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Cape Henry Cup all set for THIS COMING SATURDAY, May 16. Entries are due by 1200 hours on Friday, May 15th. This is a distance race in the Bay and preset courses may be 20.3nm or 27.4nm. The starting area is in the Bay, off the Ft Monroe/Buckroe Beach area (in the vicinity of the Rear Range Mark). If adverse weather requires that the racing be held in Hampton Roads harbor, course distances are just under 10nm. There are starts for all PHRF fleets as well as a Cruising fleet. Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA) runs this race. For information and entry racers should contact **Scott Almond at 757-471-2663 or click on www.broadbaysailing.org. Enter now, so they know you are coming! And, there is a really nice pot luck awards supper on the Tuesday following the race.**

FBYC Spring Series sailed in the fog. They got in two races at Spring Series #3 on Saturday, and some folks felt a little bit *foggy* about it all. "Pea soup" and "super dense" came to mind when the post-race stories were told. Nevertheless, they got the races in and here's how things went for the day: J70 Class (5 boats): 1.**Mike Karn**, *Inconceivable*; 2.**Matt Braun**, *E.L.E*; 3.**Jon Deutsch**, *No Quarter*. PHRF A (6 boats): 1.**Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*; 2.**Sam Mitchener**, *Double Eagle*; 3.**Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*. PHRF B (6 boats): 1.**Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*; 2.**Blue Bayou**; 3.**Waylon Rennie**, *Trilogy*. PHRF C (4 boats): 1.**Paul Wash**, *Cheeky Monkey*; 2.**Brad Miller**, *Schiehallion*; 3.**Sam Marshal**, *Play It Again*. PHRF Non-Spin (3 boats): 1.*Dixie Rose*; 2. **Sherard Cole**, *Nutcracker*.

Amthor, Romey, and Lee team up to win the Viper Gulf Coast Championship. HYC Viper Sailor, **Henry Amthor**, teamed with **Dustin Romey**, who also crews with Henry on Henry's 505, to win the Viper GC Championship at Fort Walton Beach, FL, last week. Henry and Dustin were with new Viper sailor Michelle Lee (Sarasota) on her boat. The trio had a string of 1,1,3,1,1,2,1,4 to take first in the 10 boat fleet. Henry said that the weather was perfect (sunny and 10 to 18 knts) and that Fort Walton Yacht Club was a great host. He has hope of going back to the Florida panhandle next year and perhaps taking some other southern Bay Viper racers with him.

Robert Suhay, the Laser sailor who lives in Norfolk, plans to break his World Record set last summer when he sailed non-stop from Norfolk to Annapolis and most of the way back (283.5 miles). This summer Robert is planning to "leave from Rudee Inlet and head directly toward Newport, RI, making a close sweep past Montauk and inside of Block Island." The total distance is 350 nm. He is looking for a weather widow in the last week of June or first week of July to make the trip. Robert is at the point of finding and putting together a support team and a chase boat to accompany him. He expects the trip will take about 3 days "at Laser speed". Robert has a website www.Robertsuhay.com where there are details of his plan for another long distance Laser sail.

SBRW Update (May 29-31, the weekend *after* Memorial Day holiday): Still more than 2 weeks out, the 2015 SBRW fleet continues to build (90+ entries to date) and includes one-design classes for J70, Viper 640, and J24 and well as PHRF A, B, C, and Non-Spin classes. In addition, there is a Cruising Fleet. For regatta info (entry list, scratch sheet, NOR, accommodations, and more) and to enter click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250> or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. Enter now to avoid the late fee (\$50) that will apply after May 22.

2015 Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta (July 11-12) Update: Event Chairman, Alan Bomar said that the regatta has “. . . added a 3rd circle for small one designs. Prompted by the Typhoon class, a third circle is planned at Fishing Bay.” So, Lasers, Albacores, Flying Scotts and others, take notice! Details are in the updated Notice of Race posted on YachtScoring at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1349> Select “One Design” when you register.

Memorial Day Weekend, Friday May 22 through Monday, May 25 is just around the corner, and so is the **66th Annual Down the Bay Race**. This is a 120 nm non-stop dash down the Bay from Annapolis to Hampton. **The start in Annapolis, is on Friday, May 22 and the post-race soiree in Hampton, is on Saturday, May 23.** For information (NOR, list of entries, to enter and more, click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1275> or call Dave McConaughy, 757-870-4475. There are currently 37 boats entered and late entries will be accepted until Wednesday May 20th (\$50 late fee applies).

High School Sailing Update: Christchurch placed 9th out of 20 teams in the **High School Mallory Cup Double Handed National Championships** in Annapolis. Steven Hunt, long time, relocated southern Bay native, is coach of the Point Loma (California) team that finished 6th. Click here for details <http://scores.hssailing.org/s15/mallory/>

A busy, busy upcoming weekend on the southern Bay racing horizon, May 16 thru 17.

*****BBSA Cape Henry Cup**, Saturday, May 16, Scott Almond, 757-471-2663 or click on

www.broadbaysailing.org

*****Laser Atlantic Coast Championships**, at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, www.fbyc.net

*****Sunfish Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship Regatta**, USSCA, Hampton, VA, Each participant must be a member of the **United States Sunfish Class Association (USSCA)** and membership forms will be available at registration at the regatta. Racing area is in Mill Creek between the Fort Monroe Marina and the HRBT. The top finisher will qualify for the 2015 ISCA Worlds. For information and/or to enter, please go to the Sunfish Class website at <http://www.sunfishclass.org/regions/c/mid-atlantic> or contact Jonathan Romero at (757) 285-6017 or Tim Etherington at (757) 690-3178.

*****YPRCC Spring Regatta**, Saturday, May 16

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yours Truly, the Racing Beagle*, notes that on occasion racing can be frustrating, but frustration must be overcome. Once while sailing in the Down the Bay Race, Cousin Liam O'Murphy grounded his boat on an uncharted (he later claimed) sandbar. As he ordered his entire crew overboard to push her off, he reportedly shouted, "With enough thrust, even pigs can fly!" Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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