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

**The Mariners' Museum** is planning to open this Spring a new **America's Cup Exhibit in May 2017 to include Oracle Team USA AC72, winner and defender of the 34th America's Cup** which was sailed in San Francisco. Word is AC72 has been delivered already to TMM and it is possible to get a glimpse of her from afar.

**What goes around comes around.** In this case, it's a former Maury High School sailing team member. **Tom Etheridge** is the "new" coach of the Maury High School (Norfolk) team. Tom sailed at Maury as a high schooler under the guidance of former Maury coach Butch Patterson and other mentors, Liz Biondi, Lydia Cuker, Sarah Walcott, and Jordan Stock. Tom replaces most recent coach Nicki Kelly, who is leaving the area. Butch Patterson sails his Santana 30/30 GP, *Schock Full o' Nuts* in the Southern Bay B PHRF Class. Tom graduated from high school and went to the University of Michigan. Tom is a naval architect in the area. And, now, he has come around again to Shirley Avenue in Norfolk and is heading up the Maury High School sailing program. Once a Commodore, always a Commodore!

**The 2017 PITTMAN INNOVATION AWARDS have been announced.** This marine industry award is named for Freeman K. Pittman, *SAIL Magazine's* technical editor who passed away in 1996. The award recipients come from all areas of sailing – racing, cruising, safety systems, and environmental. All of the top innovations are described in detail in the February issue of *SAIL* magazine. One of the finalists from the racing category is the **Garmin Nautix In-View Display**. It's a small gizmo that attaches to either side of your favorite sunglasses and affords the sailor a heads-up-display from the compatible Garmin displays on board. It weighs a little over an ounce. Click on [www.garmin.com](http://www.garmin.com) The **overall winner** of the Pittman competition is the **PanPan MOB Beacon & App**. The PanPan personal beacon is a ". . . waterproof 1.2" x 3.1" Bluetooth 4.0 device that can create an active MOD network aboard your boat by leveraging the capabilities of the smartphones, and tablets you have on board." This device, if you have an MOB, can ". . . mark the spot, alarm the rest of the crew, and help manage the victim's retrieval." Check out both of these devices and others in the February issue of *SAIL Magazine*.

**Fiddlers Green:** Southern Bay and Willoughby racer, "**Doc**" Foster [*Bluejacket*, #108] passed away peacefully on February 22, 2017, at home with his family. A Funeral service is planned for Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 11:00 am at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on 1445 Norview Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23513. And visitation with the family on Friday, March 10, 2017 at Altmeyer Funeral Home, 5792 Greenwich Rd, Va Beach, Va. 23462 from 5:00pm-7:30pm. For more information contact Gail Biermann 757-715-2826. God Bless his family and sailing friends.

***This is NOT your traditional summer sailing camp!*** Christopher Newport University Sailing's summer clinic, **FATHOM, June 18-25, 2017, is a week long immersion clinic for high school sailors** who want to enhance their sailing skills both on and off the water. The clinic is geared towards what life is like as a college sailor, focuses on sailing leadership, training, and exploring the industry of pro sailing, Olympic campaigns, design, sail-making, etc. Participants will be taught a class on sailing leadership in the morning by Dr. Elizabeth Gagnon, train on the water with head sailing coach Maxwell Plarr in the afternoon and be involved in evening activities with industry professionals from multiple areas of our sport including Britton Ward, VP of Farr Yacht Design, naval architect of the Volvo 65, 2003 and 2007 Oracle Campaigns for the America's Cup, and many more designs. And, Fathom promises something really special for watching the finals of the 35th America's Cup that week. Cost: \$1000 for the week includes housing, food, charters, coaching, speakers, everything!!! For more information or to register please go to <http://www.cnu.edu/fathom>.

**HAMPTON ONE DESIGN CLASS announces that the 2017 HOD National Championship will be at Fishing Bay Yacht Club (Deltaville/Fishing Bay, Virginia) in conjunction with the the FBYC Annual One Design Regatta on August 11 – 13.**

**This April, the NEW Waterside** (downtown Norfolk at ICW Marker Zero) is expected to open. To be christened the **Waterside District**, it will be chocked full of new and old favorite eateries, live entertainment, giant outdoor screens for viewing sporting events, plenty of mingling space and the marina with already upgraded docks and power. Plan to check it out and plan to take your out-of-town visitors there. . . take 'em by water, if you can! [Note: There is a detailed article on the Waterside District in the March (current) issue of Chesapeake Bay Magazine]

***LAST REMINDER for THIS COMING (March 4) SATURDAY MORNING!***

\*\*\*\*At RRYC (Irvington)                    **MURPHY RULES SEMINAR Including NEW Rules Changes, (0900-1200) , contact [tdchapman@verizon.net](mailto:tdchapman@verizon.net)**

\*\*\*\*At NYCC (Norfolk)                    **ULLMAN SAILS TRIM SERIES 2 for Advanced Racers, (0900-1200), contact [jerry@ullmansails.com](mailto:jerry@ullmansails.com)**

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, reminds everyone as you head out for the first Spring practice - put the MOB (Man Over Board) drill on the to-do list and underline it.. Most of the time, for an MOB drill, someone grabs a floatable boat cushion, throws it overboard and yells "Man over board!!". The crew and skipper perform their assigned tasks, all working toward retrieving the cushion (person). So, before you go out, be sure your skipper has a cushion on the boat – you do not want to be selected to play the part of the cushion! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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