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Dana Dillon Memorial New Year's Madness Race. Tuesday, JANUARY 1, 2013. The course for this race is described as "From the Hampton Yacht Club bar, around Hampton Bar, to the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club bar." That's approximately 6 miles. The festivities begin (continue from the evening before for many) at the mandatory skippers meeting at 1000 in the HYC Dockside Lounge. A great hot breakfast is available at a nominal cost. Breakfast for each skipper is included in the entry fee. Breakfast is available from 0900. Visiting boats may raft at the end of the HYC piers during breakfast and the skippers meeting. There are classes for all PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker (2 headsails allowed) and Cruising Class boats. Courtesy Cruising ratings will be assigned by race officials. All boats must be able to meet the safety requirements of PHRF 4P to compete. This is a pursuit race – slower boats start first. Starting times (based on handicaps) are available at the skippers meeting. There is a post-race party and awards presentation at the OPCYC Clubhouse at Fort Monroe. The party starts at 1530. **TO ENTER:** To avoid the late entry fee (\$10), your entry with fee (\$25) must be in race officials hands by 5PM, Saturday, December 22nd. You may mail your entry (see below) OR you may drop it off in the OPCYC "drop box" or the HYC "outside (back porch) drop box" by 5 PM on December 22nd. Checks should be made payable to OPCYC. You may mail your entry to OPCYC, c/o Bob Williamson, 5201 Carillo Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23508-1708. **ENTER NOW, BEFORE YOU DEplete YOUR HOLIDAY FUNDS!** And, so event planners have the best numbers info in hand. Start the new year right – GO RACIN'! Contact for info: Bob Williamson – 757-489-8991 OR Jeff Rogers – 757-449-2931

New Year's Madness Post-Race Party factoid - There are no longer security checks at the Fort Monroe entrances – the Fort is wide open to the public!

Last minute gifts from our friends at PHOTOBOT! HOLIDAY SALE Save 15% through this coming SATURDAY, December 15th. Find your pictures from Southern Bay Race Week and Cape Charles Cup by clicking here: [Go to the Galleries](#) **Coupon Code: Holiday12**

Seaford Yacht Club New Year's Day Race. Tuesday, January 1, 2013. This is a long established casual race and friendly gathering on New Year's Day. A nice time shared among nice people. For information contact Chuck Eldred of SYC at 757-898-1025. Chuck can tell you about entries and schedules for the day.

To Fiddler's Green: Dan Maher passed from us unexpectedly Thursday, December 6, 2012. Capt Daniel Maher had his own company here in Tidewater, training military members in boat operations, and he also instructed for a while at Sailtime in Norfolk. He, at one time, ran a charter fishing boat, the *Jungle Jim*, out of Lynnhaven. Many in the boating and sailing community on the Bay knew him. He is reported to have suffered a heart attack while visiting on the Eastern Shore. There will be a memorial visitation for Capt Daniel Maher at the Lesner Inn (located beside Bubba's Restaurant) on Shore Drive, VAB, on Wednesday, 4-7pm. A Catholic

Mass is [tentatively] scheduled at Star of the Sea, Thursday, 10am. [Southern Bay racer Ben Ritger shares this information.]

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has noticed the vagaries of "holiday speak" as we move full throttle into the wonderful season. For instance, *HUMBUG* vs *HUMDINGER*. *Humbug* means "something intended to delude or deceive; nonsense!". *Humdinger* means "a person, thing, action, or statement of remarkable excellence or effect". *The Murphster* hopes you are able to dodge the Holiday Humbug and have a Humdinger of a December! Hummmmmmmmmmm. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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