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LAST GABOON ALERT: The 38th Annual GABOON RACE is THIS COMING SUNDAY, December 6, 2015. Sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club – open to all. *Boats must have a PHRF of the Chesapeake valid rating that certifies the boat meets at least the PHRF “Near Shore” Safety Equipment Requirements. HOWEVER, the PHRF crew limitations do *not* apply. *The race is a staggered start (aka pursuit race) that starts and finishes in Hampton River off the HYC docks. The entire race course is within Hampton Roads Harbor. The course is pre-determined and available at registration on race day. The slower boats start first and the faster boats later in the sequence. Each boat has an assigned time. The starting process begins at 1:00pm. *Individual starting times will be posted at the registration table, located in the HYC Dockside Lounge on race day morning. Deadline for entries is 12:30pm on race day, although earlier entry would be appreciated by race organizers. *For information and/or entry contact event chairman, Phil Briggs at 757-723-5477. **ENTRY:** Submit entry form and fee to: Race Committee (Gaboon Race), Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669. Make Check payable to HYC. (\$25 for USSA members, otherwise \$30.) Standard CBYRA Entry Form.

SPINSHEET MAGAZINE has created A New Tradition for the Friday after Thanksgiving Day – BLUE FRIDAY REVOLUTION. *SpinSheet* explains BLUE FRIDAY this way: “On [the Friday after Thanksgiving Day] we’re asking you to go near the water and take a picture. It can be a selfie, it can be a landscape, it can be whatever. But tag it #bluefriday and post it on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or email it to duffy@spinsheet.com and let [SpinSheet] know you aren’t risking your life getting a \$59 microwave.” SpinSheet says they’ll post every picture they receive or find through internet searches to the *SpinSheet* website. *SpinSheet* also says if you take a trash bag and do 10 minutes of shoreside cleanup, they’ll feature your picture and send you a hat. And, the best picture will be featured in the print magazine. So, while you are most likely getting news of BLUE FRIDAY too late for this year, put it on your calendar for Friday, November 25, 2016.

If you read your December issue of *SAIL* magazine, you probably noticed the short article (“Bogie and Bacall”, on page 10) regarding **Humphrey Bogart’s love of sailing and racing**. A couple of books, possible holiday gifts, were mentioned: *Bogart: In Search of my Father*, by Bogie’s son Stephen, and *Sailing with Bogie: A Memoir of Humphrey Bogart’s Passion for the Sea*, by Larry Dudley, a fellow racer.

Party Animals are already planning their New Year’s Eve activities. Here’s one to consider: Hampton, a favorite watering hole for racing sailors, will have a Downtown Block Party. Live entertainment and no cover in the bars and restaurants. It’s the Hampton version of Times Square on New Year’s Eve. And, while the ball is dropping in New York at Times Square, in Hampton, a lit, over-sized **crab pot will drop off the Old Point National Bank**. Check out www.downtownhampton.com .

Two Racing opportunities coming in early December and early January:

***The 38th Annual Gaboon Race – Sunday Dec 6, 2015. (see item above)**

***The 2016 Dana Dillon Memorial New Year’s Day Race – Jan 1, 2016. (see item below)**

2016 Southern Bay Racing Schedule. Forty–some Southern Bay club racing program officials have been working for several weeks in the “big boat” schedule for the coming season. Thank ‘em when you see ‘em. The SOUTH DIVISION (from the York River area through Hampton Roads to eastern North Carolina) is ready for you – contact you club big boat

racing official directly or email *SBRNYCU* at mcbear@earthlink.net , *SUBJ: My schedule, please*, for an electronic copy. The NORTH DIVISION (Rappahannock River area – YPR&CC, RRYC, and FBYC) is very near completion. Watch *SBRNYCU* for info.

Early Heads-Up: Make Plans for the DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE on New Year's Day (Friday, January 1, 2016). Hampton Yacht Club and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club come together to offer this annual event. The 6 mile race is described as "Around Hampton Bar and into the OPCYC Bar". The start is off the HYC docks, 'tween the orange flag and the blue rock on the opposite shore. The finish is between the OPC Marina Pier and G "3" Phoebus Channel. This is a pursuit race, aka staggered start race, i.e. slower boats start first. There is a mandatory Skippers Meeting at 1000 (10:00am) in the HYC Dockside Lounge. Starting times will be assigned. Hot breakfast (opens at 8am) is available, is complimentary for entered skippers, and at a nominal charge for crew and friends. For visiting boats, rafting at the end of the HYC docks for the Skippers Meeting is encouraged. The post-race party and awards presentation begins at 1530 (3:30pm) at the OPCYC clubhouse. Great food and libations are included in the race entry fee for all skippers and crew. Entry fee received by December 28th is \$25 (after Dec 28th, fee is \$40). For info and entry, contact Mark Wolfe at 757-206-7903. All boats Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Cruising must meet the PHRF of the Chesapeake Safety Equipment Requirements, Ches Bay category.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has left a message on the answering machine. The Murphster said that making it in this morning is out of the question . . . due to a serious case of Tryptophanitis. That's severe sleepiness (close to unconsciousness) due to eating a massive amount of Thanksgiving turkey. Full recovery within a week is expected. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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