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

CCV MOONLIGHT TRIANGLE RACE: Race Abandoned. A mark of the course was missing. It started out as a warm, breezy night on the Bay for 27 boats intending to race in the CCVR Moonlight Triangle. The moonlight journey in the lower Chesapeake off Buckroe/Ft Monroe, turned out to be a nice, early evening sail. . . but not a race. Well into the first hour, racers called back to the race committee to report that the first mark of the distance race course (MoA-Tail of the Horseshoe) was m-i-s-s-i-n-g. The RC had no alternative but to abandon the race. Dixon Wilde, race chairman, used all means of communication available to contact and inform racers (VHF, cell phone, relay messages among the racers, etc.) of the abandonment. *KUDOS* to the race committee for monitoring the return of the boats to the harbor area until midnight. Most racers on the southern Bay have at one time or another experienced the ramifications (race abandonment) of a "missing mark". It's a big beautiful body of water, and there are a zillion marks out there. The marks: they drift, they break free and wander, they are relocated, they are pulled up, they are collided and entangled with, and a sundry of other things happen. Most of the time, they are faithfully on station, but sometimes not. It's part of the charm of sailboat racing.



Racing for the Checkered Flag – HAMPTON SPRINTS fleet is building. July 31st, the day of racing in Hampton Roads harbor is a series of short windward-leeward races in very small fleets (3-5 boats) designed to produce close, exciting big boat racing with a one-design feel. Multiple races (6 are scheduled), one lap around a short 1.3 nm course. **There will be groups racing spinnaker as well as non-spinnaker.** **Already entered are: *Voodoo2 / Leroi Lissenden * Vapor Trails / Mark Wheeler * Callinectes / Benjamin Cuker * Knot Hunter / Justin Morris * Cowboy / Gordon Edwards * Thistledowne / Bill McClure *; Feather / Phil Briggs * Riff Raff / Don DeLoatch * Bad Habit / Bob Archer * Wairere / Pete Hunter **** **Entry Fee is \$30 and includes, Welcome/Skippers Meeting Friday evening, June 30 at HYC, post-race Awards Presentation Party Saturday, July 31 at HYC, hotdogs, beer, and soft drinks included, and the best day of racing imaginable.** To receive ENTRY FORM and Race Circular, email Lin Mc mcbear@earthlink.net or call (757) 850-4225. Entering is easy – you'll be able to email, mail, or phone in your entry information. **Better ENTER NOW – groups are being formed and you want to be part of the action!**

CCVR is offering the first-ever **Triple Tunnel Terror Race on THIS COMING SATURDAY, July 24th**. It's a pursuit race, with the first boat to start at 0800 / 8am. The Entry Deadline is 1800 / 6pm Thursday, July 22. CCVR will post each competitor's starting time on the CCVR website not later than 1700 / 5pm Friday, July 23. There is an 2000 / 8pm Time Limit for the race. Anyone not finished by the Time Limit, is scored DNF (Did Not Finish). For Notice of Race click on <http://ccvracing.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CCVR-2021-Triple-Tunnel-Terror.pdf> For additional info contact race committee chairman Greg Cutter at 757-439-1281.

FBYC MOONLIGHT RACE - July 24 – Race #3 in the Long Distance Series. This is a one-race event for PHRF SPINNAKER A, B, C, NON-SPIN & Limited Crew sailboats (holding valid PHRF of the Chesapeake PHRF certificates), CHESSS, and FBYC CRUISING (sailboats having handicap ratings issued by FBYC). PHRF NON-SPIN will be sailed allowing only one (1) headsail downwind. First warning is at 1930 / 7:30pm. For safety equipment listings click on <https://www.fbyc.net/events/2021/210724-offshore-delta-dash-ds-3/> Race Chairman – H. Bradshaw Squires

Calling all rockstars and sailing mavens - if your sailing schedule has August 24th to 28th open, you might want to hitch a ride on one of the TP52s racing on the Bay of Palma in Mallorca, Spain. They will be racing at the **Puerto Portals 52 Super Series Sailing Week & TP52 20th Anniversary Invitational**. Read all about the boats and the event at <https://www.sail-world.com/news/239363/> , courtesy Sail-World.com.

CAPE CHARLES CUP (August 14-15) update: The early entries are in and reflect a healthy entry count in all PHRF class fleets, Cruising Fleet, and CRCA non-spinnaker and spinnaker fleets. The multihull fleet is open and has its first entry. Details regarding **Friday Skippers Meeting (August 13)**, Saturday dockage at Cape Charles and social activities ashore are available in the **NOTICE OF RACE** at www.CCCup.net , see **Critical Documents list**. For additional information, contact Al Brazzi at 757-943-7860. **Racing:** Saturday- Norfolk (off Little Creek) to Cape Charles. Sunday- Cape Charles to finish line off Buckroe – Ft Monroe area. Racing for PHRF classes, Cruising Fleet, and CRCA handicap classes and Multihulls. Principal Race Officer: Bob Magoon. **Entries CLOSE at 1200 / noon, August 9.** The 2021 Leo Wardrup Memorial CAPE CHARLES CUP is on track and returning in full force to Cape Charles after being forced by covid to stay in home waters in 2020. **Take your dancing boat shoes and party spirits for Saturday night on the Eastern Shore!**

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May your next race be filled with lots of lifted tacks,

/s/ The Staff and Murphy



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle,* knows mark rounding stories will have the spotlight this week in southern Bay racers cockpits and on the rails. So, here's one the Murphster knows for a fact happened. We were racing on a weekend, and preparing to round a red sea buoy off the carrier piers. The spinnaker pole “got loose” and knocked a crewmate off the boat. . . on to the red sea buoy! He was and still is a savvy sailor. Knowing we had to finish the race with the same crew we started with, he clung tenaciously to the big red buoy until we returned on the next leg and plucked him off. We didn't do very well in the race, but we got a lot better with our chute douses ! And, the crewbie, to this day has a clinical phobia of territorial seagulls that perch on buoys. Ahoooo! */S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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