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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

CCVR 2023 RACING GUIDE pickup – THIS Monday EVENING at 6:00PM at Hampton Yacht Club in the Tom Brady Adult Sailing Center located at 525 Bridge Street, Hampton, the north end of the HYC

property. 2023 CCVR Members, i.e. those who have paid 2023 dues, receive a free copy of the new GUIDE at this meeting. To pay 2023 CCVR dues, click on <https://ccvracing.us/membership-info/>. The ON-LINE link for paying dues is at the bottom of the page. **For additional info: 2023 CCVR Racing Director: Andy Armstrong – 757-679-1704; 2023 CCVR Commodore: Bendikt Zihlmann – 757-926-9671.**



Murphy the Racing Beagle notes that **SPRING EQUINOX** at 5:24PM EDT TODAY is exactly 6 minutes before official opening of the *CCV Racing Guide* distribution meeting. So, everyone picking up their copy of the *Guide* will also have been properly *EQUINOXED!*

There's a **new boat in the southern Bay racing fleet** –the southern Bay PHRF fleet welcomes **Intrepid Ms. Molly, Don DeLoach's** newly acquired Melges 24. Don bought the boat from the McIntosh family of Savannah and credits southern Bay ex-patriot **Mark Newman** with helping secure her. **Intrepid Ms. Molly** will be joining **Rusty Burshell's** Melges 24, **This Is Cool** in the fleet, and **Paul Clifford's** occasionally raced Melges 24, **BRD**.

The season's first official race will be, fittingly enough, on April Fool's Day (Saturday, April 1st). Alan Bomar has pulled together the **APRIL FOOL'S REGATTA** and racers may enter on-line and see the Notice of Race (NOR) at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/TVcBQ5zAEY>. This one day regatta kicks off the HYC One-Design season. Expected One-Design Classes include, but are not limited to, ILCAs, VIPER 640s, Sonars, J24s, and Hampton One Designs (HODs). To be eligible for a class start, a class must have at least three boats entered and paid by 11:59pm, on **March 25th**. (THIS COMING SATURDAY) ENTRIES: must be done electronically and submitted via ClubSpot at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/TVcBQ5zAEY>. Entry fee is \$35 if received prior to March 26 – an additional \$20 late fee will be applied after March 25. No entries will be received after 0900/9:00am Saturday, April 1st. Details on free berthing and launching, race area and courses, availability of Sailing Instructions, radios, the event schedule, scoring, and trophies are available in the NOR. Alan has said that records show the typical air temp on April Fool's Day will be 50F and the water temp will be 50F. BTW, Alan will be celebrating his BIRTHDAY on April 1st – that number is unlisted!

Saturday, APRIL 2, CCVR will conduct the **CCVR TUNE-UP RACE**. NO ENTRY FEE, but you must register. Click on www.ccvracing.us/racing

Here's an update video on the **HOOPER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE**. Courtesy **Chesapeake Bay Magazine**, [Bay News](#), March 13, 2023. *New lighthouse owner prepares to see inside his fixer-upper for the first time.* Image: Cheryl Costello.

Rich Cucé, the man who bought the Hooper Island Lighthouse at auction for about \$190,000, made his first visit recently accompanied by Cheryl Costello of *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*. Click here to join the tour - <https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/video-new-lighthouse-owner-steps-inside-for-the-first-time/> SBRNYCU readers have followed the story of the lighthouse since it went up for auction. Now, a new part of the saga begins – The Restoration.

Here are some RESOURCE LINKS you may want to file away for easy access in 2023 – all useful to southern Bay Racers:
PHRF of the Chesapeake – www.phrfchesbay.org
Offshore Racing Congress (ORC) – www.orc.org

Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) – www.CBYRA.org

APRIL Regattas:

- HYC - <https://www.hamptonyc.com/regattas-registration>
 - April Fool's Regatta (Apr 1)
 - Wed Night Series (Apr 5 – Sept)
- CCVR - www.ccvracing.us/racing/
 - Tune Up Race (Apr 2)
 - Spring Series (Apr 16, 33, & 30)
- BBSA – www.broadbaysailing.org
 - Wed Night Series at Little Creek (opens Apr 5)
 - Thur Night Series at Willoughby Bay (opens Apr 6)
- FBYC – www.fbyc.net
 - Opening Day and Blessing of the Fleet (Apr 22)
 - Offshore Spring 1 (Apr 29)
- RRYC – www.rryc.org
 - Typhoon Spring Series #1 (#1=Apr 19, #2=Apr 26)
 - Spring Regatta #1 (Apr 22)

MULTI-DAY SUMMER REGTTAS (Plan Ahead!) :

- DOWN THE BAY RACE** - <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15684>
Annapolis to Hampton, non-stop – start-May 26
- SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK** - <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15611>
Hampton - June 1 – June 4 (PHRF, One-Design, Cruising)
- SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE** - <http://screwpile.net/page/5/>
Solomons, MD – July 14-16
- CAPE CHARLES CUP** - <https://broadbaysailing.org/LWMCCCHome>
Little Creek to Cape Charles – Aug 18-20
- STINGRAY POINT REGATTA** – www.fbyc.net
Fishing Bay/Deltaville – Sept 1 - 3

Remember, too -

- **[SpinSheet Hampton Crew Party](#)** – April 22nd, Saturday, 5:00pm – 8:00pm at Marker 20 (downtown olde Hampton). Sailors of all levels of experience are welcome. Come to the annual crew party to find a boat to sail on or crew for your boat. Entrance is free. Cash Bar.
- **[2023 Southern Chesapeake Bay BIG BOAT Schedule & CBYRA REGION 4 \(SOUTH & NORTH DIVISIONS\) 2023 HANDICAP RACING SCHEDULE](#)** is available with updates (3) through Feb 28, 2023. Email mcbear@earthlink.net and put **2023 Southern Bay Schedule on the Subj: line**. You will receive the schedule by email.



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has been enjoying the college basketball March Madness Tournament. There are **Dawgs** and **Hogs** and **Horned Frogs**, but not a single team is represented by the small, but fierce Beagle. It may be worth a letter to the Murphster's *alma mater*. . . or maybe not, since *Yours Truly* never made the Golden Milkbone Recipient list. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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