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SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings.

Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE. Presented by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, on **January 1, 2023 !** Notice of Race, with starting time details, post-race party plans, registration, and everything you need to do the FIRST RACE OF THE 2023 season will be up at the OPCYC website no later than this weekend. Check at <https://www.opcyc.org/copy-of-regattas-and-registration> for the **2023** Dana Dillon Memorial Race.

Here is a special invitation to race from Jeff Rogers, Race Captain, OPCYC.

Jeff said: Please tell 'em that we'll have the signup page and NOR updated within a couple of days, certainly by this weekend. Everything will be virtually the same as in past years. Tell them that in Dana's honor, I'll buy a beer for anyone who wears a 2000 or even 2001 New Year's Madness T-Shirt on race day! (Dana was my First Mate on Halaha, and I was his on Amarylyn) Tell them I promise it will be sunny and 65 degrees, and the wind will be 10-12 from the Southwest, with an ebb current on race day, so come on out!

The New Year's Madness Race was Dana Dillon's idea and it began on January 1, 2000, when popular belief, driven by unfounded hysteria, dictated that at the moment of the change of the century all of our computer systems would fall into chaos and thus the world would cease to function. However, the world struggled on. . . and the race was a success and still is today!

This race is a staggered start/pursuit race, that starts at the Hampton YC docks and finishes in Mill Creek at OPCYC. There is a gathering pre-race on race day morning at the HYC lounge (see NOR for details) and a post-race awards party at OPCYC.

45th Annual GABOON RACE. Nineteen (19) southern Bay racers turned out for the 45th GABOON this past Saturday. Mother Nature provided sufficient wind for racing around the 8 nm course on the sunny but cold afternoon. This was the first race since the event visionary and administrator (of all previous 44 races), Phil Briggs, pass last April. The race went off according to Phil's carefully preserved plan for the classic staggered start/pursuit race. RESULTS: Overall: 1.Justin Morris, KNOT HUNTER, Viper 640; 2.Will Roberts, REMEDY, J36; 3.Christian Schaumloffel, MYRAGE, Hobie 33. FLEET Winners: PHRF A-Justin Morris, KNOT HUNTER, Viper 640; PHRF B-Dave Taylor, WHAM BAM, Andrews 27; PHRF C-Alan Bomar, roundabout, J24. Principal Race Officer: John McCarthy; Starter: Buk Lawrence. For complete results, click <https://www.hamptonyc.com/gaboon-results>. Event PHOTOGRAPHS: Two photographers took pictures of the Gaboon Race and are happy to share. Joe Lupton (757-287-4613) took boats at the start and finish; Gregory O'Mara (970-485-4330) was crewing on *Virginia H III* and took shots on the course.

Click on the banner and enjoy your December SpinSheet!

2023 Southern Chesapeake Bay Big Boat Schedule is available.

You may obtain the schedule from your southern Bay club or sailing association OR, you may request an electronic copy by emailing SBRNYCU (click "reply", or email mcbear@earthlink.net) *Subj: 2023 Big Boats Schedule.* Indicate which DIVISION, NORTH, SOUTH, or both.

End of Season Award was all tied up. . . 3 boats were tied after 9 race season.

The prestigious HYC CUP was award Tuesday night. From among the 43 boats participating in the competition for the HYC Cup, three competitors, stood on the podium tied for 1st: Doug Miller, *FOLLY* (Morgan 24, PHRF 237); Alan Bomar, *ROUNDAABOUT* (J24, PHRF 171), and Rusty Burchell, *THIS IS COOL* (Melges 24, PHRF 90). After two rounds of tie-breaking, Rusty Burchell, *THIS IS COOL* was proclaimed the 2022 winner. All were 24 footers, but the similarity stopper there, witness the PHRF ratings. Yet each hammered through the season and competed with dissimilar boats – bless the handicappers. The ratings proved fair.

Remember the call for donations of old sails put out by a group of students at North Carolina State university? Steve Harris at Osprey Yacht Club took on the task to find and collect any donations from the eastern Virginia-North Carolina area. Today a batch of sails was transferred from Mary Spencer (Mrs. Bill Spencer) in Deltaville, VA, by her son-in-law, Eddie Gay of White Stone, VA, to Steve Harris, who had driven up to Hampton, VA from Hertford, NC, to pick up the sails at the transfer point – the HYC parking lot . The sails will soon be in the hands of the college students doing the textile research project for which they were needed. Kudos to Steve, Mary, and Eddie.

COMING TO THE SOUTHERN BAY in FEBRUARY 2023 !

- ***US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar – One Day - IN PERSON (not Zoom)***

Don't miss out – get your registration done. More than half of the available seats are taken – as of today, there are only 12 spots left.

SPECIAL NOTE: CBYRA is offering “scholarships” to CBYRA members; Once you have completed this Basic Race Management Seminar, you may apply to CBYRA for reimbursement of the \$40 US Sailing registration fee and \$20 of the refreshments charge. ***Participants must be residents of MD, VA, DE or DC.***

IN-PERSON US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar at Hampton Yacht Club

This is the updated US Sailing presentation for meeting pertinent certification requirements as a US Sailing Club Race Officer. It is also for those who, while not interested in certification, wish to dive a little deeper into the world of Race Committee. The seminar consists of one session **on Saturday, February 04, 2023, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.**

CLICK ON: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/resources/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>

[Scroll down the chronological listings to Basic Race Management Seminar at Hampton Yacht Club 2/04/2022](#) 

[Enroll Now](#)

US Sailing Course Registration fee is \$40. Additional charge of \$25 will be *collected at the seminar* to cover cost of lunch and additional refreshments for each participant.

[For additional info contact:](#)

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IN-PERSON:

The Instructors are:

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- ***MORNING WITH MURPHY Racing Rules Seminar – February 18, 2023***

WHEN A PROPER COURSE . . .AIN'T ALL THAT PROPER

What you want to know about proper course . . . and when what applies

THIS SEMINAR IS IDEAL FOR SKIPPERS AND PEOPLE WHO CREW

Saturday, February 18, 2023 0900 - 1200 (noon)

Old Dominion University – Constant Hall

Host Organization – Broad Bay Sailing Association

Presented by John McCarthy in his “Rules Made Easy” style. No rule numbers, recitation, or memorization - just concepts to help you know how to react in real situations. John is a US Sailing Advanced Race Officer and Course Instructor.

Registration Fee:

\$20 includes refreshments, coffee and pastries, at registration and breaks.

Proceeds go to the host organization, BBSA.

TO REGISTER and pay fee (\$20) please click on:

<https://broadbaysailing.org/event-5027594>

Dear Readers,

It is holiday season, making everyone's schedule fuller than normal. Murphy the Racing Beagle, and the rest of the *SBRNYCU* Staff, will take a break so as to be able to enjoy the holidays to the fullest. Expect your next issue of *SBRNYCU* on Monday, January 2nd, 2023. Best wishes to you all and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May Santa leave a set of new sails under your Christmas tree! May all your tacks be lifted in 2023!

Murphy and Staff

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MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, knows the H-O-L-I-D-A-Y-S are here!* The Murphster has been recalling racers gathering at local sail lofts on cold, late December afternoons, including Dan and Sam Winter's loft where Fisherman's Punch was for all who stopped by and Kenny Saylor's North team hosting an annual gathering in his loft, and there were others around the region. The thoughts put the Murphster in holiday party mode. Today an active sail loft is a gift to a racing community and to those lofts we say "thank you" and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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