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

AGAIN – Mother Nature with the WIND thing! Some racers left the dock, some even left the pier, and some actually left the creek to head out to the race grounds in Hampton Roads Harbor. The last mentioned group says they were flying only a main . . . and it was double-reefed. It wasn't long before they performed a sailboat pirouette and headed for a different kind of bar[re]. The wind was cookin' along at 25-26, just before the start, when PRO Brian Deibler thought it best to send those who were "clinging on" back in, looking for "warm and dry"! And, so, another try is scheduled for this coming Sunday.

FROSTBITE Series continues on Sunday in November 22nd, and in Sunday the 29th, 2020. This is an annual series for keel boats provided by Hampton Yacht Club, OPEN TO ALL, and offering starts for PHRF A, B/C, Non-Spin (double headsails allowed), and Cruising (single headsail only + no spinnakers). Racing will be in the Hampton Roads Harbor. Entries are due by 1200 on the day before the race. The NOR is available at <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/HYC-Circular-7-Frostbite-2020.pdf> and contains entry information, as well as starting order, courses, scoring, etc. PRO for the Frostbite Series is Brian Deibler; he may be contacted at (757) 715-8977.



Sailboat Racing vs Highway Progress. Willoughby Racers and the Barge Spud Area Willoughby Spit, aside from having one of the most indelible names in southeastern Virginia, has long been home of historic and gently cantankerous inhabitants. For example, The Spit harbored the Navy seaplanes from early-1900s until their extinction from active duty. As late as the 1950's P5M-2's landed in Willoughby's Little Bay and hauled out on the Naval Air Station ramps at the end of today's racing area. The current revered, cantankerous inhabitants, the band of Thursday Night racers, are carefully planning so as to co-exist with the marine construction crews and equipment that will share Little Bay for the coming 5 years while progress comes to the HRBT and I-64. A reminder of the situation appeared in a recent issue of the BBSA member publication, *The Banter*, and included a graphic showing the

location of the Barge Spud Area. Warn your "out of area" friends who like to cruise to and anchor in Little Bay, aka Willoughby Bay. **PHOTO NOTE: Barge Spud Area/Willoughby Bay, courtesy BBSA Banter**

BLU CHIP II for SALE & SAILING. Bill Saunders is looking for a new owner for his circa '60-'61, Ericson 30. *Blu Chip* raced in MORC, back in the day, and Bill says the legend of a boat bearing a 7-letter name being a good, lucky boat is true. Nautical tradition has it that a boat name with 7 letters has a letter for each of the 7 Seas and therefore pleases Neptune. Hence, *Blu*

Chip has always brought happy times. She will soon be in her slip at Hampton Yacht Club, with a freshly painted bottom, ready for whatever new adventures await. Contact Bill Saunders at 757-596-5436 or (office) 757-727-8181 to arrange to see the boat and/or to make an offer.



Remember, in December... 43rd Annual GABOON RACE – Sunday, December 6th. Staggered Start Race – starts begin at 1300 with the fastest boat starting last. The start/finish line is off the HYC dock to the blue rock on the Hampton University shore. The course is pre-set and printed in the NOR available at <https://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/HYC-Circular-8-Gaboon-2020.pdf> Send entries to: Race Committee (Gaboon Race), Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, VA 23669. **For information contact Phil Briggs, 757-719-0386 (cell) PHOTO NOTE: Phil Briggs has run all 43 Gaboon Races.**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is getting primed for THANKSGIVING. The Murphster has reconnoitered the Main Den and taken the well-known Waterhog Dog chair to be refurbished. The squirrel and milkbone stew will be cooked and served outside with plenty of cornbread chunks and turkey gizzards. A newly acquired w-l-d-e screen TV will be in place and there's room to watch the game for a gathering of the entire family. There are 24 here in the county and that leaves a spot for the "wandering nephew". TURKEY DAY minus 10 – count'em down! Ahooo. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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