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

VALENTINE'S DAY is TOMORROW, February 14th! Think afternoon sail (weather permitting) followed by romantic dinner, booth in the corner in the back, mushie card, flowers, chocolates, a thoughtful gift (preferably jewelry), and lots of hugs - NOTE: boat jewelry counts, e.g. hi-tech blocks, light weight lines, carbon tiller extension, even go-fast electronics, etc!

LAST REMINDER - THIS WEDNESDAY! 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). Register on-line at www.fbyc.net.

Meanwhile, out of *this* world, **GOIN'**, **Dennis Hannick and crew**, raced in the INTERGALACTIC KEEL BOAT ROUNDUP a week ago in Pensacola, Florida. Our southern Bay racers finished tied for 3rd (fourth once the tie breaker was applied) in the Tripp 26 one-design class. They sailed in 7 races over the two-day regatta; 6 boats made the Tripp trip to Pensacola YC to race.

NOW, here's a racer's Valentine's Day idea: A southern Bay racer advises that he is taking his Lady ". . . on a romantic Valentine's Day visit to the Mount Gay rum distillery on the island of Barbados - kind of racing sailor's version of the Muhammedean hadj. . . part of a 7-night cruise out of San Juan, PR [including ports of call] St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Maarten, and St. Croix, and I'll probably have several opportunities to sail aboard other people's boats."

Southern Bay Race Week 2012 - revolutionary connections: The most recent two entries in SBRW 2012 - **Lance Ryley's *RockIt*** and **John Haracivet's *Midnight Rider***, are from sites of the beginning and the end of the American Revolution. Lance Ryley brings his Elliott 770 from Boston, Massachusetts, and John Haracivet sails his Soverel 33-2 out of Gloucester on the York River opposite Yorktown, Virginia. Now, who is coming from Philadelphia? www.blacksealcup.com

****March 10, 2012 - US SAILING (Basic) One-Day Race Management Seminar** hosted by US SAILING and RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YACHT CLUB (Irvington)- OPEN TO ALL; great information for folks who want to join the race committee team, understand race committee-ing, or need to know what they are asking people to do, i.e. race fleet captains, club commodores, event organizers, etc. Also, meets seminar requirement for Club Race Officer certification or renewal and will offer test (optional to participants) that is required for CRO certification. 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 Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225.

Wintertime happenings for racers on the Southern Bay this coming weekend - February 18-19, 2012: OPEN TO ALL: Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club (YPRCC) -- Saturday, Feb 18, a doubleheader: **Don Gallagher**, local Coast Guard trainer, presentation on **ropes, lines and knots** and **Dave Turney**, President of the Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association, on **growing oysters and bivalve benefits**. "*The time has come the Walrus said, . . .*"

Entry information and/or event details HOT LINKS:

63rd DOWN THE BAY RACE for the VIRGINIA CRUISING CUP www.hamptonyc.com click on DTB logo

2012 SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK for the BLACK SEAL CUP www.blacksealcup.com

US Sailing One Day Race Management Seminar at RRYC, Irvington-
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One Time Only boat listing for SBRNYCU readers: If you have a **race boat you want to sell**, SBRNYCU will list it for you in the February 27th issue. To be included in the list of available boats, send: your name, the make/model and year boat, your asking price, and your best telephone number. One boat per name and phone number. Your info will be listed on Feb 27th. No strings attached to this offer. Let's get the boats on the water! Send your info to: subj: List my boat, mcbear@earthlink.net

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, took a short stroll down the dock yesterday to check out the race boat. She looked pretty cold and lonely - not unlike the "taken for granted" main squeeze during the football season. Some watchful TLC might be a good idea right about now - they don't refer to boats as "she" without good reason, ya know. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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