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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 990 August 3, 2020**

SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings.

Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

**TOMORROW, August 4<sup>th</sup> is the US COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY.**

**Founded in 1790. Congratulations!**

**2020 PLANTATION LIGHT RACE (HYC) *cancelled* due to severe thunderstorms Saturday.**

**505 CLASS confirms EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS October 30-November 1<sup>st</sup>, host Hampton Yacht Club.** The event is set for Halloween Weekend – the thought of a bunch of 505 racers gathered on Halloween, that's a scary thought, and a sight ya don't want to miss! **TO REGISTER, click [register now](#)**

**GOVERNORS CUP – Ware River Yacht Club : <https://www.wryc.org/> RESULTS**

**STINGRAY POINT REGATTA – COVID 19 Edition at Fishing Bay Yacht Club – LABOR DAY WEEKEND.**

<https://www.fbyc.net/news/stingray-point-regatta-covid19-edition/>

**STINGRAY POINT REGATTA – Covid 19 Edition. Here's a tease for this coming LABOR DAY Weekend –**Dave Hinckle of host Fishing Bay Yacht Club has posted the planned, Covid-modified details on the Labor Day weekend event. Racing on Saturday, Sep 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> only, regatta dinner under the tent with no buffet line, and, among other arrangements and accoutrements, FBYC is working on having live music, most likely a small 3-2 piece band. The pricing is right for the racing and the dinner and entertainment. Click on [www.fbyc.net/news/stingray-point-regatta-covid19-edition/](https://www.fbyc.net/news/stingray-point-regatta-covid19-edition/)

**[81st ANNUAL ONE DESIGN REGATTA and CAPITAL DISTRICT FLYING SCOT CHAMPIONSHIPS - Sat. Aug 8 - 9, 2020](https://www.fbyc.net/events/2020/200808-onedesign-81st-annual-one-design-regatta/)** Click on <https://www.fbyc.net/events/2020/200808-onedesign-81st-annual-one-design-regatta/> The 81st Annual One Design Regatta, hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club, will consist of two days of racing, fun and camaraderie. There may be multiple courses for eligible one-design classes. A Portsmouth Yardstick handicap class will be offered for boats that do not have enough boats to qualify for a one-design class. This year, because of COVID19 rescheduling, the Capital District Flying Scot Championships will be held in conjunction with the Annual One Design Regatta. Flying Scot competitors who register for the AOD will sail in the Capital District Championship races as either members or non-members of the district. This Championship will be governed by the rules as defined by the current edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017 - 2020, and the Flying Scot Sailing Association Class Rules dated January 2017 and amended January 2019, Article B-VI. As an added feature **Flying Scot builder and avid racer, Tyler Andrews, will conduct a Flying Scot training seminar on Friday, Aug 7.** **REGISTRATION** Advance registration is expected by all participants at [www.fbyc.net](https://www.fbyc.net), at the link on the event page under documents or directly on [Regatta Network](#). **CLASSES** Any one design class having five or more boats registered, including but not limited to Flying Scot, Front Runner, Laser, Laser Radial, J70, 470, and Optimist, will be eligible to run a class race. Optimists will be divided into Red, White, Blue, and Green fleets. The Portsmouth Number (D-PN) handicapping system will be used to score classes of unlike boats. A minimum of five entries is required for a class to become and remain eligible. **Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than August 3, 2020.**

**\*\*\*CAPE CHARLES CUP – hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association, Saturday, Aug 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Aug 16<sup>th</sup>** Racing this year will be off Ocean View and off Buckroe Beach on Sat and Sun respectively. Click on [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net) for all the info. Do it now – the first start is only 11 days away!

**HOD Heads-Up!** Information, NOR, and ON LINE registration for the **2020 HAMPTON ONE DESIGN NATIONAL REGATTA – August 14-16 – hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club** are available at the event YachtScoring website - click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13089> OR Contact: Hampton Class-Gordon Stokes (757)573-8147 (cell); Regatta Chairman: Eddie Wolcott, Jr.; PRO: Mark Wheeler. NOTE: All registrants must CHECK IN, Friday August 14. CHECK OUT THE Hampton One Design class at <https://www.hamptononedesign.com>

*☺ Pour your Monday morning coffee and enjoy this southern Bay sailing story. Late Saturday afternoon, the MYRAGE skipper, Christian Schaumloffel, and crew decided that, although an overnight race to Plantation Light was out of the question, an early evening sail closer to home looked fine. And, so a sea story that involves ice cream cones, anchoring through a squall, a Spanish mackerel capture, and other “memorable moments” developed. Christian shares it here below. Thank you and KUDOS to the dauntless crew of the red Hobie 33, MYRAGE. Enjoy! Christian has some great photos too!*

In the skipper’s words:

This may strike you as a little bit of a fishy story. Of course, it was the right choice to cancel the race last night especially 20/20 hindsight. MYRAGE went out towards the Plantation Light at Charles City leaving HYC at 4:20 pm (16:20). The weather radar was clear over Norfolk/VAB, but [showed] some heavy activity over Rocky Mount NC moving NE to E. With 15 kts of wind from the E we could easily point to N/NE thus avoiding the thunderstorms building and moving towards Norfolk/VAB. It was pleasant sailing and we had moose track ice cream in a sugar cone. The first for MYRAGE and probably for any race boat on the Chesapeake Bay. Definitely no complaints here.

The flood current was extremely strong with the full moon around the corner. Predicted up to 3 kts near Ft Monroe. At 6:30 pm we got closer to the York channel and new thunderstorms formed over Franklin moving towards Newport News and on the way to us. We turned around to face the music and got MYRAGE ready for high winds while checking wind readings on the James River as the front closed in on us. Perfectly on time we had the sails down and secured and anchored for an hour at 6:50 pm. Willoughby showed gusts up to 36 kts or less than we expected. Some spectacular lightings were visible but not too close. Rain was moderate to light and before 8 pm we were underway. Enjoying the sunset and soon shook the reef. We had to tack upwind and darkness set in. This would be the end of the report but.....

At 8:40 pm I was hit in the face what felt like a 2x4 and was nearly knocked out. Initially fearing the worst the culprit was found in the cockpit which turned out to be a sizable Spanish mackerel. That fish was knocked out by my hard head, given the final blow with a winch handle and put on ice. Judging by the photos it was nearly 3 ft long. Luckily I wore glasses because that missile hit my right eye and would have taken it out. The rest of the sail was uneventful and after securing the boat for the approaching tropical storm we went to the grill and had a great party with plenty of food. Now this is the end and we regretted none of our sail.

**MURPHY’S LAW:** Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, thinks it was a good thing that a raging mackerel was the main course for the MYRAGE Saturday night sail (see above), and NOT beef steak! Imagine a Kansas City bovine flying into the Hobie cockpit and clobbering the skipper in the head! Christian would not yet be able to remember what happened, much less write about it! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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