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

Southern Bay VIPER 640s were well represented at Bacardi Miami Sailing Week, which ended this past Saturday. The team of **Henry and Barb Amthor and Dave Eberwine** (HYC) sailed their way to a 6th place overall finish with only two of their 9 finishes outside the single digit range. The string for Viper 227 was [13]-9-6-5-2-7-3-13-9 in a fleet of 32. **Steve Taylor, Mark Wheeler, and Tom Fitzmonk** (HYC) took 12th place overall (16-7-8-14-20-21-[27]-10-6). Steve gained notoriety when he was quoted in *Sailing Anarchy* after a particularly dicey [point to point] race. SA said, *This informal "race" started between the outer most channel markers for the Coconut Grove channel. Hampton YC's Steve Taylor and his crew were first to reach shore in No Name Harbor. Taylor was reported exclaiming, "We won the Scorch! Apparently I need to do more races that end at a bar."* [Sailing Anarchy website, March 4] Complete scoring details are available at [YachtScoring.com](#), select event 2015 Bacardi Miami Sailing Week. Also, racing at Bacardi was southern Bay racer **Latane Montague**, sailing out of FBYC. *Full Monty* finished 26th overall in the 46 boat **J70 fleet**.

Nine (9) days of heaven for Albacore racers. Southern Bay ALBACORE racers are heading to their class Mid Winters and Albacore International Championship, March 19th through 27th in Sarasota. On their way in a few days to give it their best shot is the **father-daughter team of Sterling and Sydney Spruill**. Sterling and daughter Sydney have been training, getting as much time as the weather has allowed, throughout the winter. They have even gone so far as to strength train to help endurance. **Teresa**, wife, is going on the 9 day trip and will be the team "shore crew" and entourage. They have rented an RV trailer and intend to park it beside several other teams of Albacore sailors on "Albacore Row". Good times on the near horizon!

The *Surely Boo* team, skipper **Dave Bettis**, is having a grand time in the Islands, Mon. He is doing lots of local regattas, including the 35th **George Town Cruising Regatta**. Those southern Bay racers who are home, wading through slush at best, and tunneling through snow (again) at worst, can justifiable direct green envy at Dave and Nikki. ☺

RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: Before the start of a race, at what point must your engine be off? (Answer follows in this issue of *SBRNYCU*.)

One addition to SBRNYCU BOATS FOR SALE LIST: (list published Monday, March 2, 2015, #728) **C&C 37 -- Wavelength** -- hull no. 63, Sleeps 6. Rod rigging, high tech sails, pressure h&c water, full head with shower, Yanmar diesel, autopilot, windward sheeting traveler. Although it's an awesome cruising boat, it has proven to be successful in club races, with lots of silver to prove it, including CBYRA Region 4N High Point Champion. Located FBYC. Asking \$33,500. Full specs and pictures can be found on the [Yachtworld](#) website ("C&C37" list). **Contact Jonathan at Annapolis Yacht Sales (804-776-7575) or Rob Whittet (804-337-4364).**

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2015 Update: Here are the earliest of the SBRW Early Bird entries: *Bad Dog*, Brad Davis; *Bad Habit*, Bob Archer; *Bash*, Ron Medlin; *Bitten*, Mike Gravitt; *Cheeky Monkey*, Paul and Julie Wash; *Clowns & Jokers*, Eric White; *Coeur d' Alene*, Hank Griffin; *E.L.E.*, Matt Braun & Family; *Feather*, Phil Briggs; *Ganar!*, Dave Bouchard; *Goin'*, Dennis Hannick; *Grim Reaper*, Bob Howell; *Horizon*, Matthew Newborn; *Jammin'*, Dave Hughes; *Joint Custody*, Jenn and Ray Wulff; *Kingfisher*, Dixon Wilde; *Klimax*, Booty Baker; *Lona*; Carey Hardesty; *Loonatictu*, Team Alibi; *Mad Hatter*, Bob Fleck; *Mazi*, Tom Pantelides; *Nostalgia*, Blake and Lud Kimbrough; *Papawheelie*; Will and Cheryl Keyworth; *Restless*, Bill Barnes; *Rocket J*, Ray Nugent; *roundabout*, Alan Bomar; *Rumble*, Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran; *Schock Full O' Nuts*, Butch Patterson; *Shenanigan*, Miles Booth; *Skymark*, Tim Dull; *Sonar*, Rosemary Hobart; *Special K*, Don DeLoatch; *Tempo*, Jonathan Romero; *Tumbling Dice*, Tyler Moore; *Vapor Trails*, Mark Wheeler; *Viper 220*, Steve Taylor; *Viper 227*, Henry Amthor and Dave Eberwine; *VooDoo 2*, Leroi Lissenden; *Vortex*, Rodney Paice; *Whiskey Girl*, Cheryl Marek; See all entries information, scratch sheets, NOR, special discounts, accommodations and docking info, on-line entry, paper forms, and more at (click here) <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1250> or call Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225. SBRW has racing for PHRF, One Design, and Cruising Racers – something for everyone. *Y'all come racing!*

LIGHTNING RACING on the Poquoson River. If you've been longing for a local one-design fleet sailing a small (but not too small), affordable (\$1K- \$15K), and universally popular (15,500+ worldwide) trailer-able boat, **Lightning Fleet 518 on the Poquoson River** may be just the ticket. The plan is to race pretty much every Sunday afternoon from May through September. The season will be split into a Spring/Summer/Fall series with separate awards. This will be casual racing – several of the boats will be crewed by families with young kids. There will be several short races and then probably boats will tie up at a local dock for post-racing socializing. For those who do not have a lift on the river, there is a launch ramp facility at the end of Tide Mill Road in York County and several small marinas with ramps scattered around the racing area. For a copy of the *Sunday Afternoon Lightning Races NOR* and additional information, please **contact Mike Mastracci at (757) 771-8003** Check out the International Lightning Class at <http://lightningclass.org>.

Mark the calendar. CCV plans to hand out their 2015 CCV Racing Guide on Tuesday, March 31, at 7pm (Open at 6:30pm for Guide pick-up) at Hampton Yacht Club.

LAST REMINDER – THIS COMING SATURDAY March 14th NYCC will present another FREE Saturday morning workshop. David Baxter – Baxter Sailmakers – will do a “sail trim” workshop from 10:00 am until noon. Open to everyone, call the club @ 757-423-4500 to reserve a spot, coffee & donuts provided.

Answer to RR Quiz Question: Never; you can run your engine as long as you like. It just cannot be used for propulsion once you are racing (racing begins when your prep signal is raised, 4 minutes before your start). So, as long as your engine is in neutral, you can run it. Of course, your competitor may look askance when he sees that water discharge coming out of your stern. [Ref: US Sailing, The Racing Rules of Sailing , *Definitions: Racing*; and, *Rule 42 – Propulsion*]

CBYRA HIGH POINT STANDINGS FOR PHRF CLASS, REGION 4 (Southern Bay) – 2014.

Region 4 SOUTH Division: PHRF A 1.**Leroi Lissenden**, *VooDoo 2*; 2.**Bob Mosby**, *Cyrano*; 3.**Pete Hunter**, *Wairere*. PHRF B 1.**Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran**, *Rumble*; 2.**Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*. PHRF C. 1.**Neil Ford and Lis Biondi**, *Rocket J*; 2.**Alan Bomar**, *Roundabout*. PHRF Non-Spin 1.**Leo Wardrup Crew**, *Black Widow*; 2.**John Wandling**, *Rebecca J*. Region 4 NORTH Division: PHRF A 1.**Sam Mitchener**, *Double Eagle*; 2. **Glenn Doncaster**, *Nanuq*. PHRF B 1.**Bob Fleck**, *Mad hatter*;

2. **Brad Davis**, *Bad Dog*. PHRF C 1. **Sam Marshal**, *Play it Again*. No qualifiers for Non-Spin. For info contact CBYRA at (410) 990-9393.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is keenly aware that the official date for St Patrick's Day (March 17) is more than a week away. However, there will be extensive pre-holiday celebration warm-up activities this coming weekend. The dress code is *GREEN!* Ahhhhooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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