

## #9 2024 MURPHY DISPATCHES

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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.

Lin McCarthy, Editor (757 850-4225).

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



### 2024 CCVR SPRING SERIES Opens

**"It was a perfect day," everybody said so.** Eighteen (18) boats, sailed the first day of the CCV Spring Series. The fleets raced two 5-6 nautical mile races in pleasant conditions – sunny, warm, and a moderate, building breeze.

RESULTS: PHRF A (8 boats): 1) MERIDIAN XI, Sledd Shelhorse; 2/3 Tied) REMEDY, Will Roberts & WAIRERE, Pete Hunter. PHRF B/C (7 boats): 1 / 2 Tied) ROUNDABOUT, Alan Bomar & RUMBLE, John Henry; 3) CALLINECTES, Ben Cuker. Melges/Viper One Design Fleet (3 boats): 1) JOYRIDE, Doug Bird; 2) THIS IS COOL, Rusty Burshell; 3) BRD, Paul Clifford. Race Committee: John McCarthy (PRO); Henry Hudgins (Signal Boat Captain); John Ritter (Official Scorer); Catherin Ryan and Jean Holt (Signals and Recorders); John Bergman (Wind Boss); Greg Cutter (Finisher); Tom Ryan and Brian Deibler (Weather Mark Boat); David Gibbings and Craig Pittman (Pin Mark Boat).

**Day 2 of CCV SPRING SERIES is scheduled for this coming Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.** The format will be a single middle distance race in the Harbor, using CCVR fixed marks as per the CCVR General Sailing Instructions. For details and to enter, click on [www.CCVRacing.us](http://www.CCVRacing.us)

**To FIDDLER'S GREEN.** Ben Weeks, long time southern Bay racer, passed from us Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, evening, suffering a severe illness. Ben had only recently stopped racing his beloved J29, *Rumble*. He will be missed by many in the sailing community of which he has been a stalwart for decades. Sincere condolences to his wife Michele and family and friends. *Requiescat in Pace, Ben.*



**HEADING FOR CHARLESTON RACE WEEK** Keeping fingers and toes crossed for three southern Bay homies headed for Charleston Race Week this coming weekend (Apr 18-21). Ian Hill will be racing his Melges 32 SITELLA in the Melges 32 CRW One-Design Class. Sailing in the Melges 24 OD Class will be Max Plarr of Hampton, racing WILD CHILD and Travis Weisleder of Richmond racing LUCKY DOG. SITELLA and a familiar Melges 32, ONE TRICK PONY, David and Jacki Meiser (Solomons, MD) entered in the SBRW PHRF Super A Class, will get early looks at one another at Charleston. PATRIOT IV sailed by Chris Helmkamp (US Patriot Sailing) will see WILD CHILD again after Charleston in the SBRW Melges 24 One Design Class. Here we go! Follow the Charleston racing at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm>



**CAPE HENRY CUP – Saturday, May 18 – Special Note:** Big Boats racing in the CHC will have the option of being part (as the keel boat division) of the HAMPTON HOSPICE REGATTA. See NOR for details. Click on <https://www.broadbaysailing.org/event-5478178>



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**SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK**  
The weekend after Memorial Day,  
May 30 – June 2, 2024



### **SBRW 2024 - Y'ALL COME RACING!**

Racing in three Divisions – PHRF, ONE DESIGN, and CRUISING. Check out the current entries and fleets on the Scratch Sheet at [https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_scratch\\_sheet.cfm?eID=16366](https://yachtscoring.com/event_scratch_sheet.cfm?eID=16366)

**Save some Moolah – take the Early Bird Special on your entry fee !**  
**Early Birds receive complimentary regatta drink tickets worth \$10, too.**



Early Bird = PHRF & ONE DESIGN FLEETS Entries (Fri/Sat/Sun): **\$175**. (after April 30th= \$199.)



Early Bird CRUISING FLEETS (3) [SBRW Cruising Fleet & PHRF Cruising (Spin & NS)] Entries (Sat/Sun) **\$99**. (after April 30th= \$ 125.)



Early Bird also includes **\$10 in drink tix** in skippers check-in package.

And, don't forget the **OLD POINT BANK LOYALTY DISCOUNT**  
ALL 2023 SBRW returnees may deduct \$25 from above entry fees.



CBYRA is coming to the Southern Bay to present trophies to racers for the **2023 CBYRA Region 4 HIGH POINT AWARDS**. There will be two presentations, one for each Division.

- April 28 (Sun) – following racing, 5:30pm – hosted by CCVR at HYC - SOUTH DIVISION awards presentation in conjunction with CCVR Spring Series (Day 3) racing post-series festivities
- May 18 (Sat) – 5-6pm – hosted by FBVC - NORTH DIVISION awards presentation in conjunction with the scheduled Spring Open post-race festivities.

CBYRA will also present the CBYRA High Point Awards earned for 2022.

**Award Recipients' are listed at the CBYRA website –**

for 2023 <https://cbyra.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/CBYRA-2023-High-Point-Standings-FinalRevised.pdf>

for 2022 <https://cbyra.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/2022-CBYRA-High-Point-Standings-from-Spinsheet.pdf>

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

#### THE BOOKS for 2024:

**2024 CCV RACING GUIDE** for Southern Bay Big Boats (Hampton Roads area) available to CCVR members - <https://ccvracing.us/racing/>

**CBYRA 2024 GREEN BOOK** available at <https://cbyra.org/green-book-download/>. (Keel Boats, Reg 1,2 &3)

**CBYRA 2024 BLUE BOOK** available at <https://cbyra.org/blue-book-download/> (One Design Classes)

#### CLICK FOR INFO & TO ENTER:

- CCV Racing - <https://ccvracing.us/racing/> - racing every Sunday in April
- RRYC – Typhoon Class Spring Series opens <http://rryc.org> - April
- RRYC – RRYC Spring Series April 20 & May 4 - <http://rryc.org>
- FBVC – opening of Offshore Racing – 4 consecutive Saturdays – [www.fbvc.net](http://www.fbvc.net)
- Hampton Roads Hospice Regatta – One Design Division - <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/QicRLbWYyE> - May 18-19
- 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](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net)
- PBC- Cock Island Race <https://www.cockislandrace.com/> June 15

*You are Cordially Invited to The Cook Island Race Party 2024*



Oh, and a Sailboat Race!



QUESTIONS: Please contact:

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**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is aware that Mother Nature, finally gave southern Bay racers a break yesterday, allowing for racing without the "survival flavor" to take place. So, a growing number of skippers and crew now have shaken off the rust and cleared the cobwebs. Wednesday and Thursday nights are next up. They are a good place to work out the kinks, before the coming weekend round. Get out of the yard and untie from the dock – it Ahooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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