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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins this coming SUNDAY, MARCH 11th. So, spring ahead at 0200 (2am) on Sunday.

Southern Bay racers at 505 Midwinters in St. Petersburg. Tyler Moore (HYC) sailing with **Geoff Ewenson** (Annapolis) finished strong, taking a 1st and a 2nd in the 9th and 10th races respectively; that put them in 2nd place overall. **Henry Amthor** (HYC) sailing with **Dustin Romey** (LBVYC) finished 6th overall. **Jim Englert** (Ware River YC) /and **Brian Huntsman** (US Sailing) finished 7th and **Charles Smith** (HYC) and **Jay Smith** (CYC) took 8th in the 13 boat fleet.

Elizabeth City racer **Greg Duncan** will be racing this coming weekend at the Moth Midwinters in Gulfport, Florida. Cross your fingers for our southern Bay (and beyond) guy.

GAME ON! Sharpen your knowledge of the RULES of the racing game. Check out this link to "Play the Rules by Uli and Wolffi Finckh" <http://game.finckh.net/indexe.htm> A Thank-You-for-Sharing to Mosby West (Hartfield, Rappahannock River YC).

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2012 - update: Neil Ford and Lis Biondi (*Rocket J*) are first of the J24s to enter and **Miles Booth** (*Shenanigan*) has kicked off the Tartan 10 class. [A reminder - One-Design classes must make (5 entries complete) no later than May 23rd.] Additional recent **SBRW Early Bird** entries include: **Leroi Lissenden's Voodoo 2** (Tripp 38), **John Wandling's Eclipse** (Beneteau First 285), and **Bob Howell's Cymru** (Beneteau Ocean 440), have all joined the PHRF division and **Hank Giffin's Coeur d' Alene** (Crealock 37) has entered the SBRW Cruising Fleet. Check out regatta info and all the SBRW 2012 Early Bird entries at www.blacksealcup.com

Former Hobie Fleet 32 racer **Wally Parolari** sends a report from St Maarten. Wally joined **Dave Nelson** and **Donna Difelice** aboard *Pas de Deux* (Catana 471 catamaran), for the **32nd Annual Heineken Regatta**. Wally and Dave, friends from Hobie days, scored 1 - 2 - 1 for the three days of racing to take first place in the Multihull 2 class. Along with Wally, crewing on *Pas de Deux* were **Mike Cope** from Southlake Texas, and long time Willoughby racer **Paul Weiss** of Norfolk. Word is they had winds consistently at 18-25 kts true from the east with 8-10' swells. Paradise!

LAST CHANCE - 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 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. Materials and refreshments throughout the day and lunch are included. John McCarthy is primary instructor. On-line registration has closed, but if you want to come, you can still **REGISTER by contacting Debbie Cycotte (RRYC) at (804) 761-3048 dcycotte@yahoo.com OR Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225, mcbear@earthlink.net . Register today**, so you have time to do the seminar prep study questions, etc. There are seminar details and forms available at www.rryc.org

SATURDAY SEADOG SPEAKERS SERIES - March 10th, at Seaford Yacht Club (Yorktown) - **Robert Priseler** will discuss "Virginia Waterways and Ports of Call". Bring your Summer Cruising Planner! 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.

FT MONROE UPDATE and STATUS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY. Ft. Monroe is now open to the public - find out what that means to you. **OPCYC offers a special PMU program session that is OPEN TO ALL - Saturday, March 10th, 0900-Noon.** Glenn Oder, the Executive Director of the Fort Monroe Authority, will

brief on the status of Ft. Monroe, including the transition from the Army "ownership", the status of rental property, and near and far-term plans. Also, **Fort Monroe National Monument Park superintendent Kirsten Talken-Spaulling** will talk about Park Service Activities and Plans for Ft. Monroe. And, **Dick Beaver, from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation**, will give a report on the Status of the Chesapeake Bay. The presentations will begin at 0900, in Building 75, at Ft. Monroe. Directions: Take an immediate left just pass the guard shack and then an immediate right onto Ingalls Road. Then take an immediate left onto Eustis Road. Left-Right-Left - these turns happen in the space of a few feet. Building 75 is to your right front.

The MARINERS' MUSEUM has a plethora of activities planned to recognize the Civil War Battle of Hampton Roads. Activities crank up on March 9th and run through the weekend until March 11th. Go ahead and click on www.BattleofHamptonRoads.com for information on the Civil War Navy Conference and other Battle of Hampton Roads Weekend details and registration.

Do yourself a favor. Double Check - Double Check your event entries. It will only take a second and may save you unnecessary angst later. If you have entered a 2012 event (hopefully you are planning to "race your brains out" in 2012), go to their website entry lists and make sure you are there or call the contact person on the NOR.

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*, knows it is time to get the boats ready for the coming season. So, remember, it is always best to have a coin under the mast before you launch. This is, according to Peter D. Jeans, *Seafaring Lore & Legend*, "symbolic protection money in advance to the spirits of the deep...." Also, the *Murphster* strongly recommends that each racer stash a twenty dollar bill in his or her sailing shorts pocket in advance of the spirits of the keg. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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