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

FATHERS DAY IS THIS COMING SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH. BUY DAD A FARR 40!!

Distance races are not for sissies, and the **Annapolis to Newport Race** is proving that. First, on Friday, the start was delayed for 4 hours due to the passage of Tropical Storm Andrea. In late afternoon the 56 boat fleet started down the Bay in heavy rain and a 15-18 knot northerly. Challenging problems led to withdrawals early in the race: e.g., hydraulic line burst (during the starting sequence); headstay problem; blew out main during jibe; no engine, therefore no way to charge batteries; block failed injuring crew (evacuated to Norfolk – concern for possible concussion and abundance of caution). Then, on Saturday, to add insult to injury, the wind and the boat speeds dropped. Later Saturday evening one of the double-handed boats blew out her main and another boat, in danger of drifting into the Bay Bridge-Tunnel, turned on her engine and withdrew.. Then came reports of no rum and having been becalmed 24 hours – two more fell by the wayside. Sunday morning one more withdrew. Another had to drop out to put a crew ashore due to a family emergency. And, so it goes. Bluewater racing crews have to have an extra dose of resolve, but sometimes even that won't be enough! Meanwhile, some have enjoyed lovely breezes.

It Takes Two. The **HYC Doublehand Race** proved not only does it “take two”, it helps if the two are related. **Phil Briggs and son Scott** guided *Feather* (J36) around the 6.7 nm course to first place in the A group. And, husband-wife team, **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi** won the B group in their J24 *Rocket J*. Fifteen teams of two showed up to race yesterday. Race Officer –Rich Wilcox.

The **J70 North Americans** will be hosted by Annapolis Yacht Club and J70 Fleet 1, September 26-28. Entries were limited to 90 and the limit was reached within 28 hours after opening. The 5 J70s from the southern Chesapeake Bay, three of which are skippered and owned by Ron Thompson, Noel Clinard, Lud Kimbrough, and two others owned by Vortex Marine, all made the limit and will be racing in the NAs.

The start of the Annapolis to Newport Race was delayed 4 hours Friday so that the **pesky tropical storm** could get out of our Bay. The HarborFest Parade of Sail was cancelled, but the rest of the festival soldiered on. There was a lot of rain, but . . . we got off lucky. In most cases doubling up on lines was not even really necessary, although prudent.

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK RACERS – PHOTOBAT has posted hundreds of *action photos of YOU* at www.photoboot.com (click on *Southern Bay Race Week* in the left-hand side event list) for your viewing pleasure. The photos are **grouped by boat name** for your convenience. Allen and Daniela, whom many of you met during the regatta, have made it easy to view and to purchase.

Dear Readers,

Your next issue of SBRNYCU, #645, will come to you on Monday, July 1st. Between now and then there is plenty of racing for you to do and a lot of the dates and contact info are listed here for your convenience. The Murphster will return with lots of racing news. Ahhhhhhh-ooooo!

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“To-Do-For-Sure” List for the Second Half of June:

June 14-15 26th Annual Cock Island Race – Meander to the ICW Mile Marker 0 (on the Portsmouth side) on Friday and race out the Elizabeth River and back (to MM 0) on Saturday and party, party, party before and after. This crazy fun happens every year. For information contact Portsmouth Boat Club at 757-399-7980.

TODAY, JUNE 10th is the last day of the late entry period (cost now is \$110). If you want to be part of the happening, get entered today. There is a Skippers Meeting (after check-in) at 7:30pm on Friday. The race is named for Portsmouth. And, it is told, that way, way back in olden times, when cock fighting was a recognized, but “unseemly” sport, it happened in Portsmouth. Hence, the name, Cock Island. And so, there is a fighting cock in the race logo - when you race, you are racing through history.

June 22 Moonlight Triangle Race – One of the CCV high point races. IF you have a “*racing membership*” with CCV, you are automatically entered in this race. All others must submit a separate entry. The race starts and finishes in the Bay. The first warning is at 1700. There is no time limit. The courses for each fleet will be signaled from the RC signal boat – courses are pre-determined and identified by a specific letter. So, you will need a copy of the CCV Sailing Instruction and also, the NOR (page 74-75 of the current CCV Guide). For information and for entry, **contact Richard Payne, 757-928-0067**. All classes entered in this race will be scored in the BBSA administered *2013 Southern Bay Distance Racing Series*.

June 22 Moonlight Regatta – This is a popular Fishing Bay Yacht Club race. This is the first race of the FBYC Long Distance Series. The first warning is at 1930. **For NOR, info and entry click on www.fbyc.net**. Remember, there is dinner at the FBYC clubhouse before the race (1700) and refreshments after the race. So, hopefully sail well, and for sure eat and drink well!

June 23 Wolcott Memorial Regatta - A one-day regatta hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club. There is NO CHARGE for regatta entry; Classes are Hampton One Design and Flying Juniors. Skippers Meeting 0945 on race day. For info, please contact Eddie Wolcott, Jr, 757-434-7324 or wolcott@wolriv.com

June 28-30 Albacore Nationals – hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. On Friday the Albacores will open their National Championship regatta and on Saturday and Sunday will be part of the HYC Annual One Design

Regatta. For Albacore specific information, contact event chairman Steve Taylor at **757-722-7861** or steve.taylor@wartsiladefense.com **NOR posted at www.hamptonyc.com**

June 29-30 HYC Annual One-Design [& Albacore Nationals]– hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. One-Design classes [in addition to Albacores] intending to compete include: Hampton One Design, Laser, Sonar, J24, J70, Moth and any other class with at least 5 pre-registered boats. For details and entry, contact event chairman Steve Taylor at **757-722-7861** or steve.taylor@wartsiladefense.com **NOR posted at www.hamptonyc.com**

MAIN EVENTS - COMING IN JULY:

July 12-14 **SOUTHERN CHESAPEAKE BAY LEUKEMIA CUP**- Fishing Bay/Deltaville – hosted by Stingray Point Marina, sponsored by FBYC and Stingray Harbour YC – www.leukemicup.org/va/

July 21-22-23 **SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE** –Solomons, MD. This *is* where the Chesapeake Bay sailors from north and south meet to race. . . and more!– www.splc.us or 301-862-3100 - southern Bay boats already entered are: *Midnight Mistress* (Jake & Pat Brodersen/HYC); *Goin'* (Dennis Hannick/FBYC); *Shenanigan* (Miles Booth/FBYC); *Voodoo 2* (Leroi Lissenden/HYC)

MAIN EVENTS - COMING IN AUGUST:

Aug 17-18 CAPE CHARLES CUP– Presented by Broad Bay Sailing Association. Race from Little Creek to Cape Charles; have a grand time overnight in Cape Charles; race from Cape Charles to Hampton! It's a happening.

Aug 30-Sep 1 **STINGRAY POINT REGATTA** – Hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club – a Labor Day Weekend racing experience, with Monday left open for families, friends, and delivery home.

Aug 31-Sept 2 **CBYRA ANNAPOLIS RACE WEEK** – CBYRA hosts this regatta with parties in downtown Annapolis and racing where you see the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. It's all BIG!

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is dealing now with one main concern – how to handle umbrella drinks without opposable thumbs. Not to worry, *The Murphster* will manage! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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