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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #1109 3 April 2023**

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

**APRIL FOOL'S DAY REGATTA.** Sometimes racers can be foolish, especially on April Fool's Day. However, with the April Gale arriving in Hampton Roads in the wee hours of Saturday, organizers of the April Fool's One Design Regatta were wise indeed. Word of the cancellation was out shortly after the Friday small craft warnings went up for the weekend. Gusts to 40 knots were expected, defying challenge on Saturday morning. (See Murphy's Law).

### **CCVR TUNE-UP RACES.**



**Dave Gibbings' JONATHAN, and Steve Hendrickson's BOGEY enjoy the CCVR TUNE UP RACES yesterday.**

Sunday morning, a plethora of boats were greeted by race-perfect waters and enticing breezes (10-15, w/gusts to 20 knots) - chilly though. Racing was in the harbor and the race committee offered two races to the big boat fleet stalwarts, giving all the crews opportunities for two starts and two +/- 5 miles courses around fixed marks. The harbor scene was completed with three of the J24s that had planned to be racing on Saturday working out at Strawberry Banks and a flock of 7 Optis and their coaches skirting the course area. Tune-Up Races Race Committee: Greg Cutter (PRO) and Carie Cutter (on HYC's *Kerry Sue*).

### **MID-WEEK RACING Opens this week: Each of these Series run throughout the summer season.**

- **HYC Wednesday Nights (April 5=first race) – FREE open to all, must complete entry form –** Racing is in Hampton Roads harbor. Starts will be provided for three different fleets - one Non-Spinnaker and two Spinnaker fleets. The Spinnaker fleets will be split at PHRF rating 100. The Order of Starts will be as follows: All Non-Spin, Spin 2 (Over 100), Spin 1 (Under 100). **In April, May, and September, the Warning Signal is scheduled for 1800.** In June, July, and August, Warning is scheduled for 1830. **RRS 26 Starting System is used** and racers should plan to maintain the much-enjoyed informality of the series. The race format, similar to previous years, is described in a separate Race Brochure, which is available at the Dockside Lounge. The brochure will give all pertinent information regarding starting times, courses to be sailed, marks descriptions, and procedures to be followed. Each Skipper is requested to stop by the HYC to fill out the required Entry Form/Waiver which is also available at the Lounge. Skippers are urged to please comply with this requirement before doing their first Wednesday Night Race. There is no entry fee for the series. All boats meeting required standards, regardless of yacht club affiliation, are welcome to participate.

- **BBSA – Little Creek SA, Wednesday Nights (April 5=first race)** – Racing is held outside Little Creek Inlet, Norfolk, VA. – For details including entry requirements, please click on [https://broadbaysailing.org/resources/Documents/LCSA/2023%20LCSA%20NOR%20\(2023%2002%2020\).pdf](https://broadbaysailing.org/resources/Documents/LCSA/2023%20LCSA%20NOR%20(2023%2002%2020).pdf)  
Little Creek Sailing Association Racing Coordinator: Andy Spittler
- **BBSA – Willoughby Racers, Thursday Nights (April 6=first race)** – Racing is held in Willoughby Bay (aka Little Bay) - For details including entry requirements, please click on <https://broadbaysailing.org/WRDocs>  
Willoughby Racers Coordinator: Al Brazzi 757/407-1657.

**Tactics and Rules Webinar.** Dave Perry presents a 4 session webinar – “*The Tactical Use of the Rules*” – **free** to CBYRA & PHRF Members. Each webinar session will be via Zoom and if you don’t have a Zoom account, you may sign up (also FREE) to establish your Zoom account. Each session is from 8:00 – 9:30 PM. The dates are: April 11, 18, 20, and 27. The title of each session, other details and the **webinar registration link** are at <https://cbyra.org/blog-cbyra-current-news/>

**CCVR Spring Series, runs for 3 consecutive Sundays in April – April 16, Day 1 (Races 1 & 2); April 23, Day 2 (Race 3); April 30, Day 3 (Races 4 & 5).** This long-standing and season opening Series will be raced entirely in the month of April. **The time is now to get entered and be sure to have your appropriate valid handicap rating certificate.** Remember, IF your valid PHRF rating expires April 01, 2023, you will not be able to race. ORC valid certificates must bear a 2023 year/date.

**TO ENTER SPRING SERIES Race(s):** All entries must be electronic ( <http://ccvracing.us/race-registration/> ) and received by **1600 on the day before the race.** No same day or paper entries will be accepted. Any **fleet change must also be electronic and received prior to 1600 on the day before the race.**

**ENTRY FEE:**

CCVR Race Members = Prepaid for Series (Entry paid for season and no more paperwork!!)

CCVR Distance Series Members = Prepaid for Race 3

All others must pay by the race. \$35 per day for US Sailing and CBYRA members. \$40 for non-members.

To enter and pay use: <http://ccvracing.us/race-registration/> .

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For NOTICE OF RACE click on <http://ccvracing.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/CCV-2023-Spring-Series-Circular.pdf>

**APRIL Regattas:**

HYC <https://www.hamptonyc.com/regattas-registration>

Wed Night Series (Apr 5 – Sept 27)

CCVR - [www.ccvracing.us/racing/](http://www.ccvracing.us/racing/)

Spring Series (Apr 16, 23, & 30)

BBSA – [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://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](http://www.fbyc.net)

Opening Day and Blessing of the Fleet (Apr 22)

Offshore Spring 1 (Apr 29)

RRYC – [www.rryc.org](http://www.rryc.org)

Typhoon Spring Series #1 (#1=Apr 19, #2=Apr 26)

Spring Regatta #1 (Apr 22)

**SpinSheet Hampton Crew Party** – April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 or just enjoy a brewski with your mates. Entrance is free. Cash Bar.

The **APRIL SPINSHEET** is on the docks and ON LINE – [Click Here To Read Online](#)



**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, was at the start of the APRIL FOOL'S DAY Regatta. Yep...and it was howling like a pack of squirrel-tormented beagles – 40 knots before the gusts! It was a downwind start. Chutes were hoisted on the line. When it came time to douse, it was impossible. The South wind blew 'em up the Bay. They turned back somewhere near Baltimore yesterday (Sunday). Ahoooo! The Murphster gotcha - APRIL FOOL! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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