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

FEATHER, COOL CHANGE, ROUNDABOUT, MIDNIGHT MISTRESS, and BETTER CALL SOL win on opening day.

It was cold and cloudy and windy and plenty bumpy, but 18 boats crewed by hearty racers did two races on opening day of the **Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV) Spring Series**. A spinnaker or two most likely will visit their sailmakers today and one Viper crew got more than just a little wet. All in all, the skippers and crews faced a tough day of racing and came out on top over Momma Nature. RESULTS: PHRF A (6 boats) – 1.**Phil Briggs, Feather**; 2.**Neil Ford and Lis Biondi, Danger Paws**; 3.**Leroi Lissenden, Voodoo 2**. PHRF B (6 boats) – 1.**Rusty Burshell, Cool Change**; 2.**Bob Archer, Bad Habit**; 3.**Ben Weeks & Michele Cochran, Rumble**. PHRF C (2 boats) – 1.**Alan Bomar, Roundabout**; 2.**Ben Cuker, Callinectes**. PHRF Non-Spin (2 boats) – 1.**Jake Brodersen, Midnight Mistress**; 2.**Al Johnson, Seeker**. VIPER 640 (2 boats) – 1.**Steve Taylor, Better Call Sol**; 2.**Justin Morris, Knot Hunter**. Principal Race Officer-John McCarthy; Signal Boat-Trish Williams assisted by Brian Deibler; Official Scorer-John Ritter. This series continues next Sunday, April 30th, with a single middle distance race in the harbor. In addition to counting in CCV standings, this race will be scored in the 2017 Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (administered by BBSA's Scott Almond). Times and orders of start and rendezvous are all the same as this past weekend. The course will be around government marks.

Yesterday, racers witnessed an example of racers' "can do" spirit. While setting up for the racing, an RC mark boat became disabled (mechanical problem). Leroi Lissenden and the crew of *Voodoo2* cut short their pre-race preparations to help. They took the mark and set it perfectly in position. There was not even a mini-second delay in starting the racing. So, Leroi and crew will be sporting Super Hero capes for a few days.

Next time on the race course, check out the "Before and After" look of *MIRAGE*, now known as *MYRAGE*. In a memorable experience a few weeks ago in the Gulf Stream, 30 miles off Key West, **Christian Schaumlöffel's** Hobie 33, *MIRAGE*, lost her mast. Because of the experienced skipper and crew's calm, well reasoned reaction, the boat and team made it to Key West without injury or additional drama. Now there is a new look (and a different boat) in the *MIRAGE* dry storage spot at HYC. A fiery red hull has replaced the previous *Mirage*-gray and the name has changed from *Mirage* to *MyRage*. Christian says that's *rage* as in a fashion rage – "something arousing wide spread enthusiasm or interest; craze; fad," according to Mr Webster. Its good there's still a Hobie 33 by whichever name racing in the southern Bay!

Charleston Race Week. Southern Bay racers enjoyed a weekend of good southern breezes at CRW this past weekend. **Gannon Troutman** (Gloucester, FBYC) finished 2nd overall in *Pied Piper* in the 71 boat J70 class at CRW. And, **Travis Weislander** (Richmond, FBYC), sailing in *Lucky Dog/Gill Race Team*, took 2nd in the 21 boat Melges 24 class. **Ian Hill** (Chesapeake, HYC), *Sitella*, took 3rd in the six boat ORC A fleet. **Ron Medlin** (Wilmington, NC), *Bash*, was 6th and **Mike Veraldi** (Virginia Beach, BBSA), *Quicky*, was 12th in the 20 boat J24 class. **Ryan McCrillis** (Norfolk, NNSA) sailed his J80 *Haka* to 5th in the eight boat class and **Mike Rose** (Virginia Beach, BBSA), sailing B25 *Spirit* for Patriot Sailing, finished 4th in the 5 boat ORC-D fleet. For complete results click on www.yachtscoring.com

COMING UP THIS WEEK – April 24 – 30:

April 25 Tue - Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta Kickoff at Hardwood Brewery in Richmond

April 26 Wed - Typhoon Spring Series opens and runs through every Wednesday in May ending on the 31st - First gun is at 1700 hours each Wednesday. www.rmyc.org

April 26 Wed - Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club – begins "Spring Wednesdays Racing"

April 28 Fri - Norfolk Yacht & CC "Friday Nights racing" begins

April 30 Sun - Southern Bay Race Week EARLY BIRD entry special (\$15 off plus 10 free regatta drink tickets) ends.

April 30 Sun - CCV Spring Series –Day 2 – Single Middle Distance Race

April 30 Sun - FBYC Spring series #2

68th DOWN THE BAY RACE – important dates: May 12 – last day of reduced rate for early entry. May 24 – last day for acceptance of entries. May 25 – Welcome Party for Skippers and Crew at Severn Sailing Association (Eastport/Annapolis, MD). May 26 – race start. May 27 – finish and award presentation party at Hampton YC (Hampton,VA).

High School Update. Congratulations to the Christ Church School Sailing Team. CCS went 14-1 to win the **MASSA Spring Team Race Championship** in Annapolis this past weekend securing a berth at the Baker National Championship to be held May 26-28 at ODU. For scores click here on <http://scores.hssailing.org/s17/massa-spring-team-race/>.

SOUTHERN BAY RACERS MAY SCHEDULE:

****May 5-7 Fr-Su Annapolis NOOD Regatta**

****May 7 Sun CCV Spring Series – Day 3 (races #4 & #5)**

****May 13 Sat OPCYC Yankee Station #1**

****May 13 Sat FBYC #3**

****May 13 Sat YPRCC Spring Regatta**

****May 13 Sat Hampton YC Spring One Design Regatta**

****May 14 Sun MOTHERS DAY**

****May 19 Fri Last day of Coral Reef Sailing Apparel 10% discount for SBRW gear.**

****May 20 Sat BBSA Cape Henry Cup**

****May 20 Sat FBYC Spring Series #4**

****May 26 Fri Start of DOWN THE BAY RACE**

****May 27 Sat Finish of Down the Bay Race – awards presentation party**

****May 27 Sat The Mariners' Museum opens "Speed and Innovation in the America's Cup" exhibit - for detailed info, Google Scuttlebutt #4815, April 19, 2017, "Where is it now?" for the background of USA 17 and this exhibit.**

****May 28 Sun FBYC Open House Regatta**

****May 29 Mon MEMORIAL DAY**

****June 1 Thu SBRW 2017 Opening Check-in Party and Skippers Meeting.**

****June 2,3,& 4 SBRW racing, socializing, and more**

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK special Early Bird entry fee ends this coming Sunday, April 30th. Don't let the Early Bird leave without you! Early Birds receive a \$15 discount on their entry fees as well as 10 FREE yummy regatta drink tickets in their skippers bags. In addition, SBRW 2016 racers returning this year are eligible for the SBRW 2017 LOYALTY DISCOUNT - just deduct an additional \$25 from the entry fee. For all SBRW information and ON-LINE ENTRY, etc. click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3016> SBRW is for PHRF, One-Design, Cruising, and Multihull racers. **Y'ALL COME RACING!**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has experienced a series of drastic personal changes directly related to the rollercoaster temperatures of our southern Bay area. One day the temps drop to close to freezing and the old beagle body begins to grow fur at a prodigious rate. The next day the temps hit the 85 degree mark and the great shedding takes place. This is a prime example of "fall out" from our spring weather! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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