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

APRIL FOOLS DAY , April 1st, is THIS COMING THURSDAY!

EASTER is this coming SUNDAY, April 4th!

SPRING RACING SEASON – on the verge!



WAKE UP THE CREW! Got to get ready to GO RACING!

Rattle your bones. Chip off the rust. Get a move on.

- **CCVR had their 2021 Racing Guide Pick Up** Saturday early-evening. Racers stopped by to get their *Guide* and to say hello. Membership (and the accompanying *Guide*) is still available – click on www.ccvracing.usa for membership forms, payment, etc. Contact CCVR Commodore Vicki Bristow or Vice Commodore Benedikt Zihlmann or Greg Cutter, Christina Ritger, or other CCV Board members regarding future pick-up of the *Guide* or other questions concerning membership.
- **A primo example of focused preparation:** One southern Bay sailor, in a recent email to his one-design mates, declared that he was about to get his Covid shot, in his words, “as step #1 in my 2021 Racing Campaign.” Has anyone had a “root canal and cap” in the interest of being able to bite open a post-race brewski?

April is upon us and so is the 2021 SOUTHERN BAY RACING SEASON !!!

There is a lot to “opening” your racing season. Boats need special attention, crew need updates on schedules, and, especially this year, racers need to make up for lost time. To help sharpen the focus, here below is a list of races in the very near future. They are **early season events** and dates for the big boat regattas of interest to Southern Bay Racers. Beginning next week details for each coming weekend of racing will appear in *SBRNYCU*. Be on the water in a sailboat – it’s good for the spirit and the soul.

For Starters:

Apr 7 Wed Mid-Week Racing opens at HYC, BBSA/Little Creek, YRYC
Apr 8 Thur Mid-Week Racing opens at BBSA/Willoughby
Apr 11 Sun CCVR Tune-Up Races
Apr 18 Sun CCVR Spring Series opens – Races 1 & 2
Apr 21 Wed RRYC Typhoon Spring Series begins
Apr 23 Fri NYCC Friday Series begins
Apr 24 Sat FBYC Spring Series 1
Apr 25 Sun CCVR Spring Series – Race 3 (mid-distance race)
Apr 28 Wed YPRCC Spring Wednesdays begin

May 2 Sun CCVR Spring Series (finale) – Races 4 & 5
May 8 Sat OPCYC Yankee Station Series opens
May 8 Sat FBYC Spring 2
May 9 Sun MOTHERS DAY
May 14-16 Albemarle Sound sailing Assoc Regatta
May 15 Sat BBSA Cape Henry Cup
May 15 Sat YPRCC Spring Regatta
May 15-16 HYC Spring Fling (incl one design J24, Viper, Sonar)
May 16 Sun FBYC Spring Series 3
May 22 Sat FBYC Spring Series 4
May 28-29 *HYC/ST 71st Down the Bay Race
May 31 Mon MEMORIAL DAY

Multi-day Regattas:

Jun 3 (opening), 4, 5, & 6 – *SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK (HYC host/headquarters)
Aug 14-15 – BBSA Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup
Sep 3,4,5 – FBYC Stingray Point Regatta (Labor Day weekend)
Sep 26-27 – SMSA Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge
Oct 1-3 - RRYC Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta

***SPECIAL NOTE:** HYC, host club for both **Down the Bay Race** and **Southern Bay Race Week**, makes available as many slips as possible for competitors at a special rate, during these two back-to-back events. DTW racers staying for SBRW may leave the boat at HYC between the two events. For details and to get on the special slip reservations list, skippers should contact HYC Manager, Rich Ash, at 757-722-0711 asap. He'll need boat LOA, power requirements, beam, and draft. HYC also provides complimentary rafting and launching/hauling for participants – click on event website <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14283> and then click on “Documents”, “Docking-Launching-Hauling” for details.

2021 SOUTHERN CHESAPEAKE BAY BIG BOAT SCHEDULE is available by email request to mcbear@earthlink.net or hit “reply” to this issue of SBRNYCU. Just say “2021 Schedule” on the Subj: line.



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is aware that sailing season is sliding up on us, somewhat like the *fog on cats paws* that sailors all know about. Get the crew together and get the boat squared away in her slip. Get in as many practices as you can and plan on the mid-week racing opportunities and for sure the April 11th Tune-Up Races. You've done every zoom refresher available on racing practices, rules, and boat maintenance. Put the boat together and get on the water on the first decent day. One more thing – remember to do **Man Overboard Drills**, early and often.



/S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

PHOTO: Rigging out. Ali-Ru / John Lones

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