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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #574**

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

**MERIDIAN X and NANUQ finish well in tough Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race.** Sledd Shelhorse and crew on *Meridian X*, Sledd's new Farr 400, took 2nd in the 8 boat PHRF A class and 2nd overall in the PHRF Division. **Glenn Doncaster** and his crew brought their Sabre 426, *Nanuq*, in 2nd in the 8 boat PHRF B fleet and finished 7th overall in the PHRF Division. Conditions were difficult to say the least. With winds honking at 20 to 25 knots at the start, a number of boats did not race and several officially retired later in the day, among them a third southern Bay boat, Christian Schaumloffel's *Mirage*. The air was heavy at the start, but it blew itself out and progress all but stopped further down the track. The breeze did return, but with trying conditions. So, no records were set this year on the 160 mile beeline down the Florida coast, but to finish well within the time limit (48 hours) was an accomplishment. KUDOS to *Nanuq* and *Meridian*. Both are now at Key West Race Week.

**Distance Series changes name.** The new name for the [Broad Bay Sailing Association](#) administered distance racing series is the **SOUTHERN BAY DISTANCE RACING SERIES**. The name has been changed to better reflect the emphasis of the Series. In 2012 there are 10 separate races that count in this Series: CCV Spring Series Race #3 (April 29); BBSA Cape Henry Cup (May 19); CCV Moonlight Triangle Race (June 30); HYC Plantation Light Race (August 4); BBSA Cape Charles Cup (August 18); BBSA Cape Charles Cup (August 19); CCV Fall Series Race #3 (September 23); BBSA Neptunes Atlantic Regatta (September 29); NY&CC Dink Vail Regatta, new format and date for 2012 (October 7); and, OPCYC 'Round the Lights race (October 20).

**February 4, 2012 - 2012 MORNING WITH MURPHY - A RACING RULES SEMINAR - OPEN TO ALL** - hosted by BROAD BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION at the [Old Dominion University Sailing Center \(Norfolk\)](#) (9:00am - noon) The morning will focus on situations that really do happen on the race course. So, bring your rule book, if you have one, and your questions and/or war stories, and come ready to hear about **what you always wanted to know, but were afraid to ask!** The MORNING WITH MURPHY will be presented by John McCarthy, USSA Senior Judge and Regional Race Management Official. John's humorous, engaging style is familiar to those who have attended the "Murphy Rules Made Easy Seminars". Cost: \$15 - Coffee and deeeelicious pastries included. **To register on-line just click on <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/misc/murphy/index.asp> OR call Scott Almond at (757)471-2663** Checks should be made payable to BBSA and mailed to **Scott Almond, 2236 Welsh Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456**. Please **PRE-REGISTER** to be sure you have a spot and to help the host organization make plans - phone, mail, or go on line. **Make your ressie now - it's gonna be a fun winter Saturday morning!**

Southern Bay racer **Mitch Doughtie** is back in Mexico and reports that he has a friend who is ". . .looking for a crew position for me on one of the larger yachts in the area - so hopefully I will be out on the Mexican sailing course racing soon!" *Buena Suerte, Mitch-o!*

**SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2012 update.** Racers continue to get the jump on SBRW 2012 entries and accommodations reservations. Joining those who are taking advantage of the **SBRW Early Bird Entry** offer (\$10 reduction in regatta entry fee + 10 free regatta drink tickets) are **Sam Mitchener**, Roanoke, *DOUBLE EAGLE* (J109); **Tony Thornton**, Portsmouth, *TL SEA* (Cal 31); **Dennis Hannick**, King George, *GOIN'* (Tripp 26); and, **Don DeLoatch**, Virginia Beach, *STINGRAY* (Soverel 27). And, since all are SBRW2011 returnees, they get an additional \$5 discount on their entry. For all the info on entry, special deals on accommodations (Crowne Plaza has a special \$110 room rate for SBRW racers), docking, and more, click on [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com) For additional info and/or assistance, please contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or email at [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net). Everyone at SBRW 2012 wants **Y'all to come racing!**

**\*\*February 15, 2012 - Ullman Sails: Unlocking the Racecourse** - OPEN TO ALL - hosted by FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB at the [Doubletree by Hilton Hotel at the Richmond Airport \(Richmond\)](#) Cocktails at 5:30pm, program at 6:30pm. Cost includes light hors d'ouvres, coffee, tea, soft drinks (there will be a cash bar) - \$30 adults, \$20 juniors. Panelist are Dave Ullman, Greg Koski, Erik Shampain, and Chuck Skewes - wonderful

racers all. The Ullman team will cover every stage of a typical race day, key strategies, racing positions, etc. all applicable to "big" boats, dinghies, PHRF and one-design. Register on-line at [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net).

**\*\* Saturday Seadogs Speakers Series: February 11** (Captain Eric Speth, *The Godspeed*), **Saturday Seadogs Speakers Series** is hosted by SEAFORD YACHT CLUB (**Yorktown**) - Complimentary coffee and donuts at 9:30am with talks designed to appeal to boaters and Chesapeake Bay lovers. And, there is no charge for admission. OPEN TO ALL, but space is limited, so make reservations by calling (75) 259-0739 or email [almarlene@verizon.net](mailto:almarlene@verizon.net). You can make ressesies for the entire Series or for a specific session. Go to [www.seafordyachtclub.com](http://www.seafordyachtclub.com) for details and directions.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is firmly convinced that the next best winter weekend thing to frostbite racing is watching the football playoffs. What better than cheering on those NFL players tossing the pigskin around while you yourself are eating some of the very same pigskin. . . in the shape of a hotdog, of course, with libation and sides! Staying in post-race party trim in the off season! Ah-oooooh! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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