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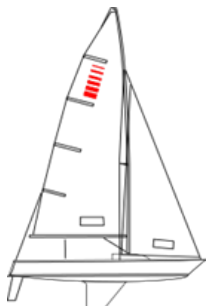
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Like its predecessor *SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE*, *MURPHY DISPATCHES* comes with a southern Chesapeake Bay racing bias and is an independent publication, sent as the sailing spirit moves. First released January, 2024.

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Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, *SAILING Magazine*



There's a small bunch of southern Bay sailors who have fought to enjoy their way through a cantankerous winter for the sake of frostbite sailing. – the **Sonar Fleet** at HYC. For those unfamiliar with the noble Sonar, it's a versatile keelboat that measures 23.00' LOA. The American Sailboat Hall of Fame note, says the ". . . *Sonar* was designed to a specific set of parameters determined through a survey of club sailors. All were looking for the same thing—a boat that was exciting to race, easy to handle by sailors of varying ages and abilities, trailerable, self-bailing and reasonably comfortable. Basically, [designer] Bruce Kirby said, "we wanted a boat that could be sailed without breaking your neck."

Lee Fairchild, who honchos the Hampton Sonar group, says weather allowed them to sail on 8 of the 12 scheduled frostbite weekends. That's pretty darned good, considering it's

been an unpredictable winter to say the least! NOTE: There have been Sonars racing on the southern Bay fleet in the past. They rate in the PHRF C Fleet when not one-design-ing.. **Brendan Drinkwater** successfully sailed one and so did **Tom and Gay Wood**, a few years back.

The **WEDNESDAY NIGHT** and **THURSDAY NIGHT RACES** are about to begin:

Wednesday APRIL 3rd:

- HYC Granddaddy of Wed Night Racing – FREE but you must register
Click then scroll on <https://www.hamptonyc.com/regattas-registration>
- BBSA/LCSA racing in the Bay off the entrance to Little Creek <https://www.broadbaysailing.org/>

Thursday APRIL 4th:

- BBSA/Willoughby Racers – racing in Norfolk's Little Bay, aka Willoughby Bay – <https://www.broadbaysailing.org/>



The annual **SPINSHEET CREW PARTY**, at **Marker 20** in Hampton, hosted by **CCVR** from 6-8pm on **April 6**, is a sure sign that the sailing season is upon us! Here is a sailor's kind of gathering. Dress casual - flip-flops are fine, shorts and T-shirts are standard. Round up your crewmates and go as a party group. Bring some newbies with you – make a gift of sailing to an unsuspecting, yet-to-catch-on adventurer. **Marker 20** is a great place for eats after you do the Crew Party. Make the most of this special, sailors' hangout. Have some fun! **SpinSheet** has a guidance article posted for those who have never been to a Crew Party at

<https://www.spinsheet.com/news/six-secrets-success-spinsheet-crew-parties> Here's a link to the registration page—the party is free and open to all. It helps if sailors register in advance, if not at the door: <https://www.spinsheet.com/crew-parties> If you have questions about the Marker 20/Hampton venue, contact **Bobby Whitehouse** of **CCVR** at cvcmail@ccvracing.org or cvcmail@ccvracing.us



Cock Island Race - Home | Portsmouth Boat Club



Fondly described as "The race between two parties!", Cock Island Race is all set for Saturday, June 15th. It's traditional. This event happens on the Friday-Saturday of Father's Day weekend, as regularly as the rooster crowing at sunrise. Boat Check-in and mandatory Skippers Meeting are on Friday with the continental breakfast and race start Saturday morning. The Awards presentation and post-race party with live music, food and libations are Saturday evening. **REGISTER at the <https://www.cockislandrace.com/>** and check out the Notice of Race for details of the event. **Questions???? Contact Gary Bahena at garybahena@windspirits.us**

WELCOME! There's a new yacht in the southern Bay fleet, or she soon will be. **Greg and Cary Cutter** have acquired an **X-Yacht 412**, which they plan to bring home later this spring. Greg says she is a beauty, lovingly maintained by her now-former owner.



Region 4-SOUTH CBYRA Awards for the immediate past season (2023) will be presented at the post-race party that follows the final race day of CCV Spring Series - SUNDAY APRIL 28th. After the race get yourself to the HYC Dockside Lounge for awards, free refreshments, and all the tall tales you can handle! Southern Bay racers who did not race that day, but wish to attend the awards gathering are welcome, as are non-racers. CCVR will present their Spring Series daily awards and CBYRA will present 2023 season High Point awards. **2023 award recipients are listed at <https://cbyra.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2023-PHRF-of-the-Chesapeake-High-Point-Results.pdf>** HP Awards for 2022 will also be presented - better late than never 😊 – click here for 2022 <https://cbyra.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2022-CBYRA-High-Point-Standings-from-Spinsheet.pdf>
Region 4-NORTH CBYRA Awards will be presented at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, most likely following one of the FBYC Offshore events. The date will be confirmed and announced soon. www.fbyc.net

Get your SAILBOAT SHOW fix:

ANNAPOLIS SPRING SAILBOAT SHOW

April 26-28, 2024
City Dock, Annapolis, MD

<https://annapolisboatshows.com/spring-sailboat-show/>



29er Class gains CBYRA recognition/sanction in Junior Division. www.29er.org The 29er was designed in 1998 by Australian skiff legend Julian Bethwaite. Learn more here: <https://us29er.org/>

Get in front of the East Coast 29er rush! The 29er is already super active on the West Coast. East coast events are evolving. Severn Sailing Association in Annapolis (Republic of EastPort), hosts activity in May, and a tentatively scheduled **Season Opener Regatta (June 11-12)**. The HYC Jr Annual Regatta will include **29ers, June 27-28**. The **Ida Lewis Girls Doublehanded Nationals are in Bristol, RI, on June 27-July 01**. And, there is a lot of activity elsewhere before the **season-ender at Open Orange Bowl 2024, at Coconut Grove Sailing Club (Florida) Dec 26 – Dec 30**. Max Plarr, HYC Director of Sailing (757) 722- 0711, is a good local contact those with 29er interest.



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is looking forward to the traditional *Beagles and Bunnies Easter Brunch*. We Beagles and the Bunnies abandon "the chase" for the day and do some serious munching. The Squirrel Quich is the Murphster's fav. The Bunnies prefer the clover bouquets. It's all good. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

CLICK FOR INFO & TO ENTER:

- CCV Racing - <https://ccvracing.us/racing/> - racing every Sunday in April
- HYC April Fools One Design Regatta – www.hamptonyc.com – April 6
- RRYC – Typhoon Class Spring Series opens <http://rryc.org> - April
- RRYC – RRYC Spring Series April 20 & May 4 - <http://rryc.org>
- FBYC – opening of Offshore Racing – 4 consecutive Saturdays – www.fbyc.net
- Hampton Roads Hospice Regatta – One Design Division - <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/QicRLbWyE> - May 18
- Cape Henry Cup Race – Hospice Keelboat Division - <https://www.broadbaysailing.org/event-5478178> - May 18
- YPRCC – Spring Regatta - <http://rryc.org> – May 18
- Down the Bay Race – <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16412> – May 24-25
- Southern Bay Race Week – <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16366> – May 30, 31, June 1, 2.
- Southern Chesapeake Bay Big Boat 2024 Schedule – just ask by email to mcbear@earthlink.net

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