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Carl Alberg's Typhoon Reborn as the Hurricane

Word around the dockyard is that the Typhoon mold has been reborn and is available through Pleasant Bay Boat and Spar Company out of Orleans, Massachusetts, as the Hurricane, a keel/centerboard version of Carl Alberg's classic sloop. Originally modified by Merv Hammatt of Compass Classic Yachts, a new Hurricane with several improvements is currently under construction. Some of her features include a modified sheer, an open cockpit, teak and mahogany trim, and seats constructed of Alaskan yellow cedar. The boat will be powered by a Torqueedo outboard and received a modified bridge deck to accommodate the battery bank. Her updated construction includes composite reinforcement to ensure low maintenance and long life. For more information about the Hurricane, visit: <http://www.pleasantbayboatandspar.com>.



First Annual Typhoon Nationals

*By Nancy & Don Schwarzkopf
Chesapeake Fleet Secretary*

The first ever Typhoon Nationals began Friday, June 10, with a gathering at the Rappahannock River Yacht Club for dinner. We could already see just how cooperative the weather would be, as the thunderstorms rolled in just when the raft-up was planned. Saturday morning, following breakfast and the skippers meeting, the fleet of 31 Typhoons, enjoying a gentle breeze, headed for the river to begin the day's three races. Leaving Carter Creek, the wind started to die down and after multiple delays the decision was to call off the races for the day. Unfazed, participants rejoined for cocktails, dinner, and an evening of high-spirited socializing at the yacht club as the thunderstorms rolled through.



And the race is on! Typhoon National start. Photo: Herb Aman.

following in short order. Ron Mihills in the Championship class had a clear lead at the first mark which he held throughout the course. John Friday in the Corinthian class had competition with Bill Turenne at the first mark but established a lead on the second leg, eventually winning the race. The breeze died right on schedule at 11 am, preventing the later boats from finishing and canceling the final planned race. The fleet was sent back to the club house for lunch, awards and a sunflower raft-up complete with aerial photography for Boat US, all complete before the next round of thunderstorms.

Kudos go to Ron Mihills, who organized the event, and the many people who helped make it a success!

Winning skippers in the Championship fleet were Ron Mihills, followed by Gary Hooper and Norm Smith. Corinthian fleet honors went to John Friday, followed by Bill Turenne and Lance Franke.

See the Typhoon National press release and update about next year's event in the Fleet Events section.



Typhoon raft-up. Photo: Ron Mihills.

Cape Dory Typhoon Nationals, June 22-24, 2012

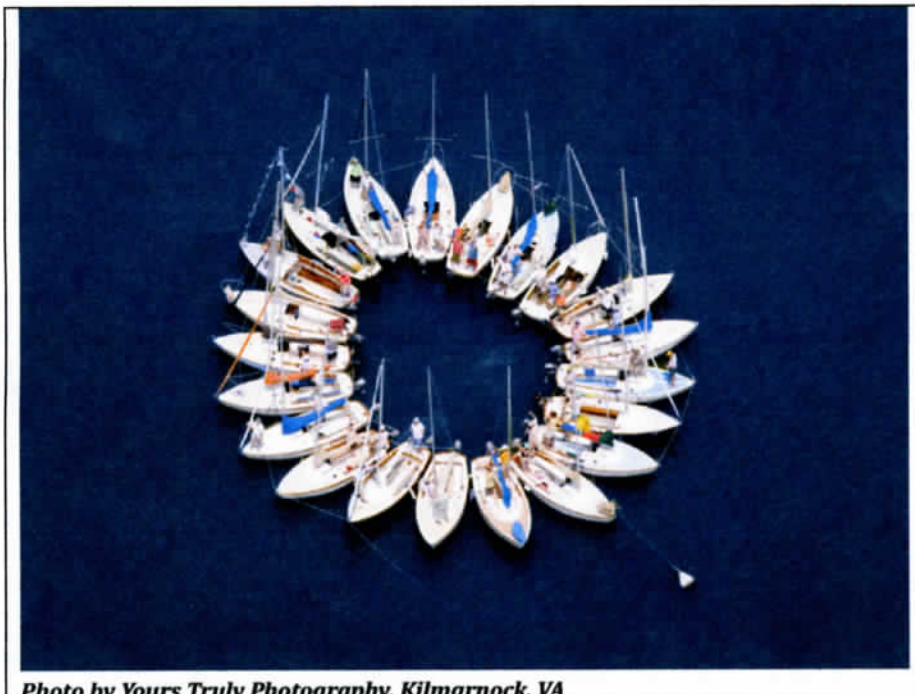


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Typhoon National Championship Regatta Takes Place on the Rappahannock

The First National Regatta of America's Littlest Yacht Hosted by RRYC on June 10-12, 2011

IRVINGTON, VA, June 25, 2011 – The Rappahannock River Yacht Club ("RRYC") hosted the first *Typhoon National Championship Regatta* on the Rappahannock River near Carter's Creek in Irvington, Virginia on June 10-12, 2011. Thirty-two 19-foot Cape Dory Typhoon sailboats competed in the two-day race and over 100 people participated in the race festivities.

"The inaugural National Regatta for the Typhoon class will always be remembered as a three day battle with Mother Nature," commented John McCarthy, Principal Race Officer and CBYRA Southern Bay Race Management Coordinator. On Sunday morning, the Typhoons slipped out ahead of the

original schedule, and squeezed in a race that made for the championship. *Anthem*, skippered by Ron Mihills, won first place in the Championship fleet. Placing second and third respectively were Gary Hooper and Norm Smith. *Friday's Child*, skippered by John Friday, took home the prize for the Corinthian fleet followed by Bill Turenne in second place and Lance Franke in third.

The fleet also congregated for a one of a kind "sunflower raft-up" with 21 boats as seen in the aerial photograph. Carter's Creek is home to the world's largest concentration of Cape Dory Typhoons with over 40 Typhoons on Carter's Creek alone and over 60 in the greater Northern Neck area.

"There is so much enthusiasm for Typhoon racing on the Northern Neck that it's appropriate for the national event to take place here," said Ron Mihills, Event Chairman and former RRYC Commodore. The 2nd Typhoon National Regatta will take place next year on June 22-24, 2012. To learn more, check out the event blog at www.TyphoonNationals.blogspot.com.
