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

Midwinter FSSA Championships finished a day early. The Flying Scots were racing in Sarasota and the conditions were so perfect that they wrapped up their 8-race championship regatta a day early, determining their champions on Wednesday, March 18th. Talk about happy campers. There were two southern Bay boats at the regatta, both from Fishing Bay Yacht Club. **John and Sharon Wake** were 16th overall in the 32 boat Championship Division with a string of 12-17-19-15-14-21-21-9 (128). **Tracy Schwarzschild and Mike Stephens** raced in the Challenger Division and finished 13th overall in their 22 boat division. The Flying Scot Midwinter Champions were Jeff and Amy Smith Linton who prevailed in a tie for first with Zeke and Jay Horowitz. Sarasota Sailing Squadron hosted the event.

REMEMBER – When you start out to practice, remember to include the **MAN OVERBOARD DRILL**. . . more than once. . . and, with the spinnaker up. Right now the southern Bay water temperature is in the low 40's just about everywhere. Think about it.

LAST REMINDERS – COMING UP THIS WEEKEND:

*****6th Annual SpinSheet Crew Listing Party for the Southern Bay – Saturday, March 28th, 5pm** - kicks off the 2015 sailing season at **MARKER 20** in downtown Hampton (one block off the waterfront). For additional info contact David Taylor at 757-344-5292.

*****Seminar on Race Scoring Skills – March 28th, Saturday, 9AM – 1PM**, at Rappahannock River Yacht Club in Irvington. Bob Fleck will conduct the seminar. *You will need to take your laptop with JavaScore installed (version 7.2.2)* To register and to get help on installing JavaScore, contact Bill Young at youngbcdsj@aol.com

What to do with wind in your sails – an important topic for racing sailors. And, on a recent Saturday morning, 45 sailors attended the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club sponsored “Sail Trim” workshop presented by Dave Baxter, a local southern Bay sailmaker. Those attending were happily “blown away”.

COMING IN APRIL – Get ready to roll!

Apr 1 Wed BBSA Wednesday Night racing begins

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Apr 2 Thur BBSA – Willoughby Thursday Night Racing begins

Apr 5 Sun *EASTER*

- Apr 8 Wed** YRYC Wednesday Night racing begins
- Apr 10 Fri** PBC Barnacle Friday Night racing begins
- Apr 11-12** HYC Trapeze Regatta
- Apr 11 Sat** FBYC Opening Day
- Apr 12 Sun** FBYC Spring Series 1
- Apr 12 Sun** CCV Tune Up Races
- Apr 16-19** *Charleston Race Week*
- Apr 19 Sun** CCV Spring Series Day 1 (Races #1 & #2)
- Apr 24 Fri** NYCC Spring Friday Night racing begins
- Apr 25 Sat** FBYC Spring Series 2
- Apr 26 Sun** CCV Spring Series Day 2 (Race #3)
- Apr 29 Wed** YPRCC Spring Regatta
- May 1-3** *Annapolis NOOD Regatta*
- May 2 Sat** FBYC J70 Spring Regatta
- May 2 Sat** OPCYC Yankee Station Series 1
- May 3 Sun** CCV Spring Series Day 3 (Races #4 & #5)

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.

The most recent entry to **Southern Bay Race Week 2015** in the one-design division is *Granny's Hoe*, skipper **Sarah Parker's** Viper from Raleigh, NC. Most recent to join the PHRF Division is **Austin Powers'** (Chesterfield, VA) Tartan 10, *Blew By You*, and newest to the Cruising Division is **Larry Baun's** (Norfolk) Tartan 37C, *Base Runner*. **See all entries**, scratch sheets, NOR, special discounts, accommodations and docking info, on-line entry, paper forms, and more at (click here) <http://www.yachtscore.com/emenue.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!*

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, reminds everyone that it's the time of year for racers to update their *bon mots*. Consider this for the rest of March: "*Spring has sprung, the grass has riz; we wonder where the winch handle is.*" And, beginning next week, "*April showers mean foulie hours.*" Mae West had a great *bon mot* that certainly applies to racing sailboats. Mae said, "*Too much of a good thing can be wonderful.*" Ahooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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