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

**Racers Burn Socks. . .Why?** Smart racers always attend at least one sock burning each spring. The idea is to offer up a gift to the racing gods in order to assure a great season. Bonfires are built, masters of ceremony conduct the tossing of the offered socks, and, usually, bands play and libations flow. Sock burnings are keyed to the Spring Equinox, after which and until the Fall Equinox, racing sailors do not wear socks (most of the time). On the March calendar (below) several sock burnings are already scheduled and there will be more. So, stay in touch with your club and fellow sailors. No matter how small, an official burning will be recognized by the racing gods! You determine the meaning of "official".

**PHRF of the Chesapeake UPDATE. Rating Certificate Applications.** For those of you who are using the online application, be advised that PHRF does receive it. Unfortunately, the software doesn't allow for sending an automated receipt, like Paypal does. If PHRF receives your payment, but not an application, they will contact you. Likewise, if PHRF receives an application, but no payment, they will contact you. ALSO, PHRF is now on **Facebook**. Racers can "like" the page for updates and information. *Checks or applications being sent by snail mail should be mailed to: **PHRF of the Chesapeake, P.O. Box 1856, Edgewater, MD 21037.***

**USSA ODRMS** – Seventeen (17) newly minted Club Race Officer candidates and a few renewing their qualifications finished the One Day Race Management Seminar hosted by Hampton Yacht Club Saturday. The lengthy course is one of the requirements for certification along with passing a test and acquiring specific racing management experience.

### **MARCH CALENDAR for Southern Bay Racers:**

#### **March 1 through 31 *Work on Boat!***

|                   |                                                              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| March 3-6         | EFG Winter Cup – Viper 640                                   |
| March 11-13       | EFG Bacardi Miami Sailing Week                               |
| March 17 Thursday | ST PATRICK'S DAY                                             |
| March 19 Saturday | HYC Sock Burning – Hampton Yacht Club                        |
| March 19 Saturday | Deltaville Sock Burning and Oyster Roast - Ullman Sails      |
| March 19 Saturday | Sock Burning as part of FBYC Bermuda High Party              |
| March 22 Tuesday  | CCV Racing Guide Distribution and Rules Clinic – at HYC      |
| March 26 Saturday | SpinSheet Crew Listing and Sock Burning – Marker 20, Hampton |
| March 26 Saturday | Typhoon Tune-Up Seminar – Rappahannock River YC              |
| March 27 Sunday   | EASTER                                                       |

**Remember, as of July 1st, 2016, everyone (no matter the age) must complete the Virginia Boater Safety Course to obtain a VA Boater's License. You can take the course and the test on line**

**[-https://www.boat-ed.com](https://www.boat-ed.com)** . NOW, when you are not involved in the hubbub of spring/summer and racing, is

the time, if you plan to use the on-line option. It takes some time, but you CAN save your progress on the course at any point and come back to finish it. You do not pay for your certificate until you have passed the on-line course quizzes. Or, sign up at one of the local clubs or associations that is offering the course on site.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is analyzing the sock supply to find appropriate offerings for the Sock Burnings in March. It is, of course, important to impress the racing gods with your offering. That is a little more difficult for the Murphster because the socks should match, and that creates a double burden, two pair of socks. It's a canine thing. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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