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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

LET THE RACING BEGIN! April is here and so are *RACING* opportunities on the southern Bay.

Some tips for a smooth beginning to your 2021 season:

- Some events have changed their entry procedures, e.g. CCVR requires all entries be submitted electronically through their website and by the stated deadline. Check out the event's NOR, no matter the organizer. And, enter early, just to be sure you have checked all the blocks.
- Be sure you have up-to-date handicap certificates and/or one-design class certificates. Again, most groups are dealing with certificate renewal electronically – it's quicker and usually easier for all concerned.
- Get on your sailmaker's schedule now, if you are looking for an "advisory ride" promised with your new sails. Wednesday or Thursday night races often are good opportunities.
- Some one-design classes now require their members to have bow numbers (usually same as the hull or sail number) on the boat – check with your class.
- If you plan to stay at the regatta site, MAKE RESSIES FOR YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS early. SBRW (June 3-6), Cape Charles Cup (Aug 14-15, with Eastern Shore overnight), and Stingray Point (Labor Day weekend) are prime examples.
- ENTER as EARLY as you can – usually organizers are planning way in advance, and the sooner they know you are coming, the better the plans.



Check these out and get out there THIS WEEK:

MID-WEEK series opening include:

WEDNESDAY (April 7th):

- **HYC Granddaddy of Wednesday Nights** - First WARNING at 1800 (6:00PM) at CCV Mark A (Day Beacon "4" – Hampton Bar). All races are in the Harbor. Starting System RRS 26 will be used. Two non-spin fleet starts (split at PHRF 145) and one spinnaker fleet start. The order-of-finish times are posted, but handicap corrections are not. OPEN TO ALL, no entry fee, HOWEVER each skipper is asked to fill out an Entry Form before racing in this series. **The HYC Wednesday Night Brochure contains the 2021 up-to-date event racing information and is available in the red box in the HYC Dockside Lounge** . For additional info, please contact John McCarthy at 757-850-4225. This series runs every Wednesday through September 29th .
- **BBSA/Little Creek Sailing Association Wednesday Nights** - These races (25 Wednesdays) take place in the southern Bay, off the Little Creek entrance. Racing begins at 6:00PM. Starts for spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets. For details click on www.broadbaysailing.org or contact Andy Spittler, LCSA series chairman.
- **York River Yacht Club Wednesday Night Racing** – Racing begins at 1700 / 5:00PM. For event details and contact information, click on <http://yryc.org/events/wednesday-night-racing-2021-2021-04-07/>

THURSDAY (April 8th):

- **BBSA/Willoughby Racers Thursday Night Racing** – These races take place in Willoughby Bay on Thursday nights. . First warning is at 1800 and there are starts for spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets. The summer schedule is broken into 3 separate series. For up-to-date details, click on <https://broadbaysailing.org/WRHome> or contact Willoughby Racers Coordinator Curt Hauger at 757-270-6032.

Skipper and Crew Rust Removal Races!

SUNDAY (April 11th): CCV Racing offers the TUNE-UP RACES. There will be racing for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker fleets. Races will take place in the Harbor. START is at CCV Racing Mark A (Harbor). **For the event NOR, click on <http://ccvracing.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021-CCVR-Tune-Up-Race-Circular-Final.pdf>** . **FREE, but please complete entry process. ENTER ON LINE at <http://ccvracing.us/race-registration/>** For additional information contact race chairman Greg Cutter at 757-439-1281.

HEY SAILORS! SPINSHEET MAGAZINE APRIL ISSUE is up on the website. Click here to read and share: <https://www.spinsheet.com/read-spinsheet-online>

ULTIMATE 20 Class will be sailing its 2021 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP at SBRW 2021. Of the current early entries, 2 hail from Mooresville, NC, 1 from Columbia, SC, and 2 from Maryland – Stevensville and Annapolis.

Boat naming can be a touchy topic, especially for racers. When Rusty Burshell set about replacing his beloved J30, *COOL CHANGE*, he settled on a Melges 24. The choice has moved the skipper and crew into a faster boat and up into PHRF A on the southern Bay. Determined to keep *COOL* in the name and the memories, they have settled on *THIS IS COOL* for the “new adventure”. Look for the white hull with number 414 on the bow.



SBRW 2021 Update: The SBRW first 40 *Early Birds* are already entered. PHRF Division fleets total just over half of the current entries, with a balanced distribution among Super A, A, B, and Non-Spin. In the One-Design Division, the VIPER 640 class has met the minimum requirement (4) already and so has the ULTIMATE 20 class, sailing their North American Championship at SBRW 2021. The S2 7.9 and the J24 classes have their first entries on board, and other classes are expected. The Cruising Division has a great early group for the Cruiser Fleet and the newly organized Condo Cruisers Fleet is open with its first entry. Fleets may be split, depending on numbers. Current (real time) entries list and scratch sheet are available at the SBRW Yacht Scoring link shown below.

Remember, the *SBRW Early Bird* entry discounts are available until April 30th – after that date, they fly away! To ENTER ON-LINE click on <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14283> For paper (mail-in) entry, print down form by clicking on “Documents” and follow the instruction on the form. OR, contact Lin at 757-850-4225.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows there is a lot involved in being ready the first time the crew is together heading out for the practice or warm-up sail. A whole lot of the preparation involves personal gear. Since the temperatures can be iffy in early April on the southern Bay, there are issues. For instance, warm and fuzzy but light weight and pliable is a must for your outer covering - The Murphster comes with a natural set. Some crew *always* go barefooted – to calm the shoe mavens, put strips of non-skid on your foot pads. If your skipper is adverse (most are) to installing cushions on the deck for rail-riders, install a thin layer of foam on your “trailing bundle” (Be prepared for snide remarks about “couch potato poundage”!). And, try to find a warm crew beanie that is decorated with tropical flowers, so you can wear it into the warm late afternoons and still be fashion compliant. LET THE RACING BEGIN! Ahooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all* .



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