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

FROSTBITE #3: So. . . there was *too much wind* for Frostbite #2 and, Mother Nature being as fickle as she is, there was *not enough wind* yesterday for Frostbite #3. That leaves two more racing opportunities to go along with FROSTBITE #1 for the 2021 series standings. Practice your [Racing Breezes dances](#) all week! This coming weekend is **FROSTBITE #4 - Sunday, Nov. 21** OPEN TO ALL. Racing will take place every remaining Sunday through November 28th. Racing will be in the Harbor with the first signal at 1200 / NOON each Sunday. Racing is offered for PHRF Classes A, B/C, & N (double Headsail allowed), as well as CRUISING (single headsail only- no spins). Racers may enter single race(s) -\$35@ or save moolah on the entire 5 races Series rate - \$75. Entries should be delivered to: Race Committee (Frostbite Series), Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Blvd., Hampton, VA 23669. ENTRIES ARE DUE by 1200 / noon the day before the race. Daily awards will be presented in the HYC Dockside Lounge after each race. Series awards will be presented at the HYC Annual Awards Night in December. **For details and requirements see NOR / Race Circular - click on <https://hamptonyc.com/events/2021-fall-frostbite-series/>** For info and TO ENTER contact PRO Brian Deibler at (757) 715-8977.

MERIDIAN XI, Sledd Shelhorse's Carkeek 40, traveled to Florida over the weekend to race in the first race of the SORC 2021-2022 Season – the NASSAU CUP OCEAN RACE. *Meridian* finished 3rd in the ORC 1 Division, behind Hooligan (TP52, Cleveland), and Chessie Racing (Tripp 62, Miami Beach) For complete results, click on https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=14615 Sailing on *Meridian* were: **Skipper Graham Garrenton; Mark Wheeler (navigator), Dave Flynn (main trimmer), Greg Gendell (bow), Jeremiah Dull (spinnaker trimmer), Beau Warren (runners), Max Plarr (offside trimmer), Michael Collins (pit), Patrick O'Connor (boat captain), Liam Harr, and Keenan Hilsinger.** Fourteen (14) boats, in 3 ORC Divisions raced the 180 miles from Miami to Nassau.

RACING TO HONOR VETS. Little Creek Sailing Association (LCSA/BBSA), one of two racing groups within Broad Bay Sailing Association – the other being Willoughby Racers (WR/BBSA) – came up with an idea and took action. Andy Spittler and Randy Goodman, both key players in the BBSA racing program, set about having a non-spinnaker club race for BBSA members on the weekend following Veterans Day (Thursday, Nov 11th). Anyone on the water in the Hampton Roads area on Saturday, knows it got pretty *BREEZY* – some reported as high as 25 knots sustained. Despite conditions, seven LCSA skippers with crew raced around a 4.6nm course off the entrance to Little Creek (Norfolk) and gave life to the LCSA Veterans Race. RESULTS: 1. **BLACK WIDOW, Ken Copeland / Carl Gade / Al Girardin; 2. BRITTANY, Rudy Eash; 3. RED FROG, Randy Goodman.** For complete results available at <https://broadbaysailing.org/LCSAResults>

HOSPICE CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA. Keep fingers crossed for the Southern Bay and beyond Hospice Regattas winners who will be at the **Hospice Regatta Championships in Charleston this coming Thursday through Sunday.** The competitors will be sailing J-22s. On the list from the southern Bay is **Win Schwab** representing the *HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT (Irvington, VA/ RRYC & YPRCC)*. And from neighboring “beyond” come **Pete Marriott**, and **Steve Shaw**, both from Lake Norman, NC, and

Fredrik Salvesen, Annapolis, MD and Bill Fitzgerald, Havre de Grace, MD. For championship event details, click on <http://hospiceregattas.org/hospice-regattas-championship-scheduled-for-november/>

LASER MASTERS WORLDS are underway in Barcelona, Spain. The 241 entries from 29 countries are listed at the event site <https://sailing.laserinternational.org/public/site/event-site/130/entrylist>. The event runs Nov 11th thru Nov 20th. There's not much posted on results yet, but *AFLOAT, Ireland's Sailing, Boating, & Maritime Magazine*, has an up-to-date report on early racing and mentions, USA competitors ". . . *Peter Hurley of the United States finished first in the Masters division, with fellow countryman Ernesto Rodriguez in second, and Australia's Chris Caldecoat in third. The Grand Masters are led by another American, Robert Hallawell. . . .*" See pictures and the entire report at https://afloat.ie/sail/sailing-classes/laser/item/52630-irish-laser-master-sailors-go-in-search-of-more-medals-in-barcelona?mc_cid=830a2e79c0&mc_eid=de26fb1cf8

The 44th annual GABOON RACE is set for Sunday, Dec 5. Phil Briggs, who has organized, managed and nurtured all 43 prior Gaboons, is ready to receive entries and answer questions. The GABOON is a staggered start race, with the first boat to start doing so at 1300 / 1pm. Individual boat start times will be posted at the registration table in the HYC Lounge on race day. The order of individual boat start times is determined by applying the PHRF handicap (Circular Random) and if appropriate, Non-Spinnaker credits. The key in pursuit, aka staggered start, races is that the slower boats get head starts on the faster boats. For the umpteenth time on the southern Bay, racers will be expecting to arrive at the finish line together, all having played out their handicap correction at the beginning to the race. The theory of the unified finish has not proved out yet, but ... *quien sabe* – this could be the race. Click on <https://hamptonyc.com/events/44th-annual-gaboon-race/> to see a copy of the GABOON **Notice of Race** which includes the location of the start/finish line, the CCV Harbor Marks of the course, time limit, length of the course (8.0 nm), entry deadline time (1230 / 12:30pm) on race day, and more. OPEN TO ALL. TO ENTER submit your (CBYRA) entry form and fee (\$30) to: Race Committee (Gaboon Race), Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, VA 23669. "**All boats must meet PHRF of the Chesapeake Near Shore Safety and Equipment Requirements and have a current, valid PHRF certificate. Crew limits do not apply.**" (NOR) For additional information or questions concerning the GABOON, please call Phil Briggs at 757-719-0386 (cell).

ANGRY ORCAS – Not something you want to experience. Seems Orcas in the vicinity of Spain, Portugal and Gibraltar, have taken a liking to chewing on sailboat rudders. Take a moment to digest that finding. Now add this factoid: ORCAS are not whales; they are the largest member of the dolphin family. Orcas have a life span of 80 years, can grow to 32 feet and weigh in at 6 tons. So, while you may not be among those who will sail through the Gibraltar Strait any time soon, as a southern Chesapeake Bay racer you will certainly spy and sail along with friendly dolphins. Consider this - What if the angry old orca of the family decides to travel to the Virginia for a visit? Be prepared. Check out **YACHTING MONTHLY**, "*Encounters with orcas & how to protect your boat*" by Katy Stickland, November 9, 2021 <https://www.yachtingmonthly.com/sailing-skills/encounters-with-orcas-how-to-protect-your-boat-81741>



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, has never encountered an ORCA. But, GEEZI!, the Murphster wonders, has anybody seen "JAWS"? "We're gonna need a bigger boat!" /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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