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

Thursday, March 17th 'tis St. Patrick's Day! Then, on Sunday, March 20th at 11:20am (EDT) comes SPRING !

It's on YOU! One of the most important things you must do once you are on the water, getting ready for the coming season, is to **PRACTICE THE MAN OVER BOARD DRILL**. And, remember, you have got to be able to do it with the spinnaker UP! Some racers among us had close calls last year, and we don't want to have anyone in jeopardy in 2011. Train, practice, know what you are doing BEFORE you hit the race course. On a keel boat, every member of the crew should know what to do and how to do it.

ODU Sailing Grad MIKE MARTIN takes on hefty responsibilities at the 34th America's Cup. Mike Martin has been named Director of Umpiring and Rules Administration for the 34th America's Cup. He is a resident of California, but grew sailing roots in the southern Bay at ODU. In 1988 he garnered **All American status on the ODU sailing team**. Mike is also famous for having won the 505 Worlds both as a skipper (2009) and as a crew (1999); he is the only sailor to have accomplished that double. There is a lot more to Mike's impressive resume; you can check it out at http://www.americascup.com/blog/mike-martin-appointed-to-director-of-umpiring-and-rules-administration_76

Mike Martin's job at the America's Cup won't be easy. He has to figure out how umpires will call fouls while the giant catamarans are going faster than any umpire boat can travel. Virtually is a possibility, but getting big lens cameras to reflect proper (actual) distances is a problem.

THIS WEDNESDAY at THE MARINERS' MUSEUM - March 16th at 7PM: *Sailing the Inner Reaches of the Northwest Passage*, a presentation by Russell Roberts. Has climate change affected the arctic ice? Get a firsthand account as Russell Roberts recounts the conditions, people and animals and the challenges of navigating a 42-foot pleasure craft through one of the most notorious stretches of water on the planet, the famed Northwest Passage. The event is free for Museum Members, \$5 for non-Members. **For information, call (757) 591-7749 or visit www.MarinersMuseum.org.**

The IDES of MARCH are upon us! MARK YOUR CALENDAR - March is halfway over!

Saturday, March 26 **Rappahannock River Yacht Club hosts MURPHY RULES** seminar with John McCarthy. The seminar is FULL, but a WAITING LIST is established. Contact event organizer Debbie Cycotte at dcycotte@yahoo.com

Tuesday, March 29 **CCV annual clinic and distribution of the 2011 CCV Racing Guide** at the Mariners' Museum (6:30pm - 8:30pm) - OPEN TO ALL, no charge for clinic. Info contact Bob Thomas at (757) 898-9407

Saturday, April 2 **SpinSheet Magazine Sock Burning and Crew Listing South** at Marker 20, downtown Hampton (5pm-7pm) - OPEN TO ALL, no admission charge, for info contact Dave Taylor (757) 344-5292

Sunday, April 3 **CCV Tune-Up Races** in the Harbor - Spin and Non-Spin classes - Tom Connors, (757) 593-8950

If you are interested in discussing the possibility of the **rebirth of MORC**, Dave Taylor and Don DeLoatch have organized a time and place for a gathering - Wednesday, March 23rd, 6:30pm at Hampton Yacht Club. Contact: Dave Taylor at (757)344-5292 or Don at (757) 285-0929 for details.

Collegiate Racing: Christopher Newport University hosted the annual **Icelfree Invitational Regatta** this past weekend. Old Dominion University was overall winner, CNU Team 1 finished second, and UVA took third. CNU

Team 2 was 4th, Hampton U, 5th, Salisbury State 6th, and William and Mary 7th.

Meet, greet, and have some fun! It has become "a thing to do" for crews and other groups to sign on for a **one-hour shift at the beer trucks at SBRW**. That's a one hour shift on the *servicing side of the handle* - time on the receiving side is unlimited!! To sign up to pull beer, email Suzanne Hamilton at suzanneshamilton@gmail.com One-hour shift openings are available on Friday and Saturday from 4 to 10pm and on Sunday from 3 - 6pm. Y'all come racing! www.blacksealcup.com **SBRW Fleet Update:** **Michael Klopff** of Hampton, has entered *Swamp Rat*, his CR-21 in the PHRF C fleet and **Larry Bryant**, a Suffolk resident who sails his Hunter 40, *Whisper* out of HYC, has entered the newly revised SBRW Cruising fleet.

MURPHY'S LAW: This Thursday, St. Patrick's Day, 'tis the day of intense celebration for all members of Murphy, the Racing Beagle's clan. 'Twas cousin O'Reilly O'Murphy who last year dyed his entire furry self green to honor St. Paddy. A grand idea it 'twas, too, except that he passed flat out on the local golf course and was run over and clipped nude on one side by the tractor mower tending the greens the following morning. He worked as a small notice board at the 19th hole snack bar until his hair grew back. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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