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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #1013 January 25, 2021**

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

**MERIDIAN XI, takes 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2021 Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race. Sledd Shelhorse'** Carkeek 40, finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the ORC-1 class and 5th in the ORC 18 boat division/fleet. Super light air. This was the 75<sup>th</sup> running of the 160 mile race down the coast of Florida. For complete results click on <https://www.keywestrace.org/>

**Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Expansion Project Lecture.** Old Point Comfort Yacht Club's weekly PMU session Saturday morning was a presentation by HRBT project team representatives. Keith Midgette organized the electronic presentation for OPCYC and at one point 53 participants, most from the Hampton Roads area, were involved. Ha Koehler, media coordinator for the HRBT Expansion project, led a presentation. Project technical leaders covered topics that included the custom made boring machine, critical to the project, through the establishment of the Willoughby Bay staging and safe area for heavy marine equipment. The Hampton shoreline barge mooring area and the Mill Creek equipment area were also shown and discussed. The main link to HRBT Expansion information is [www.HRBTExpansion.org](http://www.HRBTExpansion.org) Their main number is 757-858-6776. Completion of the project is scheduled for

**More on the HRBT Expansion Project. VIRTUAL CONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE – THIS COMING THURSDAY, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm to 6:30pm. This is OPEN to the Public, but you MUST REGISTER Click on [www.HRBTExpansion.org/events](http://www.HRBTExpansion.org/events).**

**2021 SOUTHERN CHESAPEAKE BAY BIG BOAT SCHEDULE is available.** Request the schedule by email to [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) or hit "reply". Just say "2021 Schedule" on the Subj: line. You will receive the schedule by return email.

In your spare time, consider learning to speak **FORCE, wind force**, that is. In a recent issue of *SAIL Magazine*, Adam Cort's article, "May the Force Be With You", included a chart of the 12 stages of wind force, each showing wind range and then a description of the wind/effects. Sir Francis Beaufort, a British Admiral, came up with the BEAUFORT SCALE, and it is widely used in the UK. Adam Cort suggests that being able to apply the Scale to

existing conditions helps a sailor be better in touch with the surrounding conditions. The Beaufort Scale has 12 different levels. A sample (Force2 and Force 5) are shown below, with an added column of Chesapeake Bay Racers Reactions (provided by Murphy, the Racing Beagle).

FORCE	WIND SPEED (KNOTS)	APPEARANCE of WIND/EFFECTS	*Chesapeake Bay Racers Reactions (added for local customization)
2	4-6	Small wavelets, crests glassy, not yet breaking	*General grouching, lethargic, but moving toward rigging headsail, tactician awake
5	17-21	Moderate waves of 4-8ft, taking longer form, many whitecaps, some spray	*Sheer delirium, bowman with snatch block attached to neck lanyard, chute on verge of explosion, tactician clinging to backstay, shorts flapping



**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, experienced an epiphany yesterday during all the football watching. The Murphster, until yesterday, long thought it was the Dryer that made my clothes shrink. But, Nope. It was the Refrigerator! Go figure. So, beagle-logic says to move the brewskis to a separate cooler. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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