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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

Don't like the Pennsylvania groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil's, prediction? Go with Chesapeake Chuck – he did *not* see his shadow and therefore, we can expect an EARLY SPRING!

THIS COMING SATURDAY – ULTIMATE TRIM SERIES (Part I), Saturday, Feb 11th, 9 AM until noon @ Norfolk Yacht & Country Club. Join Jerry Latell - Ullman Sails - & your sailing friends for this FREE program geared towards club racers & serious cruisers. Topics: sail trim from sail controls & their effects, how to create a trim cheat sheet + how to trim sails in different wind & sea conditions. Open to all Bay sailors & crew. No cost & refreshments included. NOTE – very close to full, **so don't wait to register.** Call Ullman Sails @ 804-776-6151 or NYCC @ 757-435-4500. **Part II**, for advanced racers looking for an edge & club racers looking to up their game, also free at NYCC & open to all Bay sailors & crew, will be on March 4th. Call for your reservation.

MURPHY RULES had a full house this past Saturday as southern Bay racers, with the help of John McCarthy, noodled the nuances of the changes in the new *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*. Norfolk Yacht and Country Club hosted the seminar and served plenty of sweets and beverages to help keep the racing junkies' juices flowing. **MURPHY RULES, including the NEW changes to the rules for 2017 – 2020** will also be hosted by Rappahannock River Yacht Club on Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9am to noon, in Irvington, VA. For info on how to sign up click on <http://www.rryc.org/events/racing-rules-of-sailing-2017-2020-seminar> or contact tdchapman@verizon.net. MURPHY RULES IS OPEN TO ALL.

BOLO (Be On The Lookout) for the **US Patriot Sailing Team** from Hampton Roads. Sailing on *Spirit*, a B-25, the skipper and crew plan to compete in the PHRF division of the St Petersburg NOODs, the ORC division of Charleston Race Week, the Annapolis NOODs, and Southern Bay Race Week. The *Spirit* crew includes: Skipper- **Michael Rose**, Va Beach; Jib/Spin trim- **Kon Biliu**, Portsmouth; Pit-**Jay Matze**, Portsmouth; Foredeck- **Guy Sorenson**, Norfolk. The Mast/foredeck assist position is still open, but, Michael Rose says, "We have a combat wounded candidate from Richmond". U.S. Patriot Sailing is an organization formed to provide "Competitive Sailing for Wounded and Combat Veterans".

Tradition Brewing (Newport News, VA) offers a chance for southern Bay racers and friends to pay tribute to the S.S. United States, and to test the brewery's first canned beer, named Hull 488 in honor to "America's Flagship". The event is open to the public and will place a special emphasis on commemorating and raising funds to help preserve this iconic ship. The event includes artifacts on display from the ship, artwork on display and for silent auction, videography of the ship, live music, and a presentation by Susan Gibbs, executive director of the SS United Conservancy and the granddaughter of William Francis Gibbs, the SS *United States* designer. All Hull 488 beer and merchandise sales from this event will be donated to the Conservancy. This happening will take place between **1pm and 3pm on Saturday February 25th**. at 700 Thimble Shoals Boulevard, Suite 104, Newport News, VA.

A Hampton and southern Bay landmark, the **Dan Winters' Sailmakers** loft has closed for business. Dan, wife Sam, and son Bret will begin their well deserved retirements at the end of this month (February). Between now and the end of the month, they will be cleaning up the loft, sorting out contents, evaluating equipment and hardware, etc. The loft, a long time thriving sailmaking business and sailors' social center, will surely be missed. Best wishes to the Winters!

PHRF Final Official 2017 Splits for the Southern Bay: The splits REMAIN THE SAME AS IN 2016. The chart shown in the published meeting minutes is in error. Here is the link for the 2017 PHRF Splits Chart.

<http://www.phrfchesbay.org/docs/ClassSplits.pdf> PHRF plans to correct the Annual Meeting Minutes document soon. Again, keeping the same splits as the southern Bay (both Divisions) used in 2016 for 2017 has been approved.

NOTICE: Each March SBRNYCU offers a free listing to racers selling their boats or racing equipment. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, March 7, 2017. You should email your submission to mcbear@earthlink.net. Subj: Boat for Sale. Be sure to include the model, length, age, location, and any other relevant info about your boat. Include your asking price. Include seller's contact info – telephone number only (cannot print email addresses). Limit your entire submission to about 2 lines, no more than 3. SBRNYCU reserves the right to edit submissions. The listing will run in a mid-March issue. So, if you plan to let your baby go, let other racers know!

While you are planning your summer, here are some great multi-day events to consider:

***SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK – June 1 (opening night) through June 4, 2017**

click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3016>

***SOUTHERN CHESAPEAKE BAY LEUKEMIA CUP – July 8-9, 2017 – host FBYC**

***SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA – July 14-16, 2017**

click on http://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eID=3027

***LEO WARDRUP MEMORIAL CAPE CHARLES CUP – August 19-20, 2017 – host BBSA**

***STINGRAY POINT REGATTA – September 1 through September 3 – host FBYC**

***HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA – September 29 (opening) through Oct 1 – host RRYC**

MURPHY'S LAW: DATELINE: Punxsutawney, PA *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, was on the scene when groundhog Punxsutawney Phil exited his burrow, and, much to the chagrin of racing sailors, saw his shadow and immediately dashed back into his home. Thus, the national media reported that Phil predicted 6 more long weeks of winter. *HOWEVER*, the Murphster knows what really happened. Since arriving in Punxsutawney, *Yrs Truly* had been closely followed by the TV camera crew from the Celebrity Beagle Channel. Picture the scene. Clearly, it was not the sun that caused Phil to see his shadow – it was the lights from those TV cameras there to cover the Murphster. Next year, the Murphster will be with Chesapeake Chuck in Newport News. Chuck got it right – EARLY SPRING! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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