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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 730**

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

**Founded in April, 2000.** Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

**TOMORROW, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, is officially ST. PATRICK'S DAY! Wear your GREEN!**

**FIRST DAY OF SPRING, Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 22:45 UTC (EDT 18:45, 6:45pm) - Burn your socks. . . even leftover green ones!** Let the official sock burning begin. Sock Burnings will take place far and wide. Most southern Bay clubs that have a sailing interest will have a sock burning to celebrate the Vernal Equinox. And, there will be a grand sock burning OPEN TO ALL on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the *SPINSHEET MAGAZINE* South Crew Listing and Sock Burning, at Marker 20, Hampton. (see item below). Let those toes breatheeeeeeeee.

**VIPER 640 Class officially "makes" for SBRW 2015.** The Viper class is the first OD class to meet all the minimum numbers required (6 entered and paid) for the One-Design Division of SBRW 2015. The earliest of the Early Bird Vipers are: *Bitten*, **Mike Gravitt**; *Clowns & Jokers*, **Eric White**; *The Screamer*, **Greg Schuster**; *Tumbling Dice*, **Tyler Moore**; *Vapor Trails*, **Mark Wheeler**; *Viper 220*, **Steve Taylor**; and *Viper 227*, **Henry Amthor & Dave Eberwine**. Meanwhile all the PHRF spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes are building as well as the SBRW Cruising Fleet. For detailed entries listing, scratch sheet, NOR, accommodations and docking info, special SBRW discounts, regatta forms, apparel link, plus on-line entry (and payment), click on <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!*

**Racing Ladies' Groups** are gaining in popularity on the Southern Bay. Two primary examples of recent origin are the Hampton Yacht Club Women's Sailing Group and the Rappahannock River Yacht Club Women Typhoon Racers. At HYC the women race the club's six Sonars every other Friday evening during the season. There are no set crews (names are drawn out of a hat each Friday) and the guys are all about supporting the racers, from race committee-ing to observation deck cheering (arrive early – it's a happening). At RRYC the women Typhoon-ers are scheduled to race on Sundays, beginning April 26 through May 31. Here, too, the gentlemen are staunch supporters. This group is a part of a steadily growing Typhoon Fleet on the Rapp River.

Southern Bay boats entered in **50th Block Island Race Week**, 21-26 June. **Glenn Doncaster's *Nanuq***, Sabre 426, in PHRF class, and **Greg and Carie Cutter's *Diablo***, Andrews 28, in the Doublehanded class.

Carie and Greg are the entire crew. *Nanuq* will be racing up to Block (Annapolis to Newport Race), but, as Greg points out, *Diablo* will get there faster - 60mph on I-95.

**6th Annual SpinSheet Crew Listing Party for the Southern Bay – Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 5pm** - kicks off the 2015 sailing season at one of southern Bay sailors' favorite watering holes, **MARKER 20** in downtown Hampton (one block off the waterfront). **DOYLE SAILS** is once again donating a keg for the festivities. In addition to being a season opening party for all southern Bay sailors, this is where skippers and potential crew members gathered to meet, smooze, and make sailing plans. And, there is more – local racing clubs and associations are encouraged to send a representative who can provide information on that group's racing events, contact information, and answer any pertinent questions sailors may have. For additional info on the event or club/organization representation, **please contact David Taylor at 757-344-5292.**

**The Typhoon fleet at Rappahannock River YC gathered for some spring brain commissioning this past weekend.** Fifty + Typhoon-ers spent several hours Saturday at a Typhoon-specific "Boat Prep/Sail Trim" seminar. Tom Watkins, Jerry Latell and Ron Mihills along with John Friday led the discussion of the importance of bottom prep, mast rake using adjustable backstays, and proper sail set used when racing. Spring cometh!

**\*\*\*\*Seminar on Race Scoring Skills – March 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 9AM – 1PM, at Rappahannock River Yacht Club in Irvington.** Bob Fleck will conduct the seminar. He is a racer and an IT professional. He plans to cover scoring for PHRF as well as one design classes and for multiple classes and formats regattas. *You will need to bring your laptop with JavaScore installed (version 7.2.2)* Bob will also touch on other scoring programs, like YachtScoring, Sailwave, MS Excel. Cost is \$6 to cover the mid morning coffee and refreshments plus admin expenses. JavaScore is free.

To register and to get help on installing JavaScore, contact **Bill Young** at [youngbcdsj@aol.com](mailto:youngbcdsj@aol.com) **Get the most out of the upcoming "Seminar on Scoring Skills"**. Every organization that runs a race needs a handful of people who can handle the *electronic* scoring of a race or regatta or series or season long standings, etc. So, *before* you go to the seminar (see above), pull out your **Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016** and read and try to understand **RRS 90.3 and Appendix A, Scoring**. The RRS is the basis for decisions in setting up scoring programs (JavaScore, etc.) for your particular event. "Garbage in, garbage out" is a true axiom here. Then, pack up your laptop, your questions, and your "what ifs" and head for the seminar. (see item above)

**Mark the calendar. CCV plans to hand out their 2015 CCV Racing Guide on Tuesday, March 31, at Hampton Yacht Club. Doors open at 6:30 pm for registration and Racing Guide pickup.**

**Dream a little with your Monday morning cup of coffee.** The **Loro Piana Caribbean Superyacht Regatta and Rendezvous** has finished racing. Google the event up to enjoy some beautiful pictures of beautiful boats.

**SpinSheet Magazine offers crew listing site** for crew and skippers of all levels of sailing experience and in all areas of the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. The service is FREE. Check it out at <http://spinsheet.com/crew-listings/> User friendly registration, whether looking for a boat or looking for people. Get yourself sailing!

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, did check out the Superyacht Regatta (see above). Beagle finances being what they are, the advisor and I decided the best (and only) avenue to one of those yachts for

the *Murphster* is to get not one but several winning powerball lotto tickets. Headed for the 7-11 this morning. Ahooooooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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