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The Langley Yacht Club
Holiday Social
is this

Friday, December 5 at 7pm
At Checkered Flag on King Street in Hampton

- * Gifts for all the kids!
- * Door prizes!

*Each adult bring a wrapped gift (under
\$10) appropriate for a man or woman
for the
Secret Santa gift exchange*

Please RSVP by replying to this email
before Thursday night (Dec 4)



Racing News & 'Clews' from Race Captain John Ritter

Wow, what a year for Langley Yacht Club racing! LYC roared back into the big leagues this year in a major way and brought home plenty of silver, a truly amazing feat considering how small the club is and a testimony to each and every club member who participated in any of the races this year. To recap (and allow our winners to bask in some well deserved limelight):

Veteran's Cup: Karl & Senta Petersen, Michelle Goergen, Huey Forquet ride *Valkyrie* to win the Cheetah trophy; Paul Roth takes 2d in Cruising in *Trial Run*.

Little Bay Challenge: Team *Fins Up* (Commodore Tom and Annette Connors, Kathy Bloxom) score a third in Class (Fleet 5/Green, 10 competitors + 2 DNS).

Tri-service Regatta: All three boats entering the racing class score trophies: Team *Valkyrie* takes third in Racing A, John Ritter sails *Temeraire* to a second in Racing C, and Team *Fins Up* takes a close third in Racing C. And EVERYONE in LYC beat at least one boat in the class *above* them this year!

Annapolis Race Week: Huey Forquet crews on John Blais' new Beneteau to take a 4th in class for the series.

CCV Annual Awards: Both of the Cruising Club of Virginia Special Awards went to LYC members for 2008. Tom Connors was awarded the annual CCV Sportsmanship Award (joining "heavyweight hitter" former recipients John McCarthy and Sledd Shellhorse among others since 1989), recognizing his "conducting himself as a gentleman and distinguishing himself by his concern for fair competition both on and off the course". John Ritter was awarded the CCV Commodore's Award recognizing "a significant contribution to furtherance of the sport of sailing" for his Race Committee and scoring work.

Honorable mentions: LYC members competed or performed race official duties throughout the entire region this year, showing the burgee at the following venues in addition to those listed above: Azalea Festival, CCV Spring Series, Cape Henry Cup, Southern Bay Race Week, Screwpile, HYC Annual, CCV Founder's, Moonlight Triangle, Cape Charles Cup, Willoughby Memorial, Rappahannock Turkey Shoot, Round the Lighthouses, CCV Fall series, Frostbite, HYC Wednesdays, and I'm sure I've missed a few... Hot Buttered Rum, anyone?

Administrivia: 2009 is right around the corner, and with it is a dreaded RULE CHANGE; RRS 2005-2008 will be replaced by 2009-2012. And there are some significant changes coming (example – the 2 boatlength circle/Rule 18 is changing). John McCarthy will be hosting a rules seminar in January to go over the changes. There will also be a US SAILING Basic Race Management seminar in February – that's the course to begin the process to become an official Race Officer. Finally, mark your calendars for 25 July, 2009 – the Veteran's Cup '09 date is set! Good luck for 2009 to all!

