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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #671**

**SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings. Founded in April, 2000.**

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

**Steve Hunt**, who has well established roots in the southern Bay, but now resides on the West Coast, is a crew member on the World Champions Etchells team mentioned in *Scuttlebutt* #3987: ***In Tuscany, Italy, the American team of Marvin Beckmann (helm), Steve Hunt and Ezra Culver won the 2013 Etchells World Championship.*** To read more google Scuttlebutt.

Back in **2009** SBRNYCU ran the following: *The ELDA song by Barry August: From a SBRNYCU reader comes an inquiry about a song Barry August wrote. It was about the sinking of the ELDA, a Gibson Island boat, in the 1956 Newport-Bermuda Race. Any sailor would appreciate some of the lines, like "The lookout in the pulpit, white water did he see...good God, hardalee!" and "There was no time to save the whiskey or the gin...white water rushing in." We're looking for the words to the entire song - share if ya can! Send 'em to SBRNYCU. Now, almost 5 years later,* comes word from a reader and her sister, who was holiday visiting from San Diego. She said as they reminisced over scrapbooks and photos, the refrain of the song struck and stuck in their heads: *Oh it was sad, it was sad! It was sad when the Elda went down. None lost their lives, not even Henry Wise, It was sad when the Elda went down.* Southern Bay historical trivia!

**To Fiddlers Green.** **George Ackerman**, a southern Bay racer who crewed on Gene Thayer's *Pterodactyl* for years, passed away unexpectedly Friday, January 3, 2014. George was known by many in the Hampton Roads area as owner of the Warwick Cheese Shop in Hidenwood. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

**BBSA and Cape Charles Cup racers contribute significant bucks to Sail Nauticus.** BBSA donated \$5,000 to the Sail Nauticus program which mostly came from the raffle/auction and T-Shirt sales from the Cape Charles Cup. Sail Nauticus is a Norfolk based non-profit organization committed to positively inspiring, instructing, and impacting Hampton Roads kids through the use of sailing and maritime sciences. This donation was matched, so Sail Nauticus has \$10,000 to put towards their program. A good thing.

**Penny Zahn to helm CBYRA into and through 100<sup>th</sup> year.** Penny Zahn is the new incoming president of CBYRA, the organization that serves and oversees all racing on the Chesapeake Bay. During 2014, CBYRA's 100<sup>th</sup> year, Penny and her team expect to re-evaluate with an emphasis on up-dating and re-invigoration of the entire organization. Well underway is a move into a new database management system with hopes for unveiling an entirely new website within the month. The January issue of *SpinSheet Magazine* (page 58) [www.spinsheet.com](http://www.spinsheet.com) includes an article about Penny and CBYRA's move toward a more nimble and responsive organization serving Chesapeake Bay sailors. **NOTE: Individual Southern Bay clubs that are**

**part of Region 4 of CBYRA are:** Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA); Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV); Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club (ESYCC); Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC); Gatling Point Yacht Club (GPYC); Hampton Yacht Club (HYC); Langley Yacht Club (LYC); Norfolk Naval Sailing Association (NNSA); Norfolk Yacht and Country Club (NYCC); Old Point Comfort Yacht Club (OPCYC); Outer Banks Sailing Association (OBSA); Portsmouth Boat Club (PBC); Pasquotank River Yacht Club (PRYC); Rappahannock River Yacht Club (RRYC); Salt Ponds Yacht Club (SPYC); Seaford Yacht Club (SYC); Ware River Yacht Club (WRYC); Warwick River Yacht and Country Club (WRYCC); Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club (YPRCC); York River Yacht Club (YRYC). CBYRA Vice President for CBYRA Region 4– Randy Pugh; CBYRA Region 4 Scheduler (keel boat races/events) – Lin McCarthy.

**Time to race in Florida.** The Lauderdale to Key West Race skippers meeting is tomorrow (Jan 14) with the start on Wednesday (Jan 15) and Key West Race Week opens Sunday (Jan 19). Get on down there if you can!

**Registration info links:** (events in Hampton, Virginia)

\*\*\*February 16, 2014 US SAILING ONE-DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR –  
[http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Race\\_Officers/CertificationTraining/Race\\_Officer\\_Seminars/Seminar\\_Calendar.htm](http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Race_Officers/CertificationTraining/Race_Officer_Seminars/Seminar_Calendar.htm)

\*\*\*March 8, 2014 US SAILING ONE DAY JUDGE SEMINAR -  
[http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Judges/Seminar\\_Calendar.htm](http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Judges/Seminar_Calendar.htm)

\*\*\*SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2014 (May 30 – June 1) ON LINE to enter and/or payment [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

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**MURPHY'S LAW:** Time to put personal crewing availability info out there – Key West Race Week starts this coming weekend. *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has the flip-flops limbered up and the tanning lotion packed – it IS Florida in January, after all! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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