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

GROUNDHOG DAY is THIS THURSDAY!

ground hog: see WOODCHUCK - **woodchuck** or **ground hog**, . . . *MARMOT* family . . . *Old superstition holds that it leaves burrow on Candlemas Day, Feb. 2, returning to it for six weeks if it sees its shadow.* [The Columbia Viking Desk Encyclopedia; Oct 1953] The idea being that IF the Groundhog returns to his burrow, it is because there are 6 more weeks of Winter on our doorstep. Therefore, racers will hope for a cloudy day this Thursday, so he will NOT see his shadow!

Sometimes, there is fog on the southern Chesapeake, so . . . as author Perry Lewis advised, "Always sail defensively in fog, and keep in mind that you may run across people who don't know what they are doing."

LAST REMINDER - THIS COMING SATURDAY 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. Bring your rule book (if you have one). MORNING WITH MURPHY will be presented by John McCarthy, USSA Senior Judge and Regional Race Management Official. Cost: \$15 - Coffee and pastries included. **To register call Scott Almond at (757)471-2663 OR click on <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/misc/murphy/index.asp>** . 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. Proceeds benefit the Cape Charles Cup (Aug 18-19, 2012).

RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: For the Swashbuckler Regatta, the Sailing Instructions said, "Five (5) races are scheduled of which two (2) must be completed to constitute a regatta." In the 8 boat fleet, the top 4 boats have the following scores:

A = 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

B = 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 2

C = 3 - 4 - 1 - 1 - 8

D = 4 - 5 - 2 - 3 - 6

Score these boats as to which is 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th among them. (Answer follows in this issue of SBRNYCU.)

Thar's a parade a'comin' . . . and we can all be in it! **OPSAIL 2012 VIRGINIA** is organizing **THREE (3) PARADES** and invites private boaters and enthusiasts to join the parade(s). Here's the deal:

**** Wednesday, June 6, 2012 - SEA & AIR PARADE** - various military and sea service vessels;

**** Friday, June 8, 2012 - TALL SHIPS PARADE OF SAIL** - from Lynnhaven Anchorage to downtown Norfolk-Portsmouth;

**** Tuesday, June 12, 2012 - PARADE UP THE CHESAPEAKE BAY** - destination Baltimore.

To be part of the parade(s) you must register your boat. It's easy - go to www.Opsail2012Virginia.org , see parade details, and fill in and submit the registration form, OR email Dawana Jennings jenninqd@festevents.org for assistance. IF you send your form in by May 15, 2012, OpSail will mail your parade flag to you (otherwise, after May 15th, you have to pick it up at the FestEvents Office in downtown Norfolk). ALL boaters and yacht clubs are invited to participate in ANY AND/OR ALL 3 parades! **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO PARADE!**

There can never be too many knowledgeable Race Committee folks! SPRING is coming and so is March. In our southern Bay area, there are two training opportunities for *Race Committee folks*, for those who want to join the Race Committee team, and for anyone *who wants or needs to understand race management*:

****March 10, 2012 - USSAILING (Basic) ONE-DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR** hosted by US SAILING and RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YACHT CLUB (Irvington)- **OPEN TO ALL**; great information for all folks who want to join the race committee team. Also, meets seminar requirement for Club Race Officer certification or renewal and will offer test (optional to participants) that is required for CRO certification. Cost: \$50 for US Sailing member (\$95 for non-USSA members). All materials and refreshments throughout the day and lunch are included. John McCarthy is primary instructor. Please **PRE-REGISTER** asap - info packets are sent to all registrants prior to March 10. Click on this site http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Race_Officers/CertificationTraining/Race_Officer_Seminars/Seminar_Calendar.htm , scroll to the March 10, 2012, One Day Race Mgt Seminar at Rappahannock River YC and click on "register". Also, you may go to www.rryc.org OR contact Debbie Cycotte (RRYC) at (804) 761-3048 OR contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 , mcbear@earthlink.net

****March 24, 2012 - NUTS AND BOLTS OF RACE COMMITTEE - Emphasis on Starting and Finishing Races. OPEN TO ALL**. 0900 - 1200 at Hampton Yacht Club (Hampton) This is a great clinic for Race Committee teams, volunteers, and anyone else interested in getting the basics down. This is a practical clinic - good for newbies as well as a refresher for race committee regulars. There is **NO CHARGE** for this clinic and coffee, pastries, and other refreshments are included. The clinic will be led by area race management officials John McCarthy, Buk Lawrence, and Lin McCarthy. Please do **PRE-REGISTER**, since space is limited - call or email Lin McCarthy to reserve your spot - (757) 850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net Hampton Yacht Club and CCV are co-sponsors of this clinic.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK for the BLACK SEAL CUP: In addition to the SBRW 2012 main sponsor, **Gosling's Rum**, other key event backers are on board again for 2012, including **BB&T Wealth Management**, and every single one of the 5 southern Bay sailmakers - **North Sails** (Ken Saylor, Hampton), **Doyle Sails** (Jim Miller and Eddie Williams, Hampton), **Winters Sailmakers** (Dan, Sam, and Bret Winters, Hampton), **Ullman Sails-Latell Sailmakers** (Jerry Latell, of Deltaville), and **Baxter Sailmakers** (Dave Baxter in Norfolk at Ocean View). Each of the sailmakers sponsors one of the Boat of the Day Awards for one of the racing courses - the two PHRF and ONE-DESIGN courses and the CRUISING FLEET course. There are already three Cruising Fleet boats that have taken advantage to the SBRW special Early Bird entry fee: **Chris McClain and Susan Mallory**, *BETTER TOGETHER*, return to Cruising Fleet along with **Booty Baker**, *KLIMAX* and **Tom Pantelides**' *MAZI*. Check out all the 2012 Early Bird entries and more by clicking at www.blacksealcup.com. *Y'all come racing!*

Answer to RR Quiz Question:

1st = Boat C - 9 points
 2nd= Boat A -10 points
 3rd = Boat B - 11 points
 4th = Boat D - 14 points

Here's why - Appendix A2 (RRS) says "Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score." So, absent a Sailing Instruction that provides otherwise, each boat throws out her worst score. If the race committee wants to (1) not allow a throw-out; (2) have more than one throw-out; or (3) require a certain number of completed races before allowing a throw-out, it must so specify in the Sailing Instructions.

REMEMBER - 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. 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.**

MURPHY'S LAW: What's all the excitement about the possible waking of a small furry critter who lives in a hole in the ground. Who needs a ground hog?! Every racer knows Spring is here when you shake out that old jib stuffed in the v-berth and a boat critter crawls out of those still-damp Topsiders@ ! If the boat critter staggers away, it's time to get the gear in gear! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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