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The 2018 winning GABOON is FEATHER. To be Top Gaboon **Phil Briggs** and crew had to cross the finish line first among a fleet of eighteen (18) in 12-13 knots of wind in the harbor. The well known blue J 36 was up to the task and beat 2nd place *Wairere* (**Pete Hunter**) and 3rd place *Stardancer* (**John Blais**) both by under half a minute. This was the 41st rendition of the annual Gaboon Race, a pursuit race sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club. All 41 races have been honcho-ed by Phil Briggs, FLEET Trophy Recipients: PHRF A (6 boats) 1. *Feather*, **Phil Briggs**; 2. *Wairere*, **Pete Hunter**; 3. *Stardancer*, **John Blais**. PHTF B (5 boats) 1. *Rumble*, **Ben Weeks and Michele Cochran**; 2. *Cool Change*, **Rusty Burshell**; 3. *Jonathan*, **Bill and David Gibbings**. PHRF C (7 boats) 1. *Callinectes*, **Ben Cuker**; 2. *Roundabout*, **Alan Bomar**; 3. *Incentive III*, **Louie Lewis**. Awards will be presented tomorrow evening, Tuesday, December 4, at the Hampton Yacht Club Awards Night - (757-722-0711)

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2019. Registration for SBRW 2019 is open – click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123> to enter and to see the preliminary Notice of Race. Click on “Official Notice Board” for additional documents – board will be updated as appropriate. There are already 2 Early Birds on the entry list: **Sledd Shelhorse's** brand new Carkeek 40, *Meridian XI* was first up. The Meridian team expects to travel to Dubai early this spring to take her on her shakedown run and work her up a bit before she ships to her new home on the southern Chesapeake. The second entry for SBRW 2019 is **Keith Midgette**. Keith will be sailing *Luna Blu*, Bristol 39, in the Cruising fleet. Both Meridian and Luna Blu are returning from SBRW 2018. NOTE: SBRW will have bow numbers with distinctive SBRW graphics again in 2019.. Officials will attempt to accommodate any individual racer's special number request, if he is entered and paid (at the time entered) and the number is not already taken for 2019. Racers may indicate the bow number they desire in the bow number block on the entry form. Racers may request certain numbers up until the Early Bird deadline, April 30. - watch here for updates as appropriate..

2019 SOUTHERN BAY RACING SCHEDULE is now available. The **2019 Southern Bay Racing Schedule** (big boats) is available from your club racing program officials, both North and South CBYRA Region 4

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SUBJ: 2019 Racing Schedule, and say "2019 Schedule, please" A reply email to this issue of *SBRNYCU* is
ok too, but make it clear you are requesting the schedule.

The 2019 NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE, January 1, 2019. Believe it or not, the Dana Dillon Memorial New Year's Madness Race is nearly upon us. This is a pursuit race. The race starts in Hampton River, off the HYC Docks, and ends in Mill Creek off the Old Point Comfort Marina pier. There is a Mandatory Skippers Meeting at 1000 at HYC. For details and to register, click on <https://www.opcyc.org/next-race> and On-line entry is available through the same link. The Race is co-sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club.

MURPHY'S LAW: From *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle* If you think the Fat Man, aka S.Claus, may need some guidance as to the best gift for you for Christmas and you wouldn't mind "getting away" for the holiday, here's a thought. Watch the start of the **Sydney Hobart Race from the water**. The 630 nautical mile race begins the day after Christmas (Dec. 26th), in Sydney, Australia, and proceeds to Hobart, Tasmania. There are 92 boats entered and in addition to an on-the-water "spectator boat" there is a tracking system set up for land bound, fireside race-watchers. **As far as "spectating" the start on the water:** There are two boats, both leaving the pier at the Sydney Aquarium at 11:30am on race day and returning at approximately 2:30pm. The spectator vessels will have, in addition to the excitement of the on the water activity, canapé, a small buffet including desserts, with beer, wine, sparkling, soft drinks, and juices from an open bar. And, each guest will be issued 2 drink tokens. The tix are \$140 each Adult, \$100 for Kids 4-15 (kids under 4 go free). Go to www.rolexsydneyhobart.com/ for all the event info. Oh. . . your transportation to Sydney and back is not included in the \$140. The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia co-hosts the event with the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. The Murphster will be firesiding! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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