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

There are just some ways you oughtn't, never-ever, try to fool a southern Bay sailboat racer. Recently a story broke that would make your blood run cold. Imagine the consternation that the following headline must have caused. "VA Seafood Company Claimed Foreign Crab Meat as "Atlantic" Blue Crab". It's not that the devilish deception could ever completely be perpetrated on the connoisseurs of the world's sweetest, most succulent lump and back fin that swims in the Chesapeake. Certainly no southern Bay racer would fall for that! It's the pure deceitfulness sautéed with stupidity, that is reflected in the attempted scam!! Arrgh! NOTE: Read about the company, the charges, and the legal ramifications at <https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2018/1/15/feds-va-seafood-company-claimed-foreign-crab-meat-as-atlantic-blue-crab> Chesapeake Bay Magazine *BAY BULLETIN*, 17January2018.

SBRW 2018 apparel now available at www.cceink.com Chesapeake Custom Embroidery has posted the initial selection of SBRW apparel for 2018 and is open for orders.

Of special interest to SAILING INSTRUCTORS, COACHES, and TEACHERS. US Sailing is hosting a new course for sailing instructors at the NEAAAT campus, located on the property of Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) on **Saturday, February 10, from 8:30AM until 3:30PM**. This is an excellent course for teachers and sailing instructors looking to build their resume and connect students to the how and why of sailing. US Sailing's STEM Educator Course: Middle School 1 is a one-day, eight hour professional development/training opportunity for teachers and sailing instructors to learn how to implement US Sailing's STEM education program and curriculum called the Reach Initiative. The course is \$150 and includes an eight hours of professional development, materials, and a personal copy of the 132 page Reach Educator Guide (retail \$59.95). Upon completion attendees will receive a US Sailing STEM Educator Course certificate and formal educators will receive a certificate for professional development hours. Click on reach.ussailing.org/courses to register. **For additional info call Carol Terryberry at 252-340-3686.**

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 help Race Committees get them right. **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

IT'S A SAFETY THING. Here are 4 safety "things" to think about *NOW*, so you are ready when you need to be:

- Everybody has a **911 button** on his or her mobile phone. However, BE AWARE that when you are sailing, or otherwise, in a *different area code* than the one to which your phone number links, if you dial 911 your "home" responders will get the call, not the ones nearest to where you are. **So, always, always find out the area or regatta local 911 number**, just in case.

- The US Coast Guard wants you to be able to plot a course, find out about potential waterway hazards, or plan a trip, all before getting underway or onboard a vessel. That capability is coming. USCG, the primary federal agency responsible for providing Maritime Safety Information (MSI) to mariners, is testing an *information delivery method* to bring mariners Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM), Maritime Safety Information Bulletins (MSIB) and other MSI currently available only through VHF-FM marine band radio. The Navigation Center, in conjunction with [Coast Guard District 5](#), which covers the Mid-Atlantic region, developed an MSI **test project** currently focused on delivering BNM's from Sector Delaware Bay to email inboxes and the Internet through an RSS service. This **will allow users to access updates to online content in a standardized format**. The current test phase includes all BNMs issued by the following Coast Guard units: Sector Maryland-National Capital Region • **Sector North Carolina** • **Sector Hampton Roads** • Sector Delaware Bay • **Coast Guard District 5** The test phase will expand TODAY, January 22, to deliver information throughout the entirety of District 5's area of responsibility, initially updated during business hours and increasing to a 24x7 cycle in early February.
- To download a FREE **Boating Safety Guide** and **Equipment and Departure Checklists** click on: www.coastguardfoundation.org/boatingsafety
- Remember, first thing this Spring, when you are back on the water, **PRACTICE THE MAN OVERBOARD DRILL !!!**

Getting ready to provide good racing. *There's more to it than meets the eye.* Twenty-four (24) race committee volunteers attended the **all day** US Sailing seminar this past Saturday, hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. Participants came from all over Virginia, including Tidewater, and parts of North Carolina. US Sailing certified Regional Race Officers John McCarthy (Hampton, VA) and Jerry Thompson (Roanoke Rapids, NC) led the seminar, which meets part of the US Sailing Race Officer certification program requirements and is a prerequisite for the required test.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, notes that the weather gurus are suggesting that there may be a couple of good sailing days coming up, i.e. today and tomorrow. So, IF you plan to go, pull out those foulies and fuzzies (even if they are a little ripe 'cause you forgot to put them through the dryer after the last frostbite), let people know when, where and for how long you expect to be gone, charge up your phone, and don't overstay – it's still pretty **CHILLY** out there. Upon return, think hot buttered whatever to restore the core warmth! Ahooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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