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

Tuned Up. It was a weekend of tuning up in Hampton Roads. On Saturday Mother Nature had not yet ceded the field and she continued to hurl 16-20 knots with gusts to the mid-twenties+ at the half-dozen Vipers and J24s who went out in the name of the one design **Trapeze Regatta**. Among the Vipers, **Mark Wheeler** and his crew handled the conditions perfectly and won all four races against the two other Vipers skippered by **Bubba Casey** and **Justin Morris**. The J24 group included skippers **Alan Bomar**, who swept the four races, **Ray Nugent**, and Alan's son **Will Bomar**. On Sunday conditions for the two **CCV Tune-Up Races** were the opposite of Saturday. It looked like drifting would be all there was but, after the first race, the wind filled in nicely and the second race ended in a perfect breeze. Ten spinnaker boats took advantage of the beautiful day and raced: **Greg and Carie Cutter**, *Diablo*; **Ben Cuker**, *Calinectes*; **Bob Archer**, *Bad Habit*; **Will and Roberts**, *Remedy*; **Rose and Stocky Hobart**, *Pura Vida*; (skipper unkn) *Sock Burner*; **Louie Lewis**, *Incentive III*; **Phil Briggs**, *Feather*; (skipper unkn), *Danger Paws*, and **Alan Bomar**, *Roundabout* raced. *Ganar!* was out, but did not race. Trapeze Regatta event chair- Joe Buczkowski. For the Vipers and J24s, John McCarthy was Principal Race Officer, Rich Wilcox was signal boat captain, and Brian Deibler, with Bill and Dave Gibbings aboard, was markboat. Tom Connors was Principal Race Officer for the Tune-Up Races.

AMERICA'S CUP. So, you want to go to Bermuda to see the America's Cup racing. Here are the dates and the link to purchase tickets. There are a lot of **SOLD OUT** options/dates, but the ticket site includes lots of other interesting information about the event. Detailed information on telecasts will be coming soon. TV coverage basics are that NBC SPORTS will provide LIVE coverage of the Louis Vuitton Qualifiers and Play-offs and NBC will cover LIVE the America's Cup Match on June 17, 18, 24 & 25. Here is the ticket link <https://www.americascup.com/tickets> and below is the racing schedule:

Louis Vuitton America's Cup Qualifiers – May 26 – June 3

Louis Vuitton America's Cup Play-Offs – June 4 – June 12

America's Cup Match – June 17 – June 27

Charleston Bound. Six (6) southern Bay race teams are headed for **Charleston Race Week** (April 20-23). The traveling racers are: **Ryan Kozoriz** (Newport News) – J70 *GetMyBoat*; **Ryan McCrillis** (Norfolk) – J80 *Haka*; **Travis Weisleder** (Richmond) – Melges 24 *Lucky Dog/Gill Race Team*; **Gannon Troutman** (Gloucester) – J70 *Pied Piper*; **Ian Hill** (Chesapeake) – XP44 *Sitella*; **Michael Rose** (Virginia Beach) – B-25 *Spirit*. The *Spirit* team is the US Patriot Sailing team of 5 local (Va Beach, Norfolk, Williamsburg, and Richmond) Veterans. If you'd like to join the US Sailing Program or help support it, check out their website at www.USPatriotSailing.Org Cross all fingers AND toes for our racers!

The Crew Party. Racers who want to crew and skippers who welcome crew jammed the patio of Marker 20 (downtown Hampton) for the annual **SpinSheet Crew Party** Saturday evening. Mary Ewenson, SpinSheet Publisher, highlighted the gathering, mixing the skippers and crew and sailors of all levels of experience at the popular meet and greet. Geoff Ewenson helped with the hosting after having spent the day on the water with the Vipers, coaching one of the teams, and lending a much needed hand by tending the finish line mark in trying conditions. Geoff is an accomplished international racer and has a special affinity for 505s and Vipers. To sign up or update your info at the *SpinSheet* On-Line Listing site, click on www.spinsheet.com/crew-parties OR call (410)216-9309. SpinSheet has two more crew parties this month – April 23rd in Solomons and April 30th in Annapolis.

SBRW Early Bird Entry Reminder: Sunday, April 30, 2017, is the day the Southern Bay Race Week Early Bird flies away! Every SBRW racer may subtract \$15 from his or her entry fee if entered and paid no later than April 30th. In

addition, the Early Bird skipper's welcome package will include 10 complimentary regatta drink tickets. Also, SBRW racers returning from SBRW 2016 may deduct an additional \$25 Loyalty Discount from the entry fee. To enter ON-Line, see the current entry list and scratch sheet, accommodations info, Notice of Race, print down a paper "mail-in" entry form, and more click <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID016> Or, contact Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net **Y'ALL COME RACING!**

COMING UP THIS WEEKEND (April 4-16): The week before Easter is traditionally a light one for organized racing on the southern Bay. A lot of racers will be finishing up their boatyard chores and getting in the splash line. Others will be planning and practicing. There are the mid-week races, most of which got underway this past week. So, take a breath – things will start in earnest after the Easter Bunny hops.

MURPHY'S LAW: All the talk about tuning-up for the "now upon us" racing season causes *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, to consider the significance of words spoken and by and to whom they are said. Consider what would happen if you said, "I'd sure like to get tuned-up," when Tony Soprano was standing nearby. Oooops! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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