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

CCV SPRING SERIES Middle Distance Race. Thirty-nine (39) racers headed out for the single race day yesterday under gray skies and with winds that came and went. When all was said and done 37 finished a 10.1 mile course for the PHRF A and PHRF B fleets and a 7.50 mile course for the PHRF C and PHRF Non-Spin fleets. PHRF A (11 boats): The two blue hull J36s, **Dave Eberwine's Sea Star** and **Phil Brigg's Feather**, took 1st and 2nd places respectively, and newcomer to A fleet, **Martin Casey** in Olson 30, recently re-named *Bow Down*, was not bashful on his first showing, taking 3rd. PHRF B (12 boats): **Dave Taylor's** red boat, *Wham Bam*, belied the old sea story that red boats don't race well by correcting to first place with **Rusty Burshell, Cool Change** in 2nd and **Bob Archer, Bad Habit**, in 3rd. PHRF C (11 boats): **Neil Ford** and wife **Lis Biondi** set the pace in PHRF C, doublehanding their J24, *Rocket J*, to first in fleet at the line as well as corrected. **Bumps Eberwine**, brought his Olson 25, *Spray*, in 2nd and **Alan Bomar**, in his J24 *Roundabout*, was 3rd. PHRF Non-Spinnaker (5 boats): Finishing in the water and corrected in 1st place, **Leo Wardrup, Black Widow**, gave no quarter to two fleet newcomers, **Louie Lewis**, 2nd place in new -to-him, *Incentive III*, and **Vicki Zimmerman, Bona Dea**, who took 3rd. Principal Race Officer - John McCarthy

The 2012 CCV Spring Series wraps up with two races this coming Sunday, May 6th. Entry requirements, location (Hampton Roads Harbor) are same-same. These races will feature drop mark courses. For info, contact John McCarthy (757) 850-4225.

FBYC SPRING SERIES (Day 3) squeezed in one race on Saturday. Then, the wind left and the current arrived, making conditions more favorable for tubing than sailboat racing. 'Tis spring on the Chesapeake. The A and B boats raced a 5.2nm course while the C and Non-Spin racers went 3.2nm. **RESULTS: PHRF A (7 boats) - 1.Sam Mitchener, Double Eagle; 2.Craig Wright, Afterthought; 3.Mike Karn, Inevitable.** PHRF B (5 boats) - 1.Miles Booth, Shenanigan; 2.David Hinckle, Elancer; 3.Mike Dale, Juggernaut. PHRF C (10 boats) - 1.Bob Fleck, Horizon; 2.Noel Clinard, Prophet; 3.Sam Marshall, Play It Again. PHRF Non-Spin (3 boats) - 1.Sherard Cole, Nutcracker; 2.David Soule, Soulmate. Principal Race Officer - Case Whittemore The FBYC Series resumes on May 20 - www.fbyc.net

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK update: The SBRW Early Bird Entry flock is accounted for and, along with recent entries, the fleet has jumped to 78 boats with more than 4 weeks 'til the first warning sound. The **deadline for entries is Wednesday, May 23**, (to avoid the \$50 late fee). Information on entry fees (\$150 for one-design and PHRF racers, \$99 for Cruising fleet), racing, docking, awards, regatta apparel, parties, entertainment, entry forms, and much, much more can be found by clicking www.blacksealcup.com or calling (757) 850-4225. Here are the newest additions to the fleet: Joining the PHRF and one-design boats are: **Pete Hunter, Wairere; Bob Mosby, Cyrano; Dave Bouchard's Ganar!**, to be sailed by his crew in his absence (a family obligation); **Rusty Burshell, Cool Change; Bob Thomas, Surprise; Kathy Barber, Figaro; Paul Wash, Cheeky Monkey; Bob Fleck, Horizon; Noel Clinard, Prophet; Bob Hausmann, Bobinski, Pat and Jake Brodersen, Midnight Mistress; Strother Scott, Loose Cannon; and Mike Karn, Inevitable.** The most recent addition to the Cruising fleet is **Randy Goodman, Red Frog**. A complete list of entries to date is available at the event website www.blacksealcup.com ***Y'all come racing!***

Newport Beach (California) to Ensenada (Mexico) Race tragedy this past weekend:

(from MSNBC posting 4/29/2012) *The sailboat Aegean had been reported missing Saturday morning near the Coronado Islands, just south of the border, Coast Guard spokesman Henry G. Dunphy said in a news release. "The first indication of the incident was at 1:30 a.m. Saturday when the boat's image vanished from the online race tracking system in place for the race. A Coast Guard search was launched that led to discovery of the boat's wreckage, including the rear transom with the boat's name on it," Roberts said. Dunphy said vessels near the Coronados reported seeing debris at about 10 a.m. and three sailors were found dead in the afternoon. One body was recovered by a Coast Guard helicopter and two others by a civilian crew. One is still missing. [Other reports indicate the Aegean was a 37 foot Hunter, that more than 200 boats were entered in the 125 mile race, and that*

the boat was sunk in a collision with a ship. This was the 65th running of the event.]

NOOD Regatta in Annapolis this coming weekend: Before you rush to sign up on "general principles", *NOOD* stands for National Off-shore One Design, not for . . . ! One-Design advocates from the southern Chesapeake Bay racing in the NOODs include **Sam Mitchener** (Roanoke, VA) J109 *Double Eagle*; **Clark Dennison** (Richmond, VA) J22 *Pistole*; **Bob Fleck** (Hardyville, VA), S2 7.9 *Horizon*; **Miles Booth** (Gloucester, VA) Tartan 10, *Shenanigan*; **Michael Gravitt** (Gloucester Point, VA), Viper 640 *Bitten* and the **MBE Syn** (Roanoke, VA), sailing J105 *Veloce*. There undoubtedly will be other southern Bay racers who are snatched up for crew.

DOWN THE BAY RACE (start May 25 in Annapolis; finish May 26 in Hampton). **ENTRY DEADLINE IS THIS COMING FRIDAY, MAY 4th.** Avoid the \$50 Late Fee that is in force between May 5 and May 23rd. On-line entry is available. This is the 63rd running of the challenging race that is essentially a 123 mile dash down the Chesapeake Bay. Event co-chair is Chauncey Wu (757) 890-2687, email downthebay@hamptonyc.com Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station manages the event check-in at J/Port on Thursday, May 24, and the start in Annapolis on May 25. Hampton Yacht Club handles the finish and post-race awards soiree on Saturday, May 26. For info and all details, go to www.hamptonyc.com and click on the event logo.

NORFOLK NAVAL SAILING ASSOCIATION went racing Saturday . . . Sewell's Spit, around the Middle Ground Lighthouse, and back to NNSA. A total of 9 boats, racers and cruisers, started and finished the pursuit race before Saturday's weather went kaput! NNSA Racing Fleet Captain **Richard Basye**, *Miss B Haven*, instigated the club race and, along the way, finished 2nd behind NNSA former commodore **Dick McCrillis**, *Charis*. There has been tongue-in-cheek speculation that other boats may have "facilitated" *Charis'* victory since her crew was responsible for firing up the post-race party grill. **Tim Dull**, *Skymark*, finished third. Gary Coldren of *Lady Charlotte*, just back from the Keys, was the race officer.

Don't miss the CAPE HENRY CUP, May 19. BBSA runs this annual event, a distance race that earns points in both the 2012 Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (administered by BBSA) and the CBYRA/PHRF Chesapeake Distance Series. Racing is in the Bay and courses, depending on the weather, are set for distances from 27.4 nm to 9.2nm. The decision on which courses for which fleet (s) is made on race day depending on the conditions. For information and to enter, please contact Principal Race Officer Scott Almond at (757) 471-2663. This race is another daytime distance race that is challenging and surely will supply lots of grist for the bar and beer keg mills!

MAY Southern Bay Racers busy schedule:

May 4 Entry DEADLINE for DOWN THE BAY RACE - Chauncey Wu (757) 890-2687
 May 4 - 6 Annapolis NOOD Regatta
 May 5 THE MARINERS' MUSEUM and Landfall Navigation, SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR - (757) 591-7749
 May 6 RRYC Flying Scot Spring Series (Day 2) - Burke Johnson (757)812-9635
 May 6 CCV Spring Series - Races #4 and #5 (Day 3) - John McCarthy (757) 850-4225
 May 12 YPRCC Spring Regatta - www.yprcc.org
 May 13 *MOTHERS DAY*
 May 15 Entry DEADLINE (w/ all supporting documents) NEWPORT BERMUDA RACE
 May 19 Cape Henry Cup (BBSA) - Scott Almond, (757) 471-2663
 May 19 RRYC Spring Regatta - www.rryc.org
 May 20 FBYC Spring Series (Day 4), www.fbyc.net
 May 20 Spring J24 Regatta - Alan Bomar, (757) 810-4518
 May 20 RRYC Flying Scot Spring Series (Day 3) - Burke Johnson (757)812-9635
 May 23 Entry DEADLINE for SBRW 2012 - Lin McCarthy (757) 850-4225
 May 25-26 63rd Down the Bay Race - Chauncey Wu (757) 890-2687
 May 26 FBYC Race to Urbanna - www.fbyc.net
 May 26 Merrimac Memorial Regatta (small boat, dinghies, racing) PBC - www.portsmouthboatclub.org
 May 27 RRYC Flying Scot Spring Series (Day 2) - Burke Johnson (757)812-9635
 May 28 *MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY* (Monday)
 May 31 SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK opens
 Jun 1-3 SBRW racing - PHRF and One-Design classes
 Jun 2-3 SBRW Cruising fleet racing
 June 6-12 OPSAIL Virginia (includes Norfolk Harborfest weekend)

JUNIOR SAILORS, COACHES, and OFFICIALS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, and FRIENDS: It is not too early to think about, gear up, and aim for the **2012 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival and Chesapeake Bay Open**, July 5-8, in Annapolis. Get your name on the registered list and set your sites. **CLICK** here

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/Default.aspx?p=DynamicModule&pageid=351541&ssid=256333&vnf=1>

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is considering the NOODs next weekend. The Murphster will be wearing a new spring designer coat of beagle blend fur in midnight black, desert tan, and white-on-white white. Thank goodness sailing in the NOODs does not require a body shave. Ahh-ooooooooooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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