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

DAN and GANNON TROUTMAN, from Gloucester, Virginia, finished 5th overall in the 54 boat J70 One-Design Class at KEY WEST RACE WEEK. Gannon, at age 12, became the talk of the regatta and certainly proved his mettle with a 1st, a 2nd, and a 3rd among the team's finishes in the largest fleet at KWRW. Gannon has been proclaimed the youngest skipper ever at KWRW. *Piped Piper* (USA 380) had a regatta string of [26]-2-15-10-11-3-14-13-1-12-18 for a final score of 99. Two Opti instructors from the FBYC Junior Program, **Victor Diaz de Leon** and **Tomas Dietrich**, crewed with the Troutmans. Boats from Italy and Mexico finished 1st and 2nd respectively. *Pied Piper* was the third American boat in the standings, behind Tim Healy (3rd) and Jud Smith (4th). Congratulations for a grand showing at KWRW 2015!

To Fiddler's Green. **John Lawrence (Larry) Brownell**, owner and skipper of *Yankee*, passed away January 16th at his home with family. Larry loved sailing and racing *Yankee* with his life partner, Barbara Mayes, in the Chesapeake and to the Bahamas. Larry was a long time member of Broad Bay Sailing Association and the Little Creek SA, a branch of BBSA. He was a gentle man, always willing to give a helping hand. He will be missed by his extensive family and by his friends in the sailing community. A detailed obituary is available in the *Virginian-Pilot* newspaper.

There's another Viper 640 in the Hampton Viper Nest. **Mark Wheeler** has brought Viper #230 to his home in Hampton. The garage of his and wife Kathy's abode has been renamed "The Viper Cave". The Wheeler name is very familiar to southern Bay racers (and well beyond) as Mark and Kathy have been prominent one-design racers, especially in the Hampton One Design, and over the years Mark has been a mainstay on Sledd Shelhorse's big boat crews. He also has crewed and navigated on a whole lot of well know boats in a whole lot of bluewater races. Congratulations to the Wheelers.

"Buenos dias!" says Senor Doughtie. Southern Bay racer **Mitch Doughtie** is doing all he can to foster good relations with our racing neighbors to the south; he's in Mexico. Mitch sent an update recently in a diplomatic pouch: He said, *"I finally found a person who has three sailboats and a sportfish, who has given me the use of his 21 foot sailboat for four days while he is away on business in Mexico City! He even moved it by trailer to a marina closer to my house! We just finished our second day of sailing! When he returns he is going to introduce me to the yacht club members so I can get on a list for people who need crew to go sailing! Also, he invited me to go on his brand new Beneteau 400 in two weeks for SAIL!!!! I am in paradise!!! WILL SEE YOU IN APRIL!"*

Packing the space to the seams, a big passel of Southern Bay racers now know the answer to **“Just How Proper is a Proper Course?”** Racers from various parts of the Southern Bay and beyond, including Elizabeth City, gathered on a rainy Saturday morning at host Hampton Yacht Club and got their heads around the subject as John McCarthy presented the topic. What better way for racers to spend a Saturday morning in January?!!

Develop Your Sailing Smarts:

***** Saturday January 31st – “Start Sailing Now Seminar”, Molly Winans (SpinSheet Magazine Editor), Baltimore Boat Show**

***** Saturday February 7th - 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.** Participants will receive a copy of “Sailor’s Guide to the Racing Rules”, coffee and refreshments, and a chance to see their sailing friends with their “real” clothes on. *So, pass the word to your cruising friends who occasionally race.* This will be a fun morning for those who have been bitten by the racing bug!

*****Saturday February 21st5th Annual Near Coastal Safety at Sea Seminar – 8:30am-4:00pm – hosted by The Mariners’ Museum - early registration recommended.** Costs: \$110; SAVE \$25 by registering prior to February 1st for \$85. - for info and to register go to www.marinersmuseum.org or call (757) 591-7749.

Southern Bay Racers’ February Calendar: *Race when you can, where you can!*

Feb 1-May 3 **Laser Racing every Sunday off ODU Sailing Center, Norfolk,VA**

Feb 1- Mar 1 **HYC Frostbiting – small boats – every Sunday afternoon – Hampton (757) 722-0711**

Feb 2 Mon **GROUND HOG DAY**

Feb 7 Sat **NY&CC “Cruiser/Racer Seminar”, Norfolk, VA**

Feb 7-8 Sa-Sun **Quantum J70 Winter Series 3 (final) –Tampa, FL**

Feb 7-8 Sa-Sun **VIPER 640 Sarasota Winter Series (final) – Sarasota, FL**

Feb 14 Sat **VALENTINE’S DAY**

Feb 16 Mon **PRESIDENTS’DAY (official holiday)**

Feb 21 Sat **5th Annual Near Coastal Safety at Sea Seminar – The Mariners’ Museum**

Feb 26 Thur **SBRNYCU Annual FOR SALE Boat Listing– deadline for submissions**

Mar 1-2 Su-Mo **EFG VIPER 640 Winter Cup – Miami, FL**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, plans to hit as many winter racing seminars as possible. Until recently, *The Murphster* thought "proper course" was a straight line from the dock to the regatta party tent! Ahhhooooooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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