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

PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY IS TODAY!

ST Petersburg NOODS - The regatta got skunked with light air yesterday, Sunday, but the ORC Division got in 4 races on Friday and Saturday. Our southern Bay racers from *Voodoo 2*, sailing on their sistership, *Tripp 38 Warrior*, did great, finishing 2nd overall (after their tie for first was broken) in their fleet of 10. And, they received a "Boat of the Day" award for Saturday. Sailing as part of the *Warrior* crew were HYC racers **Leroi Lissenden, Geoff Hummel, Bob Krush, Chauncey Wu and Stephanie Sweeney**. **Tracy Oliver** finished 5th among Foiling A-Cats (there were 20 at the regatta) and 9th overall in the A-cat fleet of 38. **Holly Graf** (sailing out of FBYC), raced in the J70 class (27th / 32), and the team from Patriot Sailing aboard B-25 *Spirit* raced in the PHRF fleet (8th / 9). Among those sailing on *Spirit* were Skipper- **Michael Rose**; trimmer - **Kon Biliu**; Pit-**Jay Matze**; and Foredeck- **Guy Sorenson** .

Southern Bay racer **Mark Wheeler** is in Antigua today and racing in the **2017 RORC Caribbean 600** as navigator the Swan 66S *Bounty*, a Swan 66S (homeport Connecticut). The race starts at 1300 today. The course is a big figure 8 around 11 islands and should take *Bounty* between 3 and 4 days. The wind forecast is for lighter than normal wind. The 2017 RORC Caribbean 600 fleet numbers 80 boats with 900+ sailors coming from more than 30 different countries. Tracking is available online at <http://caribbean600.rorc.org/>

Only 8 More Weeks 'Til February Ends is an essay by Charles McDowell. To quote in part, Mr. McDowell says, "It [February] makes the sunrise melancholy and the sunset grim. More shoelaces break in February than in the other 11 months combined. More cars don't start. More that do start then slide into snow banks and mud-holes. The bottoms fall out of more trash bags. More people lose their cleaning ticket, forget to fill out check stubs, misplace their keys or spouses, trip over the dog's dish, lose terrible battles in closets with wire coat hangers and run out of firewood and vermouth." So, hang in there – we are well into the worst of February! Get to the boat when you can and the boat supply store when you can't. SPRING COMETH!

Butch Patterson, skipper for *Schock Full O' Nuts* , has found a new way to spend his winter days. Butch has gotten into whale watching. He, usually with a friend or family member, goes off the Virginia Capes about 3 miles or so, and watches for whales as well as porpoises. Recently, Butch and a friend had a close encounter (no touching, but close) with a curious young whale. The whale sought out Butch and came up to the boat to take a look. No one knows whose eyes got wider, Butch's or the whale's. Anyhow, Butch is now known as Ahab by his friends.

Less than 100 Days until the 35th AMERICA'S CUP in Bermuda. Remember how so many of your racing friends were skeptical of the boats racing in the last, the 34th America's Cup in San Francisco? And, then we all got fanatical watching the high tech racing on TV. Well, wait 'til you see what's in store for the America's Cup this summer. You can check out the latest developments at www.americascup.com For instance, Team Oracle has worked hand-in-hand with airplane manufacturer Airbus to develop their boat. And, on the New Zealand boat the grinders will use a bicycle-like arrangement to trim the sails. Issue #4771, February 16, 2017, of *Scuttlebutt Sailing News*, "Countdown to the America's Cup" has a good summary as well as a link to great videos, including one that shows the beautiful new shoreside venue.

REMEMBER: 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!

REMINDER – RACE COMMITTEE SEMINAR COMING IN MARCH: MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS FOR RACE COMMITTEE, Saturday morning, March 25, hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association at Nauticus (downtown Norfolk). If you are serving on a Race Committee this sailing season, be it for a week-end regatta, single race, juniors, mid-week casual, or others, MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS is for you. The presentation is designed to cover the essentials of on-the-boat, on-the-water Race Committee responsibilities, including the start and the finish. This seminar is for skippers, crew, and anyone that may serve on a race committee as well as anyone that wants to improve their knowledge of racing. John McCarthy will present this seminar on the Nuts and Bolts of Race Committee-ing. Cost (\$10. per person) includes refreshments and materials. All proceeds go to Patriot Sailing, a 501c3 non-profit with a mission of getting combat Veterans involved in competitive sailing. For on-line registration, click on <https://form.jotform.com/63483623289162> or contact Randy Goodman at ergoodman121@gmail.com *This will be the only presentation of Murphy Nuts & Bolts in the Hampton Roads area this spring.*

CLINICS AND SEMINARS COMING IN MARCH:

Mar 4	Sat	RRYC	MURPHY RULES SEMINAR Including NEW rules changes At RRYC, Irvington, VA (0900- 1200)	tdchapman@verizon.net or www.rryc.org
Mar 4	Sat	NYCC	ULLMAN SAILS TRIM SERIES 2 for Advanced Racers At NYCC, Norfolk, VA (0900-1200)	(804) 776-6151 or jerry@ullmansails.com
Mar 25	Sat	BBSA	MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS FOR RACE COMMITTEE At Nauticus, downtown Norfolk, VA (0900-1200)	ergoodman121@gmail.com or https://form.jotform.com/63483623289162

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HAMPTON ONE-DESIGN RACERS [present, past, or future] – A SOIREE FOR YOU! The Hampton One-Design Class Racing Association is hosting a Spring Party on March 11 at Hampton Yacht Club at 2pm. Open to all who are interested in the HOD Class, whether past, present or future sailors (or groupies!!). There will be free soup, chili and munchies and cash bar, class merchandise for sale, the 2017 racing schedule, and it will be convenient for you to pay your class dues.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, made use of the warm weekend to acquire the first-of-the-season coat of boat yard dust. It felt goooooood! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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