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SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2023 is in the books. The regatta experienced three days for hammer-down racing, ending Sunday with winds in the teens throughout and gust is in the low 20's. (1 boats entered SBRW 2023, and 84 had the time of their lives racing in great conditions. The PHRF Division got in 8 races over the three days and the One Design Division, 11 races. The Cruising Division got in their scheduled open course middle distance race on Saturday in the Bay and on Sunday, after moving to the Harbor because of remaining high winds and seas in the Bay, a second middle distance open course race.

The closing awards ceremony was held Sunday afternoon, and included presentation on the SBRW daily and overall trophies and the regatta special awards. After a particularly tough competition during with the leader position changed many times, the <u>Viper Atlantic</u> <u>Coast Championship</u> was presented to Peter III with Chloe Anderson, Tyler Brown, and Ryan Dempsey. The inaugural <u>PHRF of the Chesapeake Southern Bay Championship Awards</u> were presented to the individual PHRF Division racers who won overall trophies in their PHRF Fleets. PHRF officials Mayo Tabb (Southern Bay Vice-President) and Pat Seidel were on hand to make the presentations.

Complete racing results and final standings are all available on the Yachtscoring-SBRW 2023 event website – click on https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=15611 SBRW 2023 Event Chairman: Jack Pope. Principal Race Officer-Event & PHRF Div: John McCarthy. Race Office-One-Design Div: Brian Deibler. Race Officer-Cruising Div: Sergio Diehl. Chief Judge: Jerry Thompson. Official Scorer: Leanne Cranfill.

Here below are the special SBRW award Winners:

- BLACK SEAL CUP- Peter III, Caterpillar, Viper 640. / Virginia Beach
- Overall SBRW Fleet Overall & PHRF SOUTHERN BAY Championship Winners PHRF Super A – Sledd Shelhorse, *MERIDIAN XI*, Carkeek 40 /Virginia Beach PHRF A – Johnathan Schlossberg, *POINTLESS*, Esse 850 /Annapolis PHRF B/C – Doug Savage, *DARK STAR*, Pearson 37 / Alexandria PHRF Non-Spinnaker – John & Bev Blais, *STARDANCER*, Bene First 36.7/Smithfield
- Overall One-Design Overall Class Winners VIPER 640 – Peter III, CATERPILLAR / Virginia Beach J/24 – Mike Veraldi, QUICKY / Virginia Beach Melges 24 – Max Plarr, WILD CHILD / Hampton
- Overall Cruising Division Winners ORC – Larry Baun, BASERUNNER / Norfolk SBRW Cru A – Walt Boatwright, PUFF CARD / Newport News SBRW Cru B – Frank Murphy, LAST BOAT III / Cobbs Creek, VA
- SBRW Sportsmanship Award Chris and Morgan Johnson, BLUE BUS, J24 / Virginia Beach
- Viper 640 Atlantic Coast Championship Peter III, CATERPILLAR, Viper 640. / Virginia Beach

•	SBRW BOAT OF THE DAY WINNERS:		
	Div Friday-SPINSHEET	Saturday-EVOLUTION	Sunday-DOYLE
	PHRF:: J/B Blais, Stardancer	Sledd Shelhorse, Meridian	lan Hill, Sitella
	OD: Mary Ewenson, Evil Hiss	Mark Wheeler, Vapor Trails	C-M Johnson, BlueBus
	CRUISING: (no sailing scheduled)	Rob Williams, Set Free	Al Johnson, Seeker



NEWS FLASH!!!

COCK ISLAND RACE is weekend after this coming, June 16-17.

It's that time of year.... The 2023 COCK ISLAND RACE is on! The Cock Island Race will run, as it has for many, many years on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, on the Saturday of FATHERS DAY WEEKEND.

• The pre-race RENDEZVOUS is Friday, JUNE 16th at host Tidewater Yacht in Portsmouth, which will also host the traditional Cock Island Race Skippers Breakfast, Saturday morning, JUNE 17th immediately prior to the Race. The After Race Party with Awards Presentation will be held

at Portsmouth Boat Club (4pm-9pm) libations and food available and live music – wear you boogieboat shoes!

- Go ahead and enter to qualify for the special docking rate at Tidewater Yacht. The race registration form is available at <u>www.portsmouthboatclub.org</u> (click on the Cock Island logo). Pay close attention to whom the entry fee check must be made <u>payable (SAFETY TOWN)</u>, and where to <u>send it (Cock Island Race</u>, Portsmouth Boat Club, 20 Elm Ave, Portsmouth, VA 23705).
- <u>Note</u>: The Hanbury Cup will go to the PHRF Class Boat (A/B/C/NS1/NS2) winning her class by the greatest corrected margin.
- Questions? Contact Matt Arel, Portsmouth Boat Club.

Out there, on the horizon . . .and you need to get entered and make your plans. Northern Bay / Southern Bay Showdown in the Middle of the Bay in the Middle of the Summer is SCREWPILW LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE, July 14 thru 16, at Solomons, MD!



CLICK ON https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14923 and get ready to have a lot of fun!

<u>TYPHOON EAST COST CHAMPIONSHIP</u>. Rappahannock River Yacht Club hosted the 12 boat fleet this past weekend. Championship winners: **Geoff Lawson and Scott Lawson, SWEET PEA**.

2nd place: Lis Biondi and Neil Ford, SLIPPERY.

3rd place: Tom Chapman and Ed Johnson, NOT HOT.

Signal Boat: Ron Mihills (PRO); Ed Peake (Driver); Rick Peterson, Lisa Starke, and Hal Starke. Mark Boat: Peter and Betsy Larabee;

Mark Boat #2: Greg and Sue Kirkbride -



MURPHY'S LAW: Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, Talk about a "gift of all gifts for Dad on Father's Day, the Sunday after the Cock Island Race. Surely he would appreciate a nice cruise home after having had a spirited weekend at Cock Island with a great race thrown in on Saturday. Sons and daughters pay the reasonable fees and dad leads the sailing and dancing at the parties! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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