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

### **MEMORIAL DAY, May 29, 2017. To “All [who] gave some and some [who] gave all...” to keep us free, THANK YOU!**

NOTE: quote from “Some Gave All” lyrics by Billy Ray Cyrus.

**68<sup>th</sup> DOWN THE BAY RACE is in the books. Jeroboam, first to finish, wins Virginia Cruising Cup, PHRF Division, and class.** Laurent Givry, of Fairfax Station, brought his Farr 400, *Jeroboam* to the 2017 Down the Bay Race and returned home with a booty of trophies. The *Jeroboam* skipper and crew collected the Robert M. Ravin Memorial Trophy by being the first monohull boat to cross the finish line. They made the 120 mile non-stop trip from Annapolis to Hampton in 11 hours, 9 mins, and 30 secs. *Jeroboam* also earned the Virginia Cruising Cup by being the monohull with the fastest corrected time (0:13:47:18). And, their firsts include first in their ORC Class as well as PHRF class. It should be noted that the two multihulls in the race, **Ben Carver** (*Entourage*, Corsair F-27F) and **Josh Colwell** (*OrgaZmatron*, Corsair F-31R) had elapsed times of 0:10:35:31 and 0:10:59:07 respectively. Both will be racing at SBRW this coming weekend. Three other southern Bay racers won their classes in DTB and they, too, will be racing at SBRW. After 120 miles of racing, **Neil Ford and Lis Biondi Ford** (*Danger Paws*, Melges 24) finished at 06:06:22 Saturday morning, 1 minute and 32 seconds ahead of **Glenn Doncaster's** Sabre 426, *Nanuq*, in the 10 boat PHRF B Class. Meanwhile, **Greg Cutter and Dave Godwin**, double-handing Greg's Andrews 28, *Diablo*, finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 5 boat Doublehanded Class. And, **Jay Thompson**, *Restless*, Irwin 38, won the PHRF Non-Spin Class (2 boats), crossing the finish line close to 10:30 Saturday morning. Also, on the DTB podium were southern Bay racers, **Ian Hill**, *Sitella*, XP44 – 3<sup>rd</sup> in ORC and PHRF A; **Craig Wright**, *Afterthought*, J109-3<sup>rd</sup> in PHRF B. Of the 25 boats in the starting area on Friday morning, 20 finished the race. Principal Race Officer – Bob Thomas; Event Chairman - Dave McConaughy, Co-Chair - Wally Miller, and Rose Hobart.

**SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK IS HERE – Opening Night Welcome and Registration is THIS Thursday, June 1 with racing, party-ing, and awards presenting Friday, June 2 through Sunday June 4.** So, get out your racing shoes and your dancin' high-top sneakers - it's time to cut loose for 3 days of great racing and great socializing. At SBRW there are 3 Racing Divisions – PHRF, One-Design, and Cruising and Multihull. For all the SBRW information, entry list, scratch sheet, Sailing Instructions, ON-LINE entry and more click on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD016> **OR call Lin Mc at 757-850-4225 OR email [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net). Y'ALL COME RACING !**

**SBRW encourages entered skippers to list crews in the Crew List section of their YachtScoring entry page. After all, it's nice to see who's on the teams of the best raceboats on the southern Chesapeake Bay and beyond!**

**Remember, SBRW is the official site of the 2017 VIPER ATLANTIC COASTS CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

**Patience was required in the DTB.** There are lots of stories from the Down the Bay Race, but most will include a soliloquy that starts, “We had great wind at the start and we were doing so fine until. . . we had to anchor to keep from going backwards when the wind shut down and the current began to run big time.” So, the unpredictability of DTB conditions on the Chesapeake proved to be true again. That, after all, is the meat of DTB Legends. *KUDOS* to all who persevered and finished in plenty of time to enjoy the rush of having beaten the Bay!

### **COMING UP IN JUNE: Lots of racing – it's time to have at it!**

June 1-4 SBRW 2017 (see above)

June 9-11 Norfolk's HARBORFEST – no racing, but plenty to see and enjoy.

June 10 RRYC Spring Regatta – [www.rryc.org](http://www.rryc.org)  
June 10 OPCYC Yankee Station Series opens - #1 [www.opcyc.org](http://www.opcyc.org)  
June 10 FBYC Distance Series 1 – [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)  
June 16-17 PBC/Portsmouth Cock Island Race [www.portsmouthboatclub.org](http://www.portsmouthboatclub.org)  
June 17 CCV Summer Solstice Ocean Race, Christian Schaumlöffel 757-496-3590  
June 24 Veterans Cup Regatta Gary Herbert 757-846-4166  
June 24 BBSA Broad Bay One Design Regatta - Jean Pattenaude 757-543-3029  
June 24 RRYC Singlehand Regatta – [www.rryc.org](http://www.rryc.org)  
July 1 FBYC Distance Series 2 – [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has been suffering through a wardrobe dilemma for SBRW – high-top Converse or bare feet? The Murphster has psychedelic, tie-dyed Cons, but . . . it's easier all around if you go barefoot, except that there are adult beverages establishments where you must cover your feet, at least the bottoms, before you are allowed in. So, look for *Yrs Truly* in barefoot mode with 2 pairs of flip-flops on a gold chain collar/necklace, ready for quick deployment as required. Goin' racin' – ahoood! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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