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

IT'S A NEW YEAR – 2018! May all your tacks be lifted throughout the racing season!

Dana Dillon New Year Madness Race. Jim Beaudry, *Black Dog*, has gotten the early jump on the 2018 season **braggin' rights**. Jim finished first in the *Dana Dillon New Year Madness Race* last week in what had to be the coldest ever DDNYMR. The air temperature was 20 degrees and the wind was in the teens out of the Northwest with gusts to 29 knots. So, even though declarations that the "water temp is warmer than the air temp," were issued by the optimists of the fleet, everyone was warned against "taking a swim" on this January 1st. As it turned out, twelve (12) of the 20 entered boats actually did the annual staggered start race. The smallest boat with the slowest handicap, **Mike Tate's Aquarius**, Pearson 22, scooted out Hampton Creek first and the rest of the fleet followed at their assigned times. In this kind of race, the slowest boat starts first, the fastest boat starts last, and the order of finish is the actual standing, since the handicaps are figured into the individual *starting* times. Mike and his crew of youngsters did extremely well in tough conditions and finished 4th overall. Of the 12 that started the race, 10 crossed the finish line at Mill Creek. Top three finishers (with actual finish time) were: 1. **Jim Beaudry, Black Dog**, Hunter 35.5 (12:33:08); **John Wandling, Picses**, J28 (12:33:34); 3. **Jonathan Romero, Tempo**, Cal 33 (12:34:55). The next 3 boats finished within 43 seconds of one another.

SPINSHEET MAGAZINE is accepting SpinSheet Racing Team entries for 2017 up until January 15. If you qualify for the Team, you'll receive a nice Team One Newport tech shirt. If you have put in the racing hours, you deserve one! **Get goin'!** Click on www.spinsheet.com/spinsheet-racing-team

VIPERS ARE RACING! The **Sarasota Viper Winter Series** has just what the doctor ordered for curing frigid-winter-bluesitis (FWB Syndrome). It's warm, it takes three weekends spaced over 3 months, and it's racing – what's left to need? There are 26 Vipers entered in the series. Three southern Bay boats (all from HYC) raced in the series first two-day regatta on December 16-17. **Peter III, Caterpillar**, finished 7th over all, **Steve Taylor, Viper 220** stands in the 12th spot, and **Justin Morris, Knot Hunter**, finished 19th, in his first experience at Sarasota. **Martin "Bubba" Casey** is entered in the series, but did not race in December. The Vipers will meet again in 12 days, January 20-21, and the final weekend of racing is February 10-11. Read a detailed review of the first weekend at <https://northsails.com/sailing/en/od-news/viper-640-light-air-tips> To follow the series click on http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15544#_newsroom for results, documents, entries, on-line registration, etc.

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO REGISTER!

US SAILING ONE DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR (ODRMS) – Saturday, January 20, 2018

****Deadline for registration: Monday, January 15th *This seminar gives an in-depth look at race management and why race committees do what they do., i.e. sailing instructions, people and equipment, setting good courses with proper lines and legs, good starting sequences (and recalls), changing and shortening courses, and finishing the race. There is something here for everyone wanting to be a more knowledgeable member of the race committee, not just the PROs.***

****Also, the seminar meets the course requirements for folks wanting to certify (or re-certify) as a Club Race Officer.**

****All materials, deli-bar lunch, plus coffee, pastries, etc. throughout the day are included in \$60 registration fee.**

****This is the only US Sailing Race Management course scheduled for this area this year.**

****Instructors are John McCarthy and Jerry Thompson. Both are US Sailing Regional Race Officers.**

****TO REGISTER: Click <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>**

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FORT LAUDERDALE TO KEY WEST RACE – the start is THIS Wednesday, January 10th, afternoon off Port Everglades. Thirty-two (32) entries will dash down the coast of Florida in the 42nd running of this event. This particular warning to participants reflects the nature of the race: *“Participants are advised that special care of the living reefs, sea turtles, and manatees along the Florida coast is the responsibility of the Skipper and Crew.”* So, don't be bellyaching when an aggressive manatee nibbles your toes on the way down! *Aggressive manatee* is an oxymoron, anyway. Only one boat from the Chesapeake is entered this year – most likely the disappearance of Key West Race Week kept some folks home. **Tim Lyons** (Annapolis), will race his Corsair 43, *Triple Threat*, in the multihull division. The post-race party and awards ceremony will be at Kelly's Caribbean Bar & Grill, at Key West on Friday. For race info and results, click on <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4492>

Speaking of Florida and beyond races. The 3rd Annual Miami to Havana Race, starts on February 14th, **HOWEVER the final entry deadline is next week, January 17, 2018.** So far there are three (3) southern Bay entries: **Craig Wright** (Raleigh/FBYC), *Afterthought*, J109; **Glenn Doncaster** (Raleigh/HYC/FBYC), *Nanuq*, Sabre 426; and, **Sandy Clark** (Richmond), *Prollatas*, SC 44 catamaran. To join Craig, Glenn, Sandy and others click on <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4524> To date there are 24 entries.

CBYRA JUNIOR SAILING HIGH POINT AWARDS FOR 2017. Five hundred and thirty (530) juniors sailed in the CBYRA racing program on the Chesapeake in 2017. At the awards ceremony the southern Bay kids who stood on the podium when OPTI awards were presented were *all* from Fishing Bay Yacht Club. By fleet: OPTI – Red: 1.**Guthrie Braun**. OPTI – White: 1.**Bo Angus**; 3.**Noah Wensell**. OPTI – Blue: 1.**Thomas Sitzman**; 2.**Reed McAllister**. OPTI Girls – 2.**Madeline Anthor**. KUDOS to all!

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, understands that sub-freezing temps can cause house pipes to freeze up. The Murphster gits that. But, when the tap on the keg, which had been strategically placed near the patio firepit, would not open, you got dire, really dire, circumstances. Arrrrgh! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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