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MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The 2017 Pittman Award, the Pan-Pan man-overboard locator is now in production as the Weems & Plath CrewWatcher. Here's what *Sail Magazine* said about it in their January 2018 issue: CrewWatcher is "... a two-part system that employs a smartphone app to locate a small personal beacon that triggers automatically should the wearer fall overboard. Once the beacon is activated, sending a Bluetooth signal, the app will sound an alarm, display the coordinates of the MOB, and point the way back to the errant crewmember. Cell service isn't required, and up to five beacons can be linked to the app, which works with both Android and Apple smartphones. \$89.99." Click on <http://www.weems-plath.com/Products/Safety-Products-1/CrewWatcher.html> All the details are there and you can pre-order.

Fiddler's Green. Southern Bay sailor **Roy Tate** passed from us this past Monday, December 11th, in the early morning hours. Racers remember Roy and his crew campaigning his beloved Pearson 30, *Sunrise*, in the southern Bay PHRF C fleet for many years. More recently, he often sailed with his son Mike on their Person 22, *Aquarius*. A fierce, fair, and honorable competitor, Roy often comes to mind because of his determination. He was mentioned fondly in discussions of past Gaboon Races where perseverance was tested. Roy was a resident of Hampton and had a long and distinguished career at NASA. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Jackie, and his family. *Requiescat in pace*, Roy.

Searching for the perfect gift for your sailing buddy? *SpinSheet Magazine* has gathered some good possible gifts, put them in a list, and made it available to you. Click on this link for some good ideas - <http://mailchi.mp/spinsheet/gifts-for-boaters-1885357?e=c58b8249e7> And, remember, everyone loves a picture of themselves and friends racing – check out **PhotoBoat Galleries** <http://www.photo-boat.com/regatta-photos/2017-southern-bay-race-week>

NEW YEAR'S EVE CRAB POT DROP! The New Year's Eve Downtown Hampton Block Party. Along Queen's Way. The oversized Crab Pot will drop at midnight sharp. Free and open to the public. For info call 757-727-1271. **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. On-line entry is available at <https://form.jotform.com/73305207123141> Take advantage of the early entry fee - \$25 IF executed by 11:59 PM on 25 Dec – otherwise fee is \$40. ENTER NOW, before the "holiday madness" gets ya! 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 cap off your celebration of the beginning of 2018 at the DDMNYMR. **Also, on January 1st the SUPER MOON will be on display. Get your cameras ready and look to the sky! The Super Moon will show again on January 31st, but that will be all for 2018.**

Dear Readers,

Jingle those bells, deck the halls some more, and soak yourselves in the holiday spirit! Murphy, the Racing Beagle, and crew will take a holiday break on the next two Monday mornings. Look for issue # 869 of SBRNYCU on Monday morning, January 8, 2018.

Best wishes to you all! May all your tacks be lifted in the New Year!
/s/ The Murphster and Staff

Remember – this will be the only time **US SAILING ODRMS is scheduled the southern Bay this year. Registration closes January 15th for **US SAILING ODRMS – Saturday, January 20, 2018**** This is the course is 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.

SBRW 2018 Update: Info, Notice of Race, and registration available at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4427>

Registration is open for **NUTS & BOLTS for RACE COMMITTEES – Saturday, March 10, 2018.** This is a **Murphy Seminar presented by Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use**, and hosted by Hampton Yacht Club, Hampton, Virginia. The seminar is entitled “**Bearings and Angles and Numbers, Oh, My!**” The morning will be spent discussing starting lines, gates, offset legs, finish lines and other places where numbers are important, but need not be daunting. Taught in John’s informative, entertaining style, the seminar will remove the mystery from what these numbers mean and how to determine them quickly and easily. No math skills required . . . just common sense. Instructor is John McCarthy, US Sailing certified Race Officer and Judge. Seminar hours are 9:00am to Noon. The \$25 seminar fee includes materials and coffee, tea, pastries and fruit at check-in and coffee, soft drinks, water and sweets at the breaks. For additional information and/or to register for the course contact Lin McCarthy, (757) 850-4225, mcbear@earthlink.net

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, offers one more holiday chuckle. *What’s red and white and red and white? It’s Santa doing a two turn penalty! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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