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

The winner of the 35th **GABOON RACE** and the name going on the GABOON SPITTOON is **Gene Thayer's Pterodactyl**, first A fleet boat to finish, but more importantly, first overall. The Gaboon is a pursuit race, slower boats get a head-start over the faster boats, and the *Pterodactyl* team went from last-to-start to first-to-finish. Conditions required a lot of patience (light, fluky wind), but 13 did not give up the quest and finished the race. At the post-race party, race founder, organizer, and participant Phil Briggs said, "On to #36!" **RESULTS: (Overall / Fleet). PHRF A (6 boats)-1. Gene Thayer, Pterodactyl (1/1); 2. Bob Mosby, Cyrano (3/2); 3. John and Beverly Blais, Stardancer (4/3). PHRF B (12 boats)- 1. Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran, Rumble (2/1); 2. Greg and Carie Cutter, Gremlin (6/2); 3. David Taylor, Wham Bam (7/3). PHRF C (2 boats)-1. Michael Tate, Aquarius (9/1).**

2013 Southern Bay Racing Schedule (for keel boats) is complete. Since before October, more than 60 racing officials representing southern Bay yacht clubs, sailing associations, and event organizations had tackled the "big boat" racing schedule for the coming year. The task is done; the 2013 schedule is complete. Yacht clubs and sailing associations have the schedule for publication. So, contact your group's racing official for a schedule. OR, hit "reply" to this newsletter and say "Please send me the 2013 racing schedule"; it will come to you by email as an attachment. And, the next time you see your club's racing official(s), buy him, her, and/or them a "thank you grog"!

MURPHY RULES 2013 SEMINAR

Saturday, February 2, 2013

0900 – 1230

Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA

MURPHY RULES will tackle all the new and important racing rules changes (2013-2016).

- Presentation is by John McCarthy, in the trademark "Murphy Rules Made Easy" format.
- Cost - \$29 per person (\$49 for two immediate family members) – includes seminar materials, refreshments, and parking
- Pre-registration is advised – call (757) 850-4225 or email mcbear@earthlink.net Lin McCarthy
- To confirm a seat, mail registration fee along with name, phone number, and your email address to: Lin McCarthy, ATTN: MURPHY RULES, 4401 Chesapeake Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669. (please make check payable to: Lin McCarthy, and note "Murphy Rules" on the memo line)
- **For additional info, answers to questions about the seminar and/or register, please contact Lin at 757-850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net .**

ONE-DAY (BASIC) RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Saturday, February 16, 2013

0800 – 1800

Hampton Yacht Club, Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, VA

Seminar is sponsored by US Sailing and Hampton Yacht Club. It is designed for those who have some race committee experience as well as newcomers. Principal instructor is John McCarthy, US Sailing Race Management Instructor, a Regional Race Officer, and a US Sailing Senior Judge. The Assistant Instructor is Scott Almond, a local certified Club Race Officer. The Club Race Officer certification test, which will be given at the conclusion of the seminar, is optional. Anyone, whether seeking official certification or not, is welcome to come and improve their race committee skills.

- Cost - \$50 for US Sailing members and \$95 for non-members – includes continental breakfast, morning and afternoon break refreshments, lunch and all seminar materials. Non-members of US Sailing (\$95 rate) will be given a Special Introductory Membership (one adult for one year) which will be activated after the seminar.
- Registration – Please send to: Lin McCarthy, ATTN: Race Mgt Seminar, 4401 Chesapeake Avenue, Hampton, VA 23669; (1) name; (2) mailing address; (3) telephone number; (4) email address; (5) US Sailing membership number, if appropriate; and (6) check for seminar fee made payable to Hampton Yacht Club. US SAILING members may go to www.ussailing.org/calendar to register on-line (payment still must be sent directly to Lin McCarthy, payable to HYC as explained above).
- **For additional info, answers to questions about the course and/or to register, please contact Lin at 757-850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net. Don't hesitate to call; we'll help walk you through the registration process.**

Some people have all the fun! This coming weekend, three southern Bay racers will reap a mighty nice reward for the fund raising work they did in support of the Southern Chesapeake Bay Leukemia Cup. Fifty (50) Leukemia Cup Regattas have taken place across the country during the 2012 calendar year, and 95 dedicated fundraisers have qualified for the **2012 Fantasy Sail on December 7-9, 2012 in New Orleans**. Our three winners from the **14th Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta** held in Deltaville last July 6-8 are: Top fundraiser, Diane Simon of Richmond, along with **Rob Whittet**, also of Richmond, and **Carolyn Norton Schmalenberger** of Deltaville. They will be going to NOLA for a weekend of sailing and racing with Gary Jobson and to enjoy a special reception at the prestigious Southern Yacht Club. Congratulations to all!

Antidote for the Winter Blues – Sail with the Vendee Globe Racers. From **Ed Giles**, crew on Rodney Paice's J24, *Chop Chop*, comes info on how to "do" the **Vendee Globe**. Ed advises you go to <http://www.vendeeglobe.org/en> to join the race in progress (right now they are 20+ days on the course and entering the Southern Ocean). Ed offers these specific "How-To" tips: (1) click Google's "always translate this page to English" button; (2) when looking at the daily update videos, be aware that the first half-hour is in French – you can fast forward to the second half-hour which is usually presented by a British news anchor; (3) if English is your primary language, look for videos and audio reports from the two Brits who are still racing and watch for the French and Spanish skippers who occasionally broadcast in English; (4) **better yet, sign up for the newsletter in the English language option – it has links to videos, the current weather forecast, highlights videos and audios, and a bunch of other stuff already translated into our mother tongue.**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, wants to supplement Ed Giles' advice on "doing the Vendee Globe" (see item above). Re-name your recliner lounge "The Rail", designate your flannel-lined jeans and shearing slippers as foul weather gear, pull out your favorite regatta hat and put it on (makes it obvious to all that you are racing and cannot be contacted by landlubbers), set up satellite communications (phone will do) with racing friends, and, next to your laptop, have a mug of warm grog to sustain you as you hit the Southern Ocean. This is how racers deal with winter! Ah-oooooh! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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