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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

The fastest Gaboon is WAIRERE, first to finish the 40th ANNUAL GABOON RACE. Yesterday, with moderately promising conditions – at the start the wind was 5+ knots with prediction of at least 7 all afternoon – the Gaboon fleet moved out Hampton River on an ebbing tide and began the 8 mile course in Hampton Roads harbor. Six of the 21 boats starting finished the race after some windless moments and changing current. The first boat to finish the staggered start race was **Wairere with skipper Peter Hunt (HYC / Nags head, NC) and crew.** She beat the time limit [first boat must finish by] with just over 7 minutes to spare. The last finisher arrived just after dark, sailing the course in just over 4 hours. So, those who persevered, as well as retirees, had a good time on the water and partook of the post-race hot chili and beverages in celebration of the 40th Gaboon. **OVERALL RESULTS (21 boats): 1.Pete Hunter, Wairere; 2.Neil and Lis Biondi Ford, Danger Paws; 3.Gene Thayer, Pterodactyl.** Event Chairman: Phil Briggs. Principal Race Officer: John McCarthy; Mark Boat: Marshall Findley. Hampton Yacht Club presents the Gaboon Race each year and the 41st is all set for December 2nd, the first Sunday in December of 2018.

TODAY is last day to use the PHOTOBOAT Holiday Sale discount. Save 15% on all PHOTOBOAT products through Dec 4th with the code: *HolidaySale2017* It'll work on orders over \$60. Sailing photos make great gifts for sailing and racing friends. Check out the Southern Bay Race Week pictures (there are a gazillion) and get your order in today! <http://www.photo-boat.com/regatta-photos/2017-southern-bay-race-week>

Holiday Happening! 29th Annual Lighted Boat Parade - Friday, Dec. 8 - Downtown Hampton Waterfront. TODAY is the last day for entries. Registration is FREE, but you must enter no later than 5PM, TODAY, MONDAY, Dec 4th. If you would like to register your boat call 757-727-1276 (John Olson) or email dockmaster@downtownhampton.com Click [here](#) to download an application to participate in the parade. Don't have a boat, but want to be in the parade? You can ride on the Ocean Eagle with a toy donation for Toys for Tots. Call 757-722-9102 to register. Space is limited. Music by "Little Doors" 6-9pm. Boat Parade sets sail at 7pm. Award Presentation 8:15. Bedtime Story with Santa in the Crowne Plaza Marina Hotel Lobby 8:45. Free Parking *NOTE: Complimentary "as available" docking for participants at the Hampton Downtown Piers is no longer available – HDP is full up!*

Southern Bay racer, Mike Veraldi, J24 Quicky, is collecting new toys for his annual **4KIDS Toy Drive.** Mike honchos this worthy cause for homeless kids every Christmas. Contact Mike at **757-343-4909** for info on how to donate. To make your donation you can download an app called v=C4=ABv for your phone. Mike says it is super easy to use. Download the app using this link: android- <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=3Dcom.dtg.vagabond.vgbnd&hl=3Den> i phone- <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/v%C4%ABv/id1198267772?mt=3D8>

Laser Clinic scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10 at ODU. The one-day clinic will be taught by ODU head coach Mitch Brindley. The clinic will combine chalk talk, rigging tips and practical skills on the water. Go to the Big Blue Sailing Academy web page to register <http://bigbluesailing.wufoo.com/forms/2017-big-blue-sailing-academy-frostb/> For more information contact **Mitch Brindley at 757-287-1201** or mitch@bigbluesailingacademy.com

START THE 2018 SEASON THE RIGHT WAY! Dana Dillon Memorial New Year Madness Race, January 1, 2018. Hosted by Hampton Yacht Club (breakfast and the start) and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club (the finish and awards presentation and party). This is a pursuit race – slowest boats start first and the fastest boat starts last. There is a mandatory skippers meeting at the HYC Dockside Lounge at 10AM on race day. Boat starting times will be announced and the course described. Each skipper's breakfast is included in the entry fee and breakfast is available for crew at a

nominal charge. PHRF and Cruising boats are welcome. Entry fee is \$25 IF received by 5PM, Monday, December 26th – otherwise fee is \$40. For additional info please contact Tim Etherington at 757-690-3178 or Steve Ritz at 757-218-2755 or click on <http://www.opcyc.org/main/sites/default/files/2017-11/2018%20New%20Years%20Madness%20NOR%20edited.pdf> **Remember, the course is “around the Hampton Bar and into the OPCYC Bar.”** So, plan to top off your celebration of the beginning of 2018 at the DDMNYMR.

Remember – registration closes January 15th for [US SAILING ODRMS – Saturday, January 20, 2018](#) For Race Officials, and those who want to be, the **US SAILING One Day Race Management Seminar will be on Saturday, January 20, 2018, hosted by Hampton Yacht Club in Hampton, Virginia.** This is a day long seminar (8:30am to 5:30pm) that covers race management procedures and techniques in depth. Those who attend the seminar may, if they desire, take the on-line test that is required for US Sailing Race Official certification. This seminar provides a wealth of information that will be helpful to anyone involved in running races. Participants must be a member of US Sailing (you can join on-line) in order to participate in the seminar. Seminar instructor is John McCarthy assisted by Jerry Thompson, both US Sailing certified Race Officers and Judges. The \$60 seminar fee includes course material, online testing, continental breakfast (coffee, tea, pastries and fruit), lunch (deli buffet with beverage) and soft drinks, water and sweets at the breaks. On-line registration is open now and closes on Monday, January 15th at 2355 (11:55pm) (Eastern). Please contact Lin McCarthy for additional information: (757) 850-4225, mcbear@earthlink.net Click here for info and to register: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>

2018 Southern Bay “Big Boat” Schedule available. Contact your club’s representative for a copy, or click on “reply” to this email and request your electronic copy of the schedule. It will come to you directly from *SBRNYCU* at mcbear@earthlink.net.

Dear Readers,

Your next *SBRNYCU* will arrive Monday, Dec 18th, instead of this coming Monday (Dec 11th). So, watch for issue #868 Monday after next. Meanwhile, deck those halls, and partake of the fa-la-la!

/s/ Yrs, Truly, the Racing Beagle

MURPHY'S LAW: Yesterday, during the Gaboon Race, the water was soooooo thin some racers swore they saw, *actually saw*, a crab walking around on Hampton Bar. It was also reported that a number of racers were holding off the winter chill by sipping medicinal hot rum. You connect the dots. Ahooo! */S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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