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## Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #482

SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings. Founded in April, 2000.

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

**Three important dates:** March 14 - Daylight Saving Time begins; March 17 - St Patrick's Day; March 20 - Vernal Equinox (SPRING!)

**Says it ALL!** Message received for southern Bay racer, **Bill Barnes**, "Gone sailing to French Islands, returning 2/27. It's too cold here in Florida :))"

**SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK and CROWNE PLAZA HAMPTON have tied the sponsorship knot.** SBRW 2010 announced the sponsorship which is aimed directly at making SBRW 2010 more inviting and less expensive for SBRW racers. The Crowne Plaza is located in downtown Hampton on the waterfront and is an easy walk to regatta headquarters. The sponsor's special package for SBRW racers includes a basic rate of \$109+ taxes, free parking, and complimentary breakfasts for two per room. **Get your SBRW 2010 entry in and then take advantage of the special discount package available to SBRW racers from Crowne Plaza Hampton.** Website [www.hamptonmarinahotel.com](http://www.hamptonmarinahotel.com) Early reservations are encouraged – direct toll free line = 866-727-9990, direct local line = 757-727-9700

**Hampton Downtown Public Piers** are located **adjacent to the Crowne Plaza Hampton**, truly only steps away, and are within site of and an easy walk to SBRW 2010 regatta headquarters (HYC). Contact Dockmaster Greg Harrison at (757) 727-1276. Tell Greg you are coming to SBRW.

**Southern Bay college teams are on the water!** Old Dominion University (ODU), Christopher Newport University (CNU), Hampton University (HU), College of William and Mary (WM), University of Virginia (UVA), and Virginia Tech (VT) have collegiate sailors out there racing in March. Some of the events in local waters include the **ODU Spring Open** this coming weekend, the **CNU IceFree Invitational** (March 13-14), and the **CNU 2-on-2 Invitational** (March 20-12). And, **HU will host the MAISA/SAISA Intersectional** the last weekend in March (27 - 28). These "kids" sail just about every weekend during the spring semester; they like it!

Southern Bay racer **Mark Wheeler** was the navigator on *Vela Veloce* (Southern Cross 52, owned by Richard Oland) in the **Caribbean 600** last week. They finished first overall in CSA and 2nd overall in IRC behind *Beau Geste*, a Farr 80. Next for *Vela* comes the 30th St Maarten Heineken Regatta this week (March 4-7). Wow, whatta deal!

The **Old Coast Guard Station** at 24th Street & Atlantic Avenue at the Virginia Beach oceanfront opens **DAMES at SEA III** tomorrow, March 2nd. The maritime theme artwork show runs through April 18th. Ten of the finest female visual artists in Virginia Beach have works on display. Contact the OCGS at (757) 422-1587 or email [education@oldcoastguardstation.com](mailto:education@oldcoastguardstation.com)

**New speed measuring gizmo:** *Sailing World* (SW) says that **Speedwatch@** connects (wireless) with an impeller mounted on the hull. It provides "real-time boat speed information as well as standard countdown timer functions." There is no drilling so it works well on small boats according to a review in the March issue (page 16) of *Sailing World* (SW). Keep an eye on the SW website for the test results info at [www.sailingworld.com/1003watch](http://www.sailingworld.com/1003watch).

**HAMPTON ROADS SUNFISH CHALLENGE & DINGHY DISTANCE RACE.** This is the September 25th race sponsored by **Portsmouth Boat Club**, that goes from Willoughby Bay up the Elizabeth River to a finish off the ODU Sailing Center. Event honchos, **Jonathan Romero and Jimmy Schools** say, "We have our first entrants . . . They are **Michael Austin** of Virginia Beach, sailing a Force 5 [and] in the Sunfish Class, **John Comer** of Suffolk Va., and **Fred Lacey**, of Carrollton Va." For info and to register, see <http://www.hrsunfishrace.com>, or call Jimmy Schools at (757) 802-2394 or Jonathan Romero at (757)285-6017.

If your name is on a list somewhere to "*do your turn at race committee*", this is for you!

**NUTS & BOLTS RACE MANAGEMENT - March 20th, Saturday morning (9:00am - 12:30pm) at Hampton Yacht Club - FREE. Sponsored by CCV.** This is a Basic Primer that will get you through your annual race committee assignment. This is NOT "inside race management" material. It is designed to keep you out of trouble when you go out to run club races. Registration opens at 8:30am; coffee and breakfast goodies are courtesy CCV. Please do PRE-REGISTER, so plans can be made for adequate beverages, goodies, and seating, Pre-register by email to [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) and say you want to attend the RC Clinic, or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

**Burn your socks for the Equinox! Uncover the tootsies, officially.** Right now yacht clubs and sailing organizations of all stripes are organizing SOCK BURNINGS. This is the way sailors, and particularly racers, show their belief that Spring is either here or very, very close.

**There will be a sock burning at the SpinSheet Crew Listing Party - South, on Saturday, April 3, at Marker 20 in downtown Hampton.** This event is OPEN TO ALL. Here is a golden opportunity for crewbies to find skippers and vice versa. Meet and hobnob with crew and skippers. Racers, experienced and new-to-the-sport, also will be able to check out offerings of various southern Bay yacht clubs and sailing organizations which will have representatives at the party. Find your ride or find your crew for the 2010 season. All you have to do is show up - no sign-up required. OH, and wear socks you can burn! **SpinSheet Magazine is the organizer of this event.** For specific information please contact event liaison Dave Taylor at (757) 344-5292. **Racers, you do not have to wait for April 3rd to list on the SpinSheet Crew Listing site - go to [www.spinsheet.com](http://www.spinsheet.com), click on crew listing, and get it done!**

**MURPHY'S LAW:** Sock Burnings are a grand racer tradition. *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, always attends more than sock burning and always, of course, uses four socks. It empties out the old sock drawer and starts race party spring training. Sock it to it! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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