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