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

Today is MEMORIAL DAY. Remember to remember.

Down the Bay Race (DTB) - The 35 boats started in Annapolis Friday, between 1000 and 1030. . . and, the wind, or lack thereof, became the story of the 123 mile "dash" to Hampton. Reports of the conditions in which the racers found themselves were mostly from locations where they were drifting. It was slick off the Potomac, Solomons, Wolf Trap, everywhere around the Rappahannock, down to YR-1, and so on. But, wouldn't you know, as soon as the boats got within a few miles of the finish line (Fort Monroe, Hampton) a lovely 10-12 knot easterly made it a sprint home. That breeze was constant from early Saturday morning through Saturday evening. Go figure. The first boat to finish, thereby garnering line honors, was **Sledd Shelhorse'** Farr 400, *Meridian X* (07:40:43). A second HYC boat, **Gene Thayer's Pterodactyl** (Evelyn 42) was the second boat in at 08:52:15 on Saturday morning. The overall winner and recipient of the Virginia Cruising Cup, *Air Mail*, Tom Carrico of Arnold, MD, corrected over everyone and finished first in her fleet (PHRF A) and in the race. Two J120s, *Irie* (**Greg Alden**) and *Heron* (**Greg Leonard**) finished 2nd and 3rd overall. Fleet winners, with their overall position among 35 boats in parentheses, were: PHRF A [9 boats]: Tom Carrico, *Air Mail*, Beneteau One-Ton (1); PHRF B [6 boats]: Aaron Ressler, *Parrot Head*, Tartan 10 (11); PHRF C [5 boats]: husband and wife team of **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi**, *Rocket J*, J24 (19); PHRF Non-Spin [10 boats]: **Richard Griner**, *Coyote*, C&C 115 (9); and, J120 one-design [5 boats]: **Greg Alden**, *Irie* (2). There were 39 entries in DTB 2012, 35 started and 28 finished the race.

The **DTB Ironman Badge of Courage** goes to **Michael Shaner** and the crew of *Sherpa*. The Catalina 34 sailed in the PHRF Non-Spin fleet and finished. . . wait for it . . . at 08:55:04 on SUNDAY. They were the last boat to finish among the 28 who *raced* all the way to Hampton, placed 6th in their fleet and 26th overall. **THEY FINISHED!**

John Hanna, who sailed in more than half of the 63 DTB races, helped event co-chairman **Chauncey Wu** with the awards presentation at HYC Saturday evening.

SBRW 2012 entries stand at 93. Now is a good time to be sure your entry info, PHRF rating, etc. are correct. Click on www.blacksealcup.com for preliminary Sailing Instructions, schedules, preliminary scratch sheet, entertainment details, etc. Entries may still be accepted, however a \$50 late fee applies. For late entry, please contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. Opening welcome and check-in soiree is this coming Thursday, May 31st, evening at HYC, Hampton, Virginia. Racing and party-ing begins June 1 and goes through June 3. ***Y'all come racing!***

Merrimac Memorial Regatta. Twenty-two (22) small boats hit the water Saturday at Portsmouth City Park for the Portsmouth Boat Club's annual Merrimac Memorial Regatta. The weather was great for small boat racers - a breeze in the 7-10kt range. Top finishers by fleet were: Open Multihull (3 boats) 1. Dan Berger, Super Cat 15; Open Monohull (13 boats) 1. Steve Spratt, JY15, 2. Al Whitener, Mutineer 15, 3. **Joe Creecy**, FJ; Classic Moth (3) 1. Joe Bousquet. Sunfish (3 boats) 1. **Cameron Barcliff**.

Leukemia Cup Early Registration Deadline Closes on June 15. All sailors are reminded that early-bird registration for the 14th Annual Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta to be held in Deltaville over the weekend of July 6 - 8 closes on June 15. After this date, the registration fee increases by \$25 and, regrettably, the names of participating yachts cannot be included on the commemorative Regatta T-shirt. It's easy to register, and it's all online at www.leukemicup.org/va. Get the name of your boat on the shirt, for goodness sake!

June is chock-a-block full of weekend races and events:

June 1-2-3 **SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK** www.blacksealcup.com or (757) 850-4225

June 6 **OPSAIL Sea and Air Parade**

June 8 OPSAIL 2012 Virginia Parade of Sail
 June 9 Yankee Point RCC Spring Singlehand Race
 June 10 Hampton YC Doublehanded Race
 June 12 OPSAIL Parade of Sail Up the Chesapeake Bay
 June 15 Start of the Newport to Bermuda Race
 June 15 Late entry fee kicks in for Leukemia Cup Regatta (see item above)
 June 15-16 Cock Island Race
 June 22-24 Typhoon Nationals, sponsored by Rappahannock River YC
 June 23 The Hanbury Cup, sponsored by CNSF
 June 30 CCV Moonlight Triangle Race

It's NOT too late to sign up the kids and/or the grands for summer JUNIOR SAILING. Git 'em registered!

If you would like a concise listing of several of the JUNIOR SUMMER SAILING PROGRAMS available in the southern Chesapeake Bay, just hit "reply" and ask for the Junior Programs info – it will come to you by return email.

Media Watch. Southern Bay Leukemia Cup Regatta has been voted **Best Regatta on the Bay** by the readers of *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*. This year (July 6-8) the regatta offers two days of racing at Fishing Bay Yacht Club and two nights of exciting activities at Stingray Point Marina. A Gary Jobson appearance, silent and live auctions, food and refreshments, and musical entertainment are part of the fun. The largest racing contingent of the regatta is the Cruising Division where offshore sailboats (other than those racing in PHRF divisions), are assigned a complimentary rating and participate in a lower key racing format. All proceeds from Regatta events, a portion of which may be tax deductible, assist the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in its mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. For more information on The Leukemia Cup Regatta activities, contact Debbie Bridwell, Senior Campaign Manager, 804-673-5690 or Debbie.Bridwell@lls.org or visit www.leukemicup.org/va.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is thinking about the traditional Memorial Day gatherings, the numerous regattas that open the summer season officially and, of course, the special ceremonies to honor those who have protected us and those who still do protect us. Remember to remember, especially today. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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