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

SpinSheet Crew Party Time – THIS COMING SATURDAY – 6-8 pm at Marker 20, downtown Hampton. (see details below).

Good News for YOUTH SAILING VIRGINIA. YSV has signed an agreement with the Fort Monroe Authority (Hampton, Virginia) for a building to house their sailing center. It is 50 yards from the new pier that the City of Hampton is building in Mill Creek. Plans are to host high school sailing and summer learn-to-sail programs.

Lots of southern Bay racers love to also chase ROCKFISH. The Maryland anglers may soon be going for smaller (legal) rockfish. This from *Chesapeake Bay Magazine Bay Bulletin*: “*The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is moving ahead with a last-minute change in summer and fall recreational striped bass regulations. The action will reduce the minimum size of recreationally-caught striped bass, locally known as rockfish, from 20 inches to 19 inches for anglers and charter boats.*” There are still more levels of bureaucratic noodling to be done before the Marylanders make a final decision. Read all about it at www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2018/3/27/md-takes-emergency-action-to-change-rockfish-size-limits **This issue is another imponderable to ponder when going upwind on a light air day.**

Sock Burnings. Word comes from “up the Bay” i.e. Reedville, that Southern Bay racer **Dave Godwin**, who doublehanded with **Greg Cutter** in the *Down the Bay Race* last year, hosted the Reedville Sock Burning. Greg, as King Neptune, was the Master of Ceremonies for the Reedville sock burning. Ergo, Dave sailed down the Bay with King Neptune. This is *Murphy, the Racing Beagle*, logic. Note: Greg has been King Neptune at Reedville for 9 years.

It's OFFICIAL – the racing season gets underway THIS WEEK: Before you go racing, be sure to do your MAN OVERBOARD drill, with the spinnaker up!

****HYC Wednesday Night Racing – April 4** - The granddaddy of Wednesday Nights – every Wednesday Night Race is in the vicinity of Hampton Bar, is **open to all** and is **FREE**, but you **must** complete an *Entry Form/Waiver* before racing. The racing is a unique combination of casual and competitive, i.e., there are no corrected (handicapped) results, but the actual finish times are posted in the HYC Lounge after the race. Discussions of who beat whom result in bragging rights for the rest of the evening, but that's all! For detailed info on this race program, click on <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Wed-Nite-Races-One-Page-Circular-2018.pdf> or call the HYC office or John McCarthy at 757-850-4225

****BBSA Wednesday Night Series - Little Creek – April 4** - Racing is in the Bay in the vicinity of the mouth of Little Creek. For details click on <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/index.asp> , “Little Creek Sailing”

****BBSA Thursday Night Series – Willoughby Racers - April 5** - Racing is in Norfolk's Willoughby Bay, aka Little Bay. For info and registration click on <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/index.asp> “Willoughby Racers”

****This coming Saturday, April 7 – SPINSHEET CREW PARTY – SATURDAY, APRIL 7th 6-8 PM 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 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. www.spinsheet.com/crew-parties

****CCV Tune-Up Races This coming Sunday, April 8** – Racers can expect 2 short races, weather permitting, in the Harbor using government marks. The Tune-Ups are FREE, but a standard entry form is required. Warning for the first race is scheduled for 1100. The starting line will be at CCV Mark A (Harbor), i.e. Day Beacon R”4” at the mouth of Hampton River. For details contact Christian Schaumloffel at 757-496-3590

“Second Tragedy Strikes Volvo Ocean Race” - “One of the sailors competing in the Volvo Ocean Race was presumed “lost at sea” a day after he went overboard 1,200 nautical miles from the South American coast.” An article in *Chesapeake Bay Magazine Bay Bulletin 27 March 2018* goes on to explain the conditions Team Sun Hung Kai/Scallywag was experiencing when crew member John Fisher was lost overboard in the Southern Ocean during a gale. www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2018/3/27/second-tragedy-strikes-volvo-ocean-race More information is available now. Just Google the Ocean Volvo Race.

Southern Bay Racers’ Favorite Multi-Day Regattas invite you to *thinkaboutit!* Check out the websites for details:

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK – June 1,2,3 – Hampton – fleets forming – registration well underway -

www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=4427

SO. CHES. BAY LEUKEMIA REGATTA – July 13-15 – Deltaville – registration open - [www.leukemicup.org/events/2018-](http://www.leukemicup.org/events/2018-southern-chesapeake-leukemia-cup-regatta)

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SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE – July 21-23 – Solomons – registration open – www.screwpile.net

LEO WARDRUP CAPE CHARLES CUP – Aug 11-12 – Norfolk-Cape Charles – registration open -

www.broadbaysailing.org/misc/ccc18/index.asp

STINGRAY POINT REGATTA – Aug 31- Sep 2 – Fishing Bay – registration open –

www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=4714

HOSPICE TURKEY SHOOT REGATTA – Sep 28-30 – Irvington – www.rryc.org/regattas/2018-hospice-turkey-shoot-regatta

MURPHY’S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is recovering from a jellybean high. Medics say full recovery is likely in a few days! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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