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SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings.

Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

EASTER is Sunday, April 1st. Be extra careful at the bunny crossings!
WATCH OUT ! April Fools Day is THIS COMING SUNDAY, April 1 !

LAST REMINDER – CCV Spring Membership Meeting and Rules Clinic, **TONIGHT, MONDAY, March 26, 6pm at Hampton Yacht Club**

SPINSHEET CREW PARTY – SATURDAY, APRIL 7th 6-8PM at MARKER 20 in Downtown

Hampton. Find a boat to crew on. Find crew for the race team. There is no better place for crew and skippers to “find” one another than at the annual **SPINSHEET CREW PARTY**, held every year at MARKER 20, a popular racers’ bistro in downtown Hampton on East Queens Way (a block over from the waterfront). This is the best meet and greet opportunity for racers, both skippers and crew, and it is right BEFORE the season gets going in earnest. So, whether you are new to racing or are a seasoned racer looking to renew and expand horizons, get on over to Marker 20 between 6 and 8 on Saturday, April 7th. Sign up at www.spinsheet.com/crew-parties.

SPINSHEET CREW PARTIES have been the leader in matchmaking between crew and skippers for several years, now, and each year the occasions are better than ever. This year the Crew Parties circuit starts on April 7th in Hampton (see above), moves to Baltimore the following weekend (April 14), then moves to Annapolis on April 22nd, and wraps up on April 28th in Solomons. See the list below for times and locations. And, be sure to register for the party of your choice at www.spinsheet.com/crew-parties. You are going to have a great time!

Mark your calendar for the annual SPINSHEET CREW PARTIES, powered by Musto & Harken.

Southern Bay - Saturday, April 7, 6-8pm, Hampton, at Marker 20.

Northern Bay - Saturday, April 14, 4-6pm, Baltimore, at Crazy Tuna Bar

Northern Bay - Sunday, April 22, 4-6pm, Annapolis, at Eastport YC.

Middle Bay - Saturday, April 28, 4:30-6:30pm, Solomons, at Southern Maryland SA.

SpinSheet Magazine covers ALL the Bay and beyond.

A Sign of Spring. One of the newest boats to the southern Bay fleet, **Don DeLoatch’s Melges 32, RIFF RAFF**, was christened Saturday. The ceremony included all the rituals required to rename a boat. An item with the previous name on it was committed to seawater, there was a plant there to signify home and the land to which sailors return, and the bow was pummeled with a bottle of champagne and then doused with same. Even though it was cold, everyone had a good time. Needless to say, Don and wife Molly made sure all in attendance were warm and well oiled with champagne and other adult beverages and plenty of food. *Riff Raff* and her crew are now square with Poseidon!

Another sign of Spring. The first wave of Sock Burnings took place over the weekend. One of particular was honcho-ed by **Don Gregory**, who appeared as the King of the Deep with a chorus of toga clad denizens. He was royally clothed in what seemed to be a red, boldly trimmed bathrobe and, worn under his crown, a wig that closely resembled a standard mop. Using a boathook for a ceremonial scepter, Don, with the chorus’ tones in the background, oversaw the offerings of socks to the pyre (a flaming fire in an oil drum) to please Neptune.

And another. The buzz of sanders at the local boatyards indicates the bottoms will be ready and fast and that jockeying for a spot on the yard splash schedule will be akin to a start on a short line.

APRIL – TIME TO HIT THE WATER - GO RACING!

April 1 Sun EASTER
April 4 Wed HYC & BBSA-Little Creek Wednesday Night Series both begin
April 5 Thur BBSA-Willoughby Wednesday Night Series begins
Apr 7 Sat *SPINSHEET CREW PARTY – HAMPTON*
Apr 8 Sun CCV Tune-Up Races
Apr 11 Wed YRYC Wednesday Night Racing begins
Apr 12-15 Th-Sun Charleston Race Week
Apr 14 Sat *SpinSheet Crew Party - Baltimore*
Apr 15 Sun CCV Spring Series Day 1 (Races 1 & 2)
Apr 20-22 Fri-Sun *Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show – City Dock*
Apr 20 Fri PBC Barnacle Series opens
Apr 21-22 Sat-Sun HYC Spring Regatta (one design, under 25')
Apr 21 Sat FBYC Opening Day
Apr 22 Sun *Spinsheet Crew Party - Annapolis*
Apr 22 Sun CCV Spring Series Day 2 (Race 3)
Apr 22 Sun FBYC Spring 1
Apr 25 Wed YPRCC Wednesday Night Racing begins
Apr 28 Sat FBYC Spring 2
Apr 28 Sat *SpinSheet Crew Party – Solomons*
Apr 28 Sat CCV Intro to Sailboat Racing (1/2 day class)
Apr 29 Sun CCV Spring Series Day 3 (Races 4 & 5)
Apr 30 MON **SBRW EARLY BIRD Special Entry Rate-DEADLINE**

SBRW 2018 Apparel and Gear Available NOW! CCE (Chesapeake Custom Embroidery and Screen Printing), official apparel vendor for Southern Bay Race Week, offers SBRW T-shirts, tech shirts, polos, hoodies, vests, jackets, even an OGIO Elements Pack, and more. For pre-regatta shipping, orders must be received no later than April 16. A special long sleeve tech shirt with SBRW 2018 boat names listed on the sleeve is displayed on the site and will be *available for purchase at the regatta* along with a wide variety of apparel and gear. Plan to check out the CCE tent throughout the regatta, beginning on Opening Night (May 31st) **NOTE:** CCE will be open Wednesday night, May 30, at HYC Wed Night Races – get your stuff early! To see items and/or pre-order, click on www.cceink.com and then on “Southern Bay Race Week” at the top of the page. SBRW info and registration - www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4427

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has learned that local politicians are considering enacting a “leave the dock” fee on race boats. They say you'll be able to pay with your iPhone. . . . Gotcha! Early April Fools. J /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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