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APRIL FOOLS DAY is this coming FRIDAY! Be careful out there! 😊

NATHANAEL G. HERRESHOFF TROPHY awarded to **GARY BODIE**. This past Thursday, March 24th, in San Francisco, the annual US Sailing Association Awards were celebrated at St. Francis Yacht Club. Award winners were honored for their contributions to the sport of sailing, from racing to race management. Receiving the highest honor US Sailing bestows was southern Bay racer, **GARY BODIE** (Hampton, Virginia), former college coach, Olympic team coach and High-Performance Director of the US Team as well as a visionary, a do-er, and a mover and shaker in youth sailing at the local and national level. Gary received the **Nathanael G. Herreshoff (2021)** for his extraordinary contributions to the sport of sailing. Read all about Gary's accomplishments and other US Sailing award winners for 2021 at <https://www.ussailing.org/news/us-sailing-association-awards-honor-contributions-to-the-sport/> Gary has asked that the Herreshoff Trophy be displayed for the coming year at his home club, Hampton Yacht Club. KUDOS, Gary Bodie!

TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT! Monday, March 28th- CCV will distribute their **2022 CCV Racing Guide** at a gathering in the *Commodore's Dining Room (upstairs) at Hampton Yacht Club, beginning at 6PM.* There will be a short presentation on the plans for the 2022 season followed by the distribution of the **Guide to CCVR members.** See www.ccvracing.us for details and info on the **CCV racing schedule, how to enter the races, and how to sign up for your 2022 CCVR Membership.** If you are not already a CCVR member, come tonight, join/register for CCVR, and get your copy of the *Guide.*

FIDDLERS GREEN: The southern Bay racing community lost a long time member earlier this month. **Robert Harrell**, age 100, passed from us on March 15th. Robert sailed in the Hampton-One Design class for more than 50 years, and was HOD state and national champion five times. He was a native of Norfolk, and graduate of Virginia Tech, received a commission in the Navy, but, because of a bout with polio, served at the Norfolk Navy Yard (Portsmouth, VA) until the end of WWII. Robert led an active and fruitful life, in which sailing played an important part for himself and his family. May he *Rest in Peace* and condolences are extended his to friends and family.

Robert Nelson Harrell, Sr. obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/pilotonline/name/robert-harrell-obituary?id=33680318>

The inaugural ANNUAL HOSPICE ONE DESIGN REGATTA, hosted by Hampton Yacht Club, will be this April 9 & 10 and will be open to all One-Design Classes under 25', including, but not limited to: Melges 15, Viper 640, Melges 24, J24, 505, Lightning, Hampton One-Design, Sonar, and ILCA. This regatta replaces the annual HYC Spring Regatta. HYC is joining with the **Hospice House of Hampton Roads and the National Hospice Alliance** to run the new event. All proceeds will benefit the **Hospice House of Hampton Roads.** To see the Notice of Race and entry information, click on <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/xt8OjstwxQ> For information about **Hospice House of Hampton Roads-** <https://www.hospicehousehr.org>. Event Coordinator: Max Plarr (757) 722-0711; Principal Race Officer: John McCarthy (757) 850-4225. All entries must be made electronically at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/xt8OjstwxQ> Entries will not be accepted after 1800, Friday, April 8. As of yesterday, the MELGES 15 and the VIPER 640 classes lead entries with 4 each, and there at 2 J24s entered. The deadline for entries is April 8th. That's only 10 days away. Those planning for the racing as well as shoreside activities for this very worthwhile event would very much appreciate racers entering now, rather than waiting until later. It's gonna be a good time and it's for a really, really good cause!

For BIG BOAT RACERS, APRIL is the beginning of everything good!

Before Easter (April 17), racers will have assembled, raced and, dissected the outcomes of most of the following events. Have a great time!

Apr 6 Wed HYC Hampton Wednesday Night Racing begins
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Apr 6 Wed YRYC York River Wednesday Night Racing begins
Apr 7 Thur BBSA Willoughby Thursday Night Racing begins
Apr 9-10 Sat-Sun HYC Annual Hospice One-Design Regatta (under 25')
Apr 10 Sun CCVR Tune-Up Races

SOUTHERN BAY RACING ROAD WARRIORS:

The southern Chesapeake Bay big boats have their first major multi-day, weekend regatta of the season the first weekend in June (2nd-5th) – Southern Bay Race Week. Before that, there are two big events on the Atlantic Seaboard – one at the very end of April and one in mid-May. Southern Bay racers will be “tuning up” at both events, a lot as crew on registered boats. At **Charleston Race Week** – April 28 – May 1, southern Bay racers, **Rob Gorman**, has *Surrender to the Flow*, in the J70 class, and **Steve Taylor** has his Viper 640, *Eight Second Ride* entered. Closer to home, on May 13-15, southern Bay racers will be in Annapolis at the **Helly Hansen/Sailing World Regatta Series – Annapolis**, otherwise, formerly and maybe forever, known as the **Annapolis NOODS** (National Offshore One Design regatta). Already entered are: **David Pryor/Hat Trick**, in the Etchells class, **Ian Hill/Sitella**, in the J111 class, **Steve Taylor/ Eight Second Ride**, **Justin Morris/ Knot Hunter**, **Vir Menon/Rolling Thunder**, and **Mark Wheeler/Vapor Trails**, all in the Viper 640 class.

BEWARE!

It is SPRING, a time when racers are especially busy scheduling travel to regattas and making accommodations arrangements. **PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR THIS RECENT, PREVALENT INTERNET SCAM.** Recently there has been a spasm of **Third Party Booking Scams** experienced by people booking accommodations on-line. Be careful. Some not-so-scrupulous parties, have perfected ways to interject themselves into your booking process. They are pretty sly and can make their website look just like the website of your favorite hotel. You think you were making resses directly with the hotel, but . . . maybe not. IF the scammers scam you, the **third party** charge for “facilitating” your arrangements is tacked on in the charges you pay – often it the ubiquitous “FEES” listing. It may be best to telephone the hotel to make resses or confirm that the site is their proper site for making resses. And, **CAREFULLY CHECK ALL THE CHARGES, YOU ARE OK-ING at the end of the process!** **The hotels are not the bad guys and, you want to be sure you are dealing with them, not a rouge.** *NOTE: Special thanks to those who shared the details of their experiences with the booking scammers, so others can avoid it.*

SBRW Update: The first 40 early birds are already entered in SBRW 2022. Check out the current registration list and more at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14948> Regatta information of “Docking, Launching, and Hauling” and on “Accommodations” is posted – click on Official Documents. Racers may enter On-Line. If you are a PHRF class racer or racing in the ORC Cruiser fleet and do not yet have your PHRF valid rating, *you may still enter now* (so you do not miss the EARLY BIRD benefits) – SBRW will accept your rating up until June 3, when racing begins. Remember, SBRW Cruising racers receive their complimentary rating directly from the SBRW race committee (as they have for the past several years) and One Design racers do not have to have a handicap rating.



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is a firm believer in the joy instigated by April Fools Day antics. **Last year, though, my crewmates and I may have overdone it.** We obtained, with the help of our friendly sailmaker, a bushel bag full of spinnaker scraps that were the same colors as in our newest spinnaker. When the sailbags came on board the first day we went out to practice, we switched the heap of scraps with the actual chute. Imagine our skipper's face when he hollered, “HOIST!” and a disintegrating clump and then. . . a cloud of bits and pieces filled the air. Then, a stream of harsh words flew forth from the cockpit, as we crewbies rolled on the deck and laughed and laughed and hollered “APRIL FOOL!” /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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