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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 519**

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

**MIRAGE, WHAM BAM, ROUNDABOUT, and LIVELY LADY win Frostbite fleet titles.** The 2010 Frostbite Series, sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club, included five races on consecutive Sundays in Hampton Roads harbor. The final race yesterday was the chilliest of the five, but certainly do-able in 5 - 7 knots of wind and bright sunshine with the temps in the 50s. The Series champions were decided by only one point in the PHRF A and PHRF B fleets. Racers were allowed one throw-out. **Christian Schaumloffel**, *Mirage*, and **John Blais**, *Stardancer*, went into the last day tied for first. By winning the 5th and final race, *Mirage* claimed the top spot. Yesterday in the PHRF B fleet, **Dave Taylor**, *Wham Bam*, went to the starting line one point down to **Rusty Burshell**, *Cool Change*. At the finish line, however, **Bill Gibbings'** *Jonathan* took second behind *Wham Bam*, pushing *Cool Change* to 3rd and giving the series win to *Wham Bam*. **Alan Bomar**, *Roundabout*, swept PHRF C, winning the four races he sailed, and in PHRF Non-Spin, **Dave Lively**, *Lively Lady*, was almost perfect, but had to count a second place among his three wins. **RESULTS: PHRF A (8 boats):** 1. *Mirage*, **Christian Schaumloffel** (3-[dnc]-3-1-1=8); 2. *Stardancer*, **John Blais** ([6]-2-2-3-2=9); 3. *Feather*, **Phil Briggs** (4-1-[5]-2-4=11). **PHRF B (8 boats):** 1. *Wham Bam*, **Dave Taylor** ([3]-3-1-3-1=8); 2. *Cool Change*, **Rusty Burshell** (1-[dnc]-4-1-3=9); 3T. *Independence*, **Graham Field** (4-1-[7]-2-5=12); 4T. *Jonathan*, **Bill Gibbings** (2-4-[6]-4-2=12). **PHRF C (6 boats):** 1. *Roundabout*, **Alan Bomar** (1-1-[dnc]-1-1=4); 2. *Spray*, **Bumps Eberwine** (2-[dnc]-1-2-2=7); 3. *Aquarius*, **Mike Tate** ([3]-3-3-3-3=12). **PHRF Non-Spin (4 boats):** 1. *Lively Lady*, **Dave Lively** ([2]-2-1-1-1=5); 2. *One O Five*, **Bob Nunn** ([3]-3-2-2-2=9). Series awards will be presented Tuesday, December 7th, at the HYC Trophy Night. Principal Race Officer, Dick Boykin; Signal Boat, Brian Deibler. For info please contact Dick Boykin at (757) 890-0093.

**What IS a Gaboon? Race in the Gaboon and become one! THIS SUNDAY - December 5, 2010, is the 33rd running of the annual GABOON RACE.** Hampton Yacht Club has been sponsoring this event since 1977. Needless to say, the event has become a tradition among southern Bay sailors. So, plan to get your personal starting time at the race registration table in the HYC dockside lounge on race day. Deadline for entry is 1230 (12:30pm) on race day. The starting will begin at 1300 (1:00pm). The start / finish line will be from the HYC docks to a designated point on the opposite shore. The course is 8 nautical miles, all within Hampton Roads harbor. You must have a current (2010) PHRF rating, category 5P applies, and PHRF limits on number of crew do not apply. Bring your crew, bring your friends, bring your neighbors, bring the kid who wants to try out racing on a big boat. Remember, this is the "*grab up the babies and bring the old ladies*" race. IF the theory of a staggered start (pursuit) race pans out, for the first time in history all the Gaboon racers should finish at the same time. If you have any questions, please contact event chairman and supreme chief Gaboon, Phil Briggs at (757) 723-5477.

**Something for your navigator, umpire, small boat, diver and other friends - Rite in the Rain All-Weather Notebook@.** Really, you can put the notebook underwater and actually write in it with a pencil. And, whatever you write will not wash away, but if you want to, you can erase it. Most of us racers don't actually write while underwater, but stuff we write does get wet - wind records, course changes, the chickie on the rail's phone number . . . etc. Think about this as an unusual holiday gift. It's fun to demonstrate, too. Check out all sorts of neat stuff like this at [www.RiteintheRain.com](http://www.RiteintheRain.com).

**Media Watch:** The Nansemond River winds from the south shore of the James River just beyond the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge-Tunnel crossing all the way to downtown Suffolk. **Paul Clancy**, a southern Bay sailor who makes his home in Norfolk, has written an interesting article about Suffolk, its historical significance, and the city's new marina. The article, "**All Aboard the Winding River**" appears in *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*, December/January issue, page 14. Paul explains how he and his friend **Dick Waters** sailed the first 8 miles of the Nansemond and then . . . Well, check it out; it's a great read.

**New member for 5o5 and Viper 640 fleets.** **Jane and Tyler Moore**, along with sons **Parker and Charlie**, have a new member of the family. **Sarah Elizabeth** arrived yesterday just after noon. All are well.

**Heads-up reminder: Dana Dillon Memorial New Year's Madness Race - January 1, 2011.** This, like the Gaboon Race and the 'Round the Lights Race, is a staggered start (pursuit) race. Old Point Comfort YC and Hampton YC get together to run this event. Things get underway at HYC for the mandatory skippers meeting (1000 / 10am). Breakfast is available for a nominal charge - each entry's skipper's breakfast is included in the entry fee. First warning is at 1125. There will be fleets for PHRF spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker (2 headsails), and Cruising (non-PHRF). All boats must meet the PHRF 4P safety requirements. The start line is at HYC off the docks, and the finish line is off the OPC Marina Pier. The race is approximately 6 miles out Hampton River, around Hampton Bar, and into Mill Creek to the post race party ( 1530 / 3:30pm)at the OPCYC bar. Entry must be received by Wednesday, December 29th, 1700 / 5pm to avoid \$10 late fee. For info, please contact Mark Wolfe at (757) 989-5064.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Ooooooooooooooh. Now *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows why they call stuffin' stuffin'! Thanksgiving lived up to all expectations. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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