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There's a whole lotta racing goin' on on the southern Bay this coming weekend, so if your boat floats, git on out there. Summer is too short to miss!

ADMIRALS CUP REGATTA, THIS Saturday, August 6 - York River Yacht Club and Seaford Yacht Club combine on this annual favorite York River area event. The race starts and ends at the Thorofare Entrance area. The post race SUMMER PARTY is at Seaford Yacht Club (happy hour is at 5pm and dinner is served at 7pm). The party theme is Caribbean, so dig out those flowered shirts and think the islands, Mon! For post-race docking and party info, contact SYC Chuck Eldred. To make your party reservations, call Sarah Bryant, (757) 898-1362 TODAY. For info YRYC-SYC, Steve Bowen (757) 869-7830 or Chuck Eldred (757) 898-1025

47th Annual Virginia Governor's Cup Regatta and Sunfish Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship. THIS weekend. August 6-7, Ware River Yacht Club, Gloucester, VA. This is a long standing annual small boat regatta. Anticipated classes include Sunfish, Albacore, HOD, Buccaneer, Laser, Mobjack, Mutineer, 505, Flying Scot, Frontrunner, Moth, and others. Classes with fewer than 5 boats will be grouped in Portsmouth handicap system classes. For info: contact, for pre-registration and general info, Clayton James (757) 941-5200, and race committee chair, Rick Klein (804) 693-5629. Or, go to www.wareriveryachtclub.com

CCV FOUNDERS RACE, THIS Sunday, August 7 - This is the second of two mid-summer races that count toward CCV's High Point standings. The racing takes place outside the harbor, off of Norfolk's Ocean View area (approximately 2NM ESE of Fort Wool over Willoughby Bank). Starts for all PHRF fleets as well as a Cruising class. First warning is at 1100. There is a 4 and 1/2 hour time limit on this race. CCV members who have Racing Memberships are automatically entered for the Founders Race; all others must submit entry and fees NLT the day before the race. For information and entry, contact Bob Thomas at (757) 898-9407.

MATCH RACE CHALLENGE: Hampton Yacht Club tried something different Saturday and the "experiment" has been declared a success by all involved. The first ever HYC MATCH RACE CHALLENGE took place off Strawberry Banks, under the envious stares of sweltering drivers held up on the HRBT. Adult racers sailed 420's for more than 4 hours straight, paired against one another *a la America's Cup*. They did "the dance", "dialed-up", and dived with one another for position in the "playground". Prior to hitting the race course, the teams soaked up match racing information from **Charles Higgins**, ODU Assistant Sailing Coach, on tactics and from **Chief Umpire Christine Accettella** on special rules. PRO (and event visionary and honcho) **John McCarthy** added a few specifics and boats were rigged, launched and out the river. Eighteen (18) matches were sailed (5 flights for standings and one more 'cause it was too much fun to stop). The overall winner was the team of Neil Ford and Elisabeth Biondi.

Umpires are a must for match racing and HYC's event Saturday had an outstanding crew. **Chief Umpire Christine Accettella** (HYC) pulled together a team that included US Sailing certified umpire **Rob Rowlands** (Annapolis), **Charles Higgins** (ODU assistant coach), **Randy Stokes** (NY&CC), and recent Harvard grad and sailing team All-American, **John Stokes**, Randy's son. The umpires and all 26 members of the race committee gave their time and energy for this special first time event. RC Mark boats - Dave Hamilton and Bill and Dave Gibbings; the mothership (so designated since she was where the competitors stowed their gear and refreshments while on the course) - Rich Wilcox. Match racing is heavy on support demands, but heavy on the absolute fun, too.

PLANTATION LIGHT RACE, Friday, August 12 - This is the Grand Dame of the Moonlight Ladies, sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club. The race is a non-stop, roundtrip, night race that starts and finishes in Hampton. The possible courses are listed in the Notice of Race (Page 89, *CCV 2011 Racing Guide*) Starts for all PHRF fleets - PHRF Non-Spin may use double headsails. The race begins in the harbor at CCV Mark "H". First warning is at 1900, Friday evening. There is NO TIME LIMIT. Boats dropping out of the race should notify the Race Committee on VHF 72 or call (757) 592-1650 or HYC (757) 722-0711 as soon as possible. For information and

entry, contact Bob Thomas at (757) 898-9407.

CAPE CHARLES CUP - Aug 20 - 21, 2011. Race from Little Creek (Norfolk) to Cape Charles and Cape Charles to finish off Buckroe (Hampton). This year the event where *cruisers race and racers cruise [almost]* begins with the Friday evening skippers meeting on August 19, in Norfolk at Bay Point Marina, races from Little Creek to Cape Charles on Saturday, August 20, overnights (aka party) at Bay Creek Marina, and races from Cape Charles to Hampton (finish line off Buckroe area) on Sunday, August 21. So, if point-to-point racing, a great party, great awards, T-shirts, hats, and all kinds of regatta stuff tickle your fancy, the Cape Charles Cup is for you and your crew. For details contact Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663 or CCcup@broadbaysailing.org or check out www.CCCup.net The final cut-off date for entries is 1500 hours August 15th, but you help organizers (Broad Bay Sailing Association) if you enter asap. Be part of CCC the legends!

Registration for the 2011 Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta are being accepted now. Don't delay in registration especially if you want to reserve a slip for that weekend! You can register online at: www.turkeyshootregatta.org or at www.yankeepointmarina.com – tab to regatta. **Remember to** register before August 15th to get the discounted registration price.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, did the Match Race Challenge Saturday and showed what a keen talent abides in this beagle body. So, the secret is out. The *Murphster's* middle name is O'Conner, after me da's good friend, Dennis Conner. Really, check it out - Google me. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

RACEBOAT FOR SALE: Fast and fun and a bargain! North America's former Hobie 33 champion "**Treaty of Ghent**" is for sale. Upgrades include Harken sail handling gear, nearly-new North Genoas, Nexus networked instruments, new Tuff Luff and aluminum trailer (dunked 5 times). Strong 9.9 Yamaha OB. PHRF 96 performance for only \$17,500. Will (617-5084) or Jim (623-2628). (Advertisement)

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