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Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, SAILING Magazine

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY is TOMORROW, Tuesday, February 14th!! Better get ye to the candy store!

When the St Petersburg NOODs get going, there will be a crew of southern Bay racers on the ORC course. **Leroi Lissenden and crew of Voodoo 2** (a regular in the southern Bay PHRF A fleet) will be racing on their sistership, (Tripp 38) *Warrior*. Sailing as part of the *Warrior* crew will be: **Leroi Lissenden, Geoff Hummel, Bob Krush, Chauncey Wu and Stephanie Sweeney**. Another southern Bay racer entered in the St. Pete NOODs is **Tracy Oliver from Virginia Beach**. Tracy will be racing his foiling A-Cat (18 boat fleet), *Lunatic Fringe*. Tracy is sailing for "Bubba's Chicken Shack and Bait Barn". The St Pete NOODs open this coming Friday, Feb 17th, and wrap up Sunday, Feb 19th. The overall winner of the regatta will earn a berth in the Helly Hansen Caribbean NOOD Championships at the British Virgin Islands, October 22-27, 2017.

Southern Bay [and Beyond] racer, **Ron Medlin** (Wilmington, NC), *BASH*, raced at the **J24 Midwinter Championships**, hosted this past weekend by Eau Gallie YC in Indian Head, Florida. Ron finished in the Top 10 (9th) in the 31 boat championship fleet. There was no racing Sunday because of lack of wind. So, results were based on the 8 races in the books as of the close of racing Saturday.

Whether you are renewing or getting a new rating, **you need to get your 2017 PHRF Certificate application done**. Check the rating expiration date on the 2016 certificate you have (or look at your rating expiration date on the 2016 Valid Ratings List on the PHRF website). If your certificate expires by March 2017, you need to renew your rating. Go to the PHRF of the Chesapeake site: www.phrfchesbay.org Most regattas that require a PHRF rating will let you enter now and supply the rating once you have it, so go ahead and enter. The sooner you have your rating the better, though – things get pretty busy for PHRF Handicapper Boards and the administrative office starting right now!

Southern Bay racers filled the NYCC ballroom this past Saturday morning to partake of expert sail trimming advice as well as fine pastries, coffee and off-season chatter. Jerry Latell of Ullman Sails presented the 3 hour seminar "**Sail Trim for Club and Cruising Racers**". Part 2 of the Ullman Sail Trim Series, aimed at more advanced racers, is scheduled for March 4, also at NYCC. For info contact Jerry Latell at (804) 776-6151.

SPECIAL MOOLAH SAVING\$ DEALS FOR SBRW RACERS:

**** CROWN PLAZA – HAMPTON MARINA HOTEL** on the waterfront of downtown Hampton and within sight of SBRW headquarters (Hampton Yacht Club) is taking reservations from SBRW 2017 racers at a special \$119 base per night rate for the regatta. Special Group Code for on-line ressie is SBR. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, May 17, 2017. *However, when the rooms are gone – they are G-O-N-E – make your resses NOW – click on:*

<https://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?>

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**** CORAL REEF SAILING APPAREL** – SBRW 2017 gear is available right now on the CRSA website <http://www.coralreefsailing.com/index.php/regattas/southern-bay-race-week.html> . There is a 10% discount available on orders placed by May 19. So, start getting those crew shirt sizes!!

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

***DOWN THE BAY – May 25 (opening party) – May 26 (start) through May 27 – hosts HYC & Storm Trysail Chesapeake**

click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID037> This event is on Memorial Day Weekend.

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

click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID016>

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

click on <https://www.leukemicup.org/va/>

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

click on http://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eID027

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

click on www.broadbaysailing.org

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

click on www.fbyc.net

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

click on www.rryc.org

MURPHY RULES, Including NEW Rules Changes – Saturday morning, March 4 at Rappahanock River yacht Club (Irvington, VA) The seminar is designed to maximize understanding of the rules by removing needless complexity, using “real life” scenarios that happen every day on the race course, and, as always, presented in John’s entertaining and humorous style. Rules Changes Topics will include: • Tacking in the Zone • Hailing at an Obstruction • Room to Pass an Obstruction • New Code “U” Starting Flag • Definition of “Support Person” (including parents) . . . and more. This seminar is for skippers AND crew. You will come away with a better, refreshed understanding of the rules, and have a good time doing it. Remember to bring your new *Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020)*. There will be a limited number of *RRS (2017-2020)* available for purchase. *For info and to register, contact at (804)577-3202 or tdchapman@verizon.net or click on www.rryc.org .*

MURPHY’S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is aware of a serious issue caused by the close proximity of two February holidays – Groundhog Day and Valentine’s Day. The validity of the problem was brought into focus when Cupid, practicing for *his* day, shot Punxsutawney Phil with an arrow in his backside as he dove into his hole on *his* day. Ouch! Phil did *not* feel the luv. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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