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

"She says, 'Did you hear the wind, did it keep you awake last night?'
 I says, 'No.' And then she says, 'Wait until your sons go to sea, you won't sleep the same,' and it was true." Mrs. Grace Holland,
[The British Seafarer](#).

St Petersburg NOOD: Six southern Bay boats went to St Petersburg to race in the **National Offshore One Design Regatta** this past weekend. Two finished in the money. **Noel Clinard** (Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville) was 3rd in the 10 boat Sonar class. *Prophet* had a two day string of 5-6-3-3. There was no racing in St Pete on Saturday - no wind. **Mike Evans** (Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern) placed 2nd in the 12 boat San Juan 21 fleet. Mike's *Second Joyride* had a 3rd and a 2nd in the two races his class completed. Also racing in the San Juan 21 class were: **Bill McClure** (FBYC) *Thistledowne* 4th (4-7); **Mike Chesser** (FBYC), *Scuba Kat*, 6th (10-4); **Doug Longhini** (BbSC), *Kanga*, 7th (12-3); **Mike Robinson** (Lake Norman YC), *Ragtop*, 10th (5-16/dnf).

Ullman Sailing Seminar a hit in Richmond. More than 100 racers attended the Ullman racing seminar in Richmond last Wednesday. Fishing Bay Yacht Club hosted the event and proceeds went to the FBYC junior program. Those who attended gathered racing info and special tid-bits presented by the panel of exceptional racers headed by Dave Ullman. One nugget that everyone on the panel agreed upon was PREDICTWIND as a very good wind/weather prediction service. Google it and see what you think. There's a free trial.

NEXT WEEK - Boats For Sale Listing for SBRNYCU readers: If you have a **boat you want to sell**, **SBRNYCU** will list it for you in the next issue, **February 27th (#580)**. 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. 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

CBYRA Junior Division Race Committee of the Year - Junior Olympics - Bay Open Regatta hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. CBYRA has announced the Junior Division Race Committee of the Year for 2011. The honored race committee team ran the on-the water aspects of the 2011 regatta held in July in Hampton, Virginia. More than twenty (20+) race committee members supported the event as part of the team led by **Event Principal Race Officer (and Opti Course)** - John McCarthy; **Laser Radials and 420s Course Race Officer** - Brian Deibler; **Green Fleet Race Officer** - Mark Newman; and, **Safety Boats Chairman** - Doug Amthor. The overall event chairman was Malcolm Brady.

WIN A RIDE ON THE COAST GUARD TALL SHIP EAGLE during OpSail. This is an ESSAY and ART contest for high school students. The topics all relate to the Star-Spangled Banner and/or the War of 1812. For details on the essay topics and requirements, go to opsail2012-essay@opsail.org and for the art contest go to opsail2012-art@opsail.org. The contests are open to "students enrolled in public, parochial or private high schools and who will be at least 12 years old" by the date of OpSail. The US Coast Guard, the US Navy, the National Maritime Historical Society, and the USS Constitution Museum have pulled together to sponsor this contest (one winner in each of the 6 OpSail ports).

Now is a good time to get your **PHRF paperwork** squared away for the 2012 season. Go to the PHRF of the Chesapeake website to find detailed information and forms for rating renewals and/or new ratings. www.phrfchesbay.com Don't wait! Get your application in now, before handicappers get snowed under with Spring requests.

MARCH RACING SEMINARS-CLINICS-GATHERINGS ON THE SOUTHERN BAY (OPEN TO ALL):

****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 experienced race committee, folks who want to join the race committee team, and those who are responsible for forming race committees (club commodores, fleet captains, race captains, 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 the seminar. Click on 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.

****March 24, 2012 - NUTS AND BOLTS OF RACE COMMITTEE - Emphasis on Starting and Finishing Races.** OPEN TO ALL. 0900 - 1200 at Hampton Yacht Club. 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 to reserve your spot - (757) 850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net Hampton Yacht Club and CCV are co-sponsors of this clinic.

****March 27, 2012 - CCV Annual *Racing Guide* Distribution and Racing Clinic** - (OPEN TO ALL) - no charge - The *Racing Guide* is included in a CCV membership. Purchase a membership at the clinic, if you have not already. CCV is planning to invite well known rules guru and southern Bay expatriate Rob Overton to conduct the clinic which will be held at Hampton Yacht Club. Reservations are not required. For info contact Bob Thomas at 757-898-9407.

****March 31, 2012 - SPINSHEET MAGAZINE Sock Burning and Sailboat Crew Listing Party - South.** (OPEN TO ALL) This is an annual networking event for southern Bay sailors as they kick off the 2012 season. Gather with old friends and meet new ones at **Marker 20, 21 East Queens Way, Hampton**(downtown Hampton one block off the waterfront) from 5-7pm, Saturday, March 31st. For info and details contact Dave Taylor (757) 344-5292.

Wintertime happenings for racers on the Southern Bay this coming weekend - OPEN TO ALL:

Seaford Yacht Club -- SATURDAY SEADOG SPEAKERS SERIES - February 25th, at Seaford Yacht Club (Yorktown) - **Jacob Polderman, Sr, Marine Architect**, will discuss "Cruise Ships and Ocean Cruising". Complimentary coffee and donuts at 9:30am. Presentation and discussion 10:00 - 11:30am. Admission is FREE and open to the public, but space is limited. so please email almarlene@verizon.net or call (757) 259-0739 to make reservations. Go to www.seafordyachtclub.com for details and directions.

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

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, hunkered down last night when the *WIND* hit the gale range on the Beaufort Scale. It would certainly have blown dogs off chains and, most likely, launched a foolishly misguided, wandering groundhog or two. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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