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

Today is PRESIDENTS DAY – a holiday for many!

Monday holidays are the best – enjoy it, if you got it!

NANUQ takes 1st IN CLASS IN MIAMI TO HAVANA RACE. Seventeen (17) boats raced this past week from Miami to Havana in the 3rd annual race. The racers started Wednesday morning (Valentine's Day) just off Miami Harbor and finished at the Marina Hemingway Sea Buoy. *Nanuq* won the 5-boat PHRF Class, covering the course in 28 hours, 59 minutes and 8 seconds (1:04:59:08), finishing Thursday afternoon... **Sailing with skipper Glenn Doncaster were Sloan Burns – Navigator; Jim Cobb – Main Trimmer; Becca Doncaster – Mid Bow; Edward Gray; Pablo Holbrook – Pit; Jerry Latell; Sean McGlynn – Grinder; Paul Wash – Grinder.** Two other southern Bay boats were among the competitors. **Craig Wright's** J109, *Afterthought*, also sailing out of FBYC, finished 3rd in the PHRF B class. A third southern Bay boat, Sandy Clark's 38 foot catamaran, sailing out of FBYC, sailed in the 4 boat multihull fleet. For detailed results click on <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4524>

Fiddler's Green. Last Monday, February 12th, **Anne Williams** passed away peacefully at Riverside Regional Medical Center. Anne was the high school sweetheart, wife and soul mate of southern Bay racer, sailmaker, and sailing mentor, Eddie Williams. Anne and Eddie have been married for 62 years. Their home is in Hampton. There will be a memorial service for Anne Williams at 11:00 AM this morning, February 19, at St. Marks United Methodist Church. Sincere condolences to Eddie and his family in this saddest of times.

“All About Sails and How to Trim Them,” March 3rd, 0900 – noon, Old Dominion University, Mills Godwin Life Sciences Building, Rm. 101. Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA) is hosting this seminar. The Speaker is Sailmaker Jerry Latell, Owner of Ullman Sails Virginia. Check-in is 0800-0855. Jerry will discuss optimal sail trim and a lot more. Registration is \$15 for BBSA members and \$25 for non-BBSA Members (coffee and bagels included). All proceeds go to *Sail Nauticus*. Easy online registration at <https://form.jotform.com/73306553954158> or call Randy Goodman at (757) 348-7921.

Planning to sail in a **Hospice Regatta** in 2018? The Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta (September 28-30) is hosted by Rappahannock River Yacht Club in Irvington, VA. Since the Turkey Shoot comes late in the season, the winner of the 2017 Turkey Shoot, **Jim Engle**, will be going to this year's annual **Hospice Regattas Championship on August 16-19, at Oswego Yacht Club in New York.**

Jerry Latell, regarding the *Nanuq* crew experience in the Miami to Havana Race, said the sailing conditions were great and further remarked on their time in Cuba: "We talked to a lot of people and while their attitudes ranged widely regarding politics and economics, they were without exception warm and upbeat. None of us would rush to go back, but we will certainly talk a lot more about what we experienced."

Charles McDowell wrote, "***Only 8 More Weeks 'Til February Ends***". He is a renowned expert on the technically shortest month of the year. So, this week, remember these words as you pull on your shorts and T-shirt for an outdoor jog or you plan to repair a ding in the hull of your baby, expecting natural warmth to cause the epoxy resin to kick. Chuck said, "*When February provides a glimmer of sunshine, it is just a trick, an exercise in irony, a sort of stage lighting for the entrance of furies undreamed of. February brings winds strong enough to blow polar bears off their feet. And it brings pseudo-whimsical little breezes too soft to blow the flame off a candle. They don't have to – the little breezes of February freeze the flame where it stands.*"

Check the PHRF Listing and IF you are due for renewal, get 'er done! There are a lot of southern Bay racers whose current rating certificates expire on **MARCH 31, 2018**. That will not work for most 2018 regattas! To renew click on www.phrfchesbay.org/page/certificates PHRF of the Chesapeake has made the ON-LINE RENEWAL process really, really easy and fast. **NOTE:** PHRF racers may enter **SBRW 2018** *anytime (don't miss the Early Bird discounts)* even though your PHRF rating may be in need of updating. SBRW will obtain your rating info when it is renewed. Entry/info – click on <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4427>

One Design Racers. Hampton Yacht Club has combined its Spring small boat events into one early season regatta. The **HYC SPRING REGATTA, April 21-22**, will be a two-day event with *Saturday only* racing available at class request. The regatta is for all one-design classes under 25'. Invited classes include Viper 640, 505, Hampton One Design (HOD), Lightning, J24, Sonar and others. Any class with at least three (3) boats may race at this regatta. The regatta offers free launch and haul as well as free boat/trailer storage. The format will be multiple windward-leeward races, with gates and offset marks, in the Harbor. To see the Notice of Race and/or to register ON LINE, click on www.regattanetwork.com/event/16207. For Early Bird entries – *no later than April 17th* – classes racing two days = \$35, Sat only=\$25. For entries *after April 17th* classes racing two days=\$45; Sat only=\$35. For additional info, please contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net. Event Chairman-Joe Buczkowski; Principal Race Officer-John McCarthy

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows it's now that time when boats go on the hard for bottom jobs and rigging upgrades. A friend once said that boat ownership can be equivalent to standing under a cold

shower while tearing up 100-dollar bills. Cousin "Sage" O'Murphy adds that going in the boatyard can be the equivalent of using the same shower and tearing up 1,000-dollar bills!!! However, splash day does make everything very fine! Only 28 more days 'til the FIRST DAY OF SPRING (March 20th). /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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