

## #3 12Feb24 MURPHY DISPATCHES

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Like its predecessor *SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE*, *MURPHY DISPATCHES* comes with a southern Chesapeake Bay bias and is an independent publication, sent as the sailing spirit moves. First released January, 2024. Lin McCarthy, Editor (757 850-4225).

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

Harken back to one of the early, circa 1990, Cock Island Regattas. Picture the late evening scene: The Lagoon at the Portsmouth Seawall crammed to overflowing with every sort of rafting keel boat, the ferryboat that ran between Portsmouth and Norfolk coming and going on the fringe, and good times and libations abounding. And, here came a J24 with a passel of kids, ooching it in among the other racers. The youngsters spread sleeping bags on the deck and dock and slept through the surrounding mayhem. Shift to today. From US SAILING comes word that **Charlie Enright (Barrington, RI) and Christina Wolfe (Orcas, WA) have been awarded the 2023 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year Award.** The two were picked from among fellow 2023 award finalists Betsy Alison, Erika Reineke, **Steve Hunt**, and Allan Terhune, Jr. Legend has it one of those kids in a sleeping bag was none other than Hampton's own Steve Hunt, son of J24 champion racer, Billy Hunt of Hampton. US SAILING noted: **Steve Hunt** - Professional sailor and coach Steve Hunt has had great success in the Etchells and J/70 fleet, earning him the Rolex nomination. As a tactician and main trimmer, Hunt helped win the 2023 Etchells North Americans, Etchells Nationals, and J/70 European Championship - the first American team to win the latter. Hunt made the podium at two world championships: silver at the J/70 World Championship and bronze at the 2023 Etchells World Championship. Hunt is also notable for his work with High School Sailing, where he has been a coach and a mentor to many.

### **ITEM**

#### **Training: Sail Trim with Jerry Latell of Evolution Sails For Racers and Cruisers**

When: THIS COMING Saturday, February 17, 2024 8:30 AM to NOON:30 PM EST

Where: ODU Constant Hall – Sponsored and hosted by Broad bay Sailing Assoc (BBSA)

How Much: \$20 – if you pre-register - \$25 at the door

Click here <https://broadbaysailing.org/event-5478153> to REGISTER and for detailed info.

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#### **74<sup>th</sup> DOWN THE BAY RACE**

Annapolis to Hampton, 120 miles non-stop!

Memorial Day Weekend



RACING ANNOUNCEMENT is POSTED and REGISTRATION IS OPEN at

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16412> The first 10 are already entered in this hallmark event and the buzz is building. Start your summer of racing with this challenge. A crew shirt from DTB is a keeper for a lifetime.

### **ITEM**



<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16366>

#### **SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK**

The weekend after Memorial Day, May 30 – June 2, 2024

11+ fleets, 3 of which are for "cruiser/racers" (see below)

**SBRW NOTES:**

**CRUISING COURSE GUIDE document posted at event Yacht Scoring website.**

**SBRW offers 3 fleet opportunities to Cruiser/Racers this year – something for everyone!**

- **SBRW CRUISING**
- **PHRF CRUISING Non-SPINNAKER**
- **PHRF CRUISING SPINNAKER**

**Find info on each Cruising Fleet at the event website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16366> Then click on the “Official Notice Board or the “Event Documents” listing.**

**Racers of every stripe can follow** entries, scratch sheets, and other info at the event Yacht Scoring website. And, you can **enter on line** at the same site. Join the 40+ who are already committed to a weekend of racing, fun, and casual socializing with random eating, drinking and tall tale telling! **Y'ALL COME RACING !**

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### **SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE**

**July 19-21, 2024 - Solomons, Maryland**

**Organizing Authority = Southern Maryland Yacht Club (SMSA)**

The *Solomons Inn Resort & Marina* (formerly known as *Holiday Inn*) is now planned for renovation as a full-service **HOTEL** with hopes to be operational in time for Screwpile. Once the go-to place for weary crews to bed down after a full day of racing and a night of hard partying, the newly renovated hotel should be back in business this summer with 75 rooms for Screwpile crews offered at a discounted price. The plan to renovate into an assisted living facility that gummed up last year's Screwpile was recently reversed due to a zoning issue. Great news for all of us! Stand by for details on reservations. **Click on <http://screwpile.net/> OR and register at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16375>**

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### **21<sup>st</sup> LEO WARDRUP MEMORIAL CAPE CHARLES CUP (CCC Regatta)**

**August 9-11, 2024. *SAVE THIS DATE!***

The pre-race skippers meeting is already scheduled for the East Beach Clubhouse (Norfolk, East Ocean View) on Friday evening. Saturday morning racers will race from off the entrance to Little Creek (Norfolk) to Cape Charles, Virginia, on the Eastern Shore. After an evening of daily awards, and legendary partying, the fleet will race back to Hampton on Sunday, finishing off the Ft Monroe Seawall.

#### **Heads-up CCC Tips:**

- **Save \$60 on Early Registration Fee \$135 – closes July 8. Regular Registration is \$195.**
- **The Oyster Farm Channel has been dredged to more than 8 feet!**
- **Saturday night slips will be available at both the Cape Charles Town Harbor Marina & the Cape Charles Yachting Center and at the Oyster Farm Marina at Kings Creek. CCC will assign slips as noted on skippers' entry forms on a first-come-first-served basis.**
- **Planning is well underway. COMING SOON - watch for detailed info and on line registration at [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net)**

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For **Southern Bay Big Boat Schedule** email [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) and ask. You need the V4 issue to be up to date.



**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has been suffering through this doggone cold weather. The Murphster, a short-haired beagle, has tried everything for flannel lined ear-covers to fleece lined flipflops! It could all be good though. On the Southern Bay things usually even out weatherwise. Regardless, of the recent wishy-washyness of the reporting by the Groundhogs Association, we could have an early Spring, a delightful Summer, and a glorious Fall. Our cantankerous Winter offsets all that to the good. Think of it, it's not too early to arrange your splash date at the boatyard! Ahoooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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