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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY is this coming SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH. Do it all - wear green, march in a St Paddy's parade, eat green mashed potatoes, and above all, drink green beer!

CBYRA president Karin Masci made the trip down to Hampton to present 2011 CBYRA High Point awards to southern Bay racers yesterday. A complete listing of High Point standings are available at www.cbyra.org.

Twenty-five (25) folks interested in the nitty-gritty of race committee work and how to do it right, spent their Saturday at the [US Sailing Race Management Seminar](#) hosted by Rappahannock River Yacht Club in Irvington, Virginia. RRYC volunteers numbered in the double-digits, too, as they provided outstanding hospitality, refreshments, lunch, and their facility for the visitors.

Bluewater racers who are planning to do the 2012 Newport Bermuda Race (start is June 15) are reminded that the NBR Safety at Sea Seminar is this coming weekend (March 17-18) at the Newport Hyatt Regency Hotel. Deadline for [application for entry](#) is April 15, but best advice is to enter now so that preparation of the boat can begin. As of last week, 143 applications had been filed and 125 entries had been approved. Go to www.BermudaRace.com for race info and most recent postings, including an amendment to a storm sail regulation.

Remember, it is on every skipper and crew to **PRACTICE MAN OVERBOARD PROCEDURES**. Do your drills as a part of your spring practices and do them often! Make it as important as hoisting the main.

HAPPENING HERE AND SOON:

****March 15, 2012 - OPSAIL 2012 VIRGINIA SPEAKER SERIES - *The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict*** presented by Professor Donald R. Hickey, a leading authority on the War of 1812. **Thursday**, March 15, 2012 at 7 p.m., at the Robin Hixon Theater, Clay and Jay Barr Education Center, Home of the Virginia Arts Festival. Robin Hixon Theater is located at 440 Bank Street, Norfolk VA 23510. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the lecture will be followed by a book signing. This event is FREE and OPEN TO ALL, but you must make a reservation. <http://www.opsail2012virginia.com/1812-bicentennial-speaker-series>.

**** March 17, 2012 - ESSENTIALS OF DIESEL ENGINES.** Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club sponsors this presentation by Frank Mann, an instructor from Rappahannock Community College - OPEN TO ALL - Frank will have with him an engine, spares and wrenches. Info will be helpful to owners of gasoline engines also. Presentation starts at 0900 (9AM).

****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.

****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 SAILBOAT CREW LISTING PARTY-SOUTH and SOCK BURNING 4-6 pm at Marker 20 in downtown Hampton** (one block off the waterfront) 21 East Queens Way, Hampton, VA 23669-4060 There is NO CHARGE for admission. The keg for the party is compliments Jim Miller and Doyle Sails. For info and details contact Dave Taylor (757) 344-5292. Come and nob some hobs, line up a ride or crew, and offer your socks to the racing gods. It is time to go racing!

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs truly, the Racing Beagle*, is keenly aware of the approaching plethora of SOCK BURNING events. In the coming weeks, at special gatherings all over the southern Bay and beyond, racers will burn their socks to appease the racing gods. Remember, the level of appreciation reflected in racing success is directly proportional to the value (to the racer) of the offering. *The Murphster* cautions bringing out Aunt Nancy's knitted paisleys to offer up. Rather, an offering of your favorite cotton red crews or the regatta designed deck footies are more likely to bring smiles from the racing gods! Sock it to 'em! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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