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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

Start the 2017 season right – **January 1, 2017, the DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE** kicks off the new year. **ON LINE registration and info** – click on <http://opcyc.org/main/node/1913> The race is co-sponsored by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club and Hampton yacht Club – HYC manages the start (breakfast available) and OPCYC the finish and post-race party. There are classes for PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker (2 headsails), and Cruising. There is a mandatory Skippers Meeting at 1000 on race day at HYC. This is a pursuit race (slower boats start first). Start is off the HYC docks, and the finish is off the OPC Marina Pier. The race entry fee of \$25 is due by 5pm, Monday, December 26 (after that the fee is \$40). For complete details and/or entry call Tim Etherington at 757-690-3178. or click on <http://opcyc.org/main/node/1913>.

**Special info for Race Committee-ers and those who would like to be on the RC.** On Saturday, **JANUARY 21, 2017, Fishing Bay Yacht Club will host the US Sailing ONE DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR at their clubhouse in Fishing Bay/Deltaville.** This seminar meets the requirements for US Sailing Race Officer certification (new and renewal) *and also is appropriate for anyone interested in participating on a Race Committee.* John McCarthy is the lead instructor and will be assisted by Jerry Thompson. For information please contact Jim Raper at (804) 307-3212 or [jlraperjr@gmail.com](mailto:jlraperjr@gmail.com) On-Line registration and additional details are available at the US Sailing website. Go to the Race Management Seminars calendar at <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/> and scroll to Jan 21, 2017 at Fishing Bay. This is the only US Sailing ODRMS scheduled in the southern Bay area for 2017 and is centrally located so as to be convenient for all. Register early to guarantee yourself a spot.

**2017 Southern Chesapeake Bay Racing Schedule.** Keelboat racers can check with their clubs' racing officials for the schedule. **Or, for an electronic copy, click *reply to this email* and put “2017 Schedule request” as the subject. You will receive your copy by email, courtesy Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use.**

**PHOTOBOAT has your picture.** There is no better gift than a picture of a racing sailboat with her wily skipper and talented crew! Check out your Southern Bay Race Week 2016 photos at the PHOTOBOAT website - <http://www.photoboattgallery.net/2016-southern-bay-race-week-photos> The photos are arranged by event and by individual boat – easy to peruse.

**SBRW 2017 site open for early info and entry.** Southern Bay Race Week is set for June 1 (Opening Night), June 2, 3, & 4 (racing, parties, awards) and is hosted by Hampton Yacht Club, Hampton, VA. The regatta features racing for all PHRF classes, one-design classes with 5 or more boats, Cruisers, and Multihulls. And, Southern Bay Race Week 2017 will host the *VIPER 640 ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS*. The PHRF Division has opened with entries from: Miles Booth, *Shenanigan* and Bob Fleck, *Mad Hatter* in PHRF B; Keith Midgette, *Luna Blu* and Frank Murphy, *Last Boat III* in PHRF Non-Spin. Bob Howell, *Pegasus* is the first boat in the CRUISING Division. And, there are three more in the Viper 640 Class: Dave Eberwine, *David, Doug, and Henry*; Tyler Moore, *Big Roster*, and Martin Casey, *Life of Riley*. Click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3016> for ON LINE entry, Notice of Race, accommodations and docking information, entries list, scratch sheets, a paper entry form, and more. OR, contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) As they say at SBRW, **Y'ALL COME RACING!**

**MURPHY RULES SEMINAR – RULES CHANGES FOR 2017-2020.** February 4, 2017, Saturday morning, 0900-noon at **NORFOLK YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB.** This is a seminar for skippers and crew. The presentation is designed to maximize understanding the rules by removing needless complexity, using “real life” scenarios from the race course and is

presented in John McCarthy's entertaining and humorous style. John will tackle rules changes topics such as: Tacking in the Zone; New Code "U" Starting Flag; Definition of "Support Person" (including parents); Hailing at an Obstruction; Room to Pass at an Obstruction; and, more. Cost (\$20 per person) includes refreshments and materials. OPEN TO ALL. For info and to pre-register, please contact Lin McCarthy at [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) or (757) 850-4225.

In addition, **2017 MURPHY Seminars** are open to all and will include:

- MURPHY RULES – *Rules Changes for 2017-2020 – March 4, 2017*  
Rappahannock River YC, Irvington, VA
- MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS for RACE COMMITTEE – *March 18, 2017*  
Hampton YC, Hampton, VA
- MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS for RACE COMMITTEE – *March 25, 2017*  
Broad Bay SA, at Nauticus, Norfolk, VA

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, recognizes that this is a "gifting time" of year. So, a reminder - think of your boat as she sits in the cold and damp waiting for you and Spring to come back around. You could get her jewelry (lighter than light weight blocks and halyards), electronic gizmos (updated GPS, crew headsets, course trackers and . . . ), or a few weeks at a boat spa (for a new bottom job – ooh-la-la!). /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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