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

AMERICAN MAGIC's valiant effort to get back into the America's Cup Challenger Series competition ended this past week. After a terrible, dangerous, damaging knock down and the ensuing two weeks spent performing miraculous repairs, the team was back on the water and racing, but unable to achieve the wins necessary to continue in the competition. *News from New York Yacht Club American Magic, Challenger for the 36th America's Cup, Communications, January 31, 2021, "Race Week EP: 5 Unwavering Pride"* says it all. **See the article and the video at [RACE WEEK, Ep. 5 - Unwavering Pride \(mailchi.mp\)](#)**. The Team and it's leader, Terry Hutchinson, are reason for every racing sailor and others to be so very proud – First Class people, First Class effort.

The **Month of February** is upon us. Tomorrow brings Groundhog Day. Then, on the 14th comes Valentine's Day. And, if you are in the SORC Islands in the Stream Series, it means on February 17, you are likely starting the race from Miami to Eleuthera. That particular group includes southern Bay racer, **Sledd Shelhorse** and the *Meridian XI* team. So, February may not look too bad. However, as Charles McDowell warns us all not to be fooled by February, saying, *"It is longer than the War of Austrian Succession and less exhilarating than the flu. It is the Silas Marner of all months."* Mr McDowell has a lot more specifics about February in his missive, **Only 8 More Weeks 'Til February Ends**.

Punxsutawney Phil will make his 135th prediction tomorrow Feb.2nd, Groundhog Day, of the arrival of Spring 2021. You can watch Phil exit his Gobbler's Knob burrow tomorrow morning at <https://www.visitpa.com/article/groundhog-day>. Remember – If Phil sees his shadow, he is usually startled and scuttles back into his burrow for another 6 weeks of Winter. If Phil is not startled and stays above ground, look for an early SPRING. The "dot connectors" agree that a cloudy day tomorrow may be best for sailboat enthusiast looking for warmer weather sooner.



2021 SOUTHERN CHESAPEAKE BAY BIG BOAT SCHEDULE is available.

*Request the schedule by email to mcbear@earthlink.net or hit "reply". Just say "2021 Schedule" on the Subj: line. You will receive the schedule by return email. **Get Ready to race your brains out!***

TO DO LIST: Get your new *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024* – available info on book and/or app at US SAILING website. Check the date of expiration on your PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate.. Talk to the boss at your boat yard and get on the Splash List with the date you need. Remember Valentine's Day. Talk to you sailmaker to set a date for a setup/test run with your new sail(s). Arrange a date

when the crew can gather and tend the bottom, wax the hull, and clean the winches – think lots of pizza and beverages. Remember Valentine's Day.



SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK

UPDATE. Race Announcement available at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14283>

- includes entry (on-line and paper forms), early bird specials, current entries and scratch sheet, racing formats, etc. *Special U20 North American Championship addendum is posted at official notice board and documents as well as Condo Cruising Fleet flyer.* **Classes in each of the 3 SBRW 2021 Divisions are open and entries are getting onboard.** As of Jan 31: *PHRF Division: Super A: Meridian XI (Shelhorse); Riff Raff (DeLoatch). A: Feather (Briggs). B: Shenanigan (Booth); Dark Star (Savage); Bad Habit (Archer); Mad Hatter (Fleck); Goin' (Hannick). C: Callinectes (Cuker). ONE-DESIGN Division: Ultimate 20 (North American Championship): Mighty Mouse (Wiggins); Semantics (Decker). Viper 640: Vapor Trails (Wheeler), Eight Second Ride (S.Taylor). S2 7.9: Three S2ges (Schuster/Shantz/Mastracci). J24: Roundabout (Bomar). CRUISING DIVISION: Obsession (Ripley); Aspire (Speed); Reg Frog (Goodman).* **Opening/Welcome for SBRW 2021 is Thursday, June 3, with Racing Fri, June 4, Sat, June 5, and Sun June 6. *Y'all Come Racing!***



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, will be watching Punxsutawney Phil, The Prognosticator of Prognosticators, exit his burrow tomorrow atSUNRISE (they say). The group honcho-ing all the groundhog pomp and circumstance is known as *The Inner Circle*. The Inner Circle members are the group pictured, with Phil front row-center, in top hats at the top of the webpage <https://www.visitpa.com/article/groundhog-day>. So, since seeing that picture, the Murphster is asking – Where's MY posse? The Murphster will not even require formal hats - bring a milkbone, though. Ahooooo. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.**

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