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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #722**

**SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings.**

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

**Racing begins today at Key West Race Week! Final awards will be given at the close of the regatta on Friday. Wish we all were there!**

**Traditionally, the dates of Southern Bay Race Week, the weekend AFTER Memorial Day weekend, coincide with the annual Blackbeard Pirate Festival.** It's true this year, too. SBRW 2015 opens on Thursday evening, May 28<sup>th</sup>, and racing begins on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and goes through Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Blackbeard Festival opens on Friday evening and runs through Sunday. So, while racers are "battling" on the race course, Pirates will have the run of the downtown; even Blackbeard will be there in person. . . with his head firmly attached. There will be cannons fired, sailing ship battles in the river off the downtown waterfront, fireworks Saturday evening, musical entertainment into the night, pirates and era notables mingling throughout the Old Hampton section of downtown and, so much more. To see more about the Blackbeard Festival click on <http://www.hampton.gov/blackbeard>. To see more about SBRW 2015 and/or to enter click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250>. **What do you get when you cross a pirate with a zucchini? A Squashbuckler!! (Har-har)**

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race:** Thirty-eight (38) boats started this annual point-to-point along the Florida Coast this year. The only southern Bay entry, **Christian Schaumloffel** and crew on his Hobie 33, *Mirage*, finished 5<sup>th</sup> in their fleet of seven. According to reports the challenge was boat handling and most especially the number of jibes!

### **COMING SOON - CLINICS, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS– Sail better in 2015!**

**\*\*\* Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup> - MURPHY RULES, "Just How Proper is a Proper Course?"; 0900-noon at Hampton Yacht is FULL to capacity.** However, a **WAITING LIST** has been established and for info or to be added, please email Lin McCarthy [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) or call (757) 850-4225. Participants should come early (check-in opens at 0815) and enjoy coffee and pastry before things get started at 0900 sharp.

**\*\*\*Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> -Norfolk Yacht and Country Club is hosting a "Cruiser/Racer Seminar", 0900 - Noon.** The seminar, conducted by John McCarthy, is geared toward Non-Spinnaker and Cruising Class racers who are looking for ways to improve performance on the race course. **NY&CC offers the clinic free and it is open to all.** Please do **call NYCC to reserve your spot – 757-423-4500.** **For additional information contact Bill Ripley at 757-477-0771.** This will be a fun morning for those who have been bitten by the racing bug!

**\*\*\*Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Near Coastal Safety at Sea Seminar – 8:30am-4:00pm - early registration recommended.** Costs: \$110; SAVE \$25 by registering *prior to* February 1<sup>st</sup> for \$85. - for info and to register go to [www.marinersmuseum.org](http://www.marinersmuseum.org) or call (757) 591-7749.

**2015 Southern Bay Racing Schedule** for keel boats is available from your yacht club and sailing association race program officials. Also, you may obtain an electronic copy from *SBRNYCU* by sending an email (subj: Racing Schedule) to [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) asking for your 2015 Southern Bay Racing Schedule. You will receive it by return email. Get ready to "race your brains out".

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is gearing up for the Blackbeard Pirate Festival that coincides with SBRW weekend. *The Murphster* has already acquired a skull and cross-bones pennant, a mini saber, a set of tattered and torn sailing duds, pieces of eight, an eye patch, and four tall, cuffed black leather boots. Plans are to race in full regalia. Picture that *Racing Beagle* coming atcha at the weather mark!! Arg! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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