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Dear Readers,

“Christmas is a’coming and the goose is getting fat. . . .” So, Murphy and staff will be taking Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, and December 31st, New Year’s Eve, off to celebrate the holidays. Your next issue of *Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use* will come to you on January 7, 2019, issue #910. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays to everyone!

/s/ MURPHY and The SBRNYCU Staff

REMINDER - Dana Dillon Memorial New Year’s Madness Race – January 1, 2019. This pursuit 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 on race day. For details and to register, click on <https://www.opcyc.org/next-race> On-Line entry is available through the same link. The Race is co-sponsored by Hampton Yacht Club and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club.

2019 Racing Schedule Tid-Bits: Two additional Southern Bay “keel boat” events for racers are included on the 2019 schedule.

**** THE HAMPTON SPRINTS Saturday, July 27, 2019.** The plan for this one day event for monohull boats 20’ LOA or longer, with one-design fleets welcome, is as follows: A series of short windward-leeward races featuring very small fleets (3-5 boats) in tight rating bands designed to produce close, exciting, big boat racing with a one-design feel. Multiple races, once around a short 1.4 nm course. Post-Race party on the HYC Flag Deck with trophies for all fleet winners, hot dogs and beer, and the presentation of the special *Vortex Sprint Cup* to the overall winner. Hampton YC is organizing authority and host and Vortex Racing is sponsoring the post-race party and the special Vortex Sprint Cup trophy.

**** The 2019 COCK ISLAND RACE Saturday June 15, 2019** (the Saturday of Fathers Day weekend). Portsmouth Boat Club is bringing back this southern Bay sailors’ favorite event in a one day version, but with all the traditional zaniness and good times associated with Cock Island.

2019 SOUTHERN BAY RACING SCHEDULE is available via email. To receive an electronic copy of both the North and South CBYRA Region 4 divisions schedules by return email from *SBRNYCU*, email mcbear@earthlink.net, 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.

SBRW 2019 Update: In addition to the first three early birds in the Super A (PHRF Up to 49) – *Meridian* (Sledd Shelhorse), *Short Bus* (Hawk & Stephanie Caldwell), and *Riff Raff* (Don DeLoatch) - four (4) other SBRW fleets already have early entries: **Steve Quiriconi** has entered his *J70, Hotty Toddy*, in the OD division, **Josh Coldwell** has entered the Multihull division with *OrgaZmatron*, and **Keith Midgette** with *Luna Blu* has opened the Cruising division. **Miles Booth**, *Shenanigan*, and **Bob Fleck**, *Mad Hatter*, are the first two entries in PHRF B. **ON-LINE ENTRY and all additional information about the event, including the detailed Notice of Race, may be seen at the SBRW 2019 YachtScoring website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123>**. "Click on "Official Notice Board" in the right hand column for updates as appropriate. *Racers should expect to refer to the "Official Notice Board" on this site during the regatta for all official notices.*

NOTE: SBRW bow numbers are assigned in order unless you request a special number at the time of your Early Bird entry (must be paid) and it is available. Officials will attempt to accommodate any individual racer's special number request, if he is entered and paid 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.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows, 'cause Momma Murphy always said so, that it is "better to give than to receive." So, for those who have not yet completed their holiday shopping for racing friends (and others), here is the link to the ***SpinSheet Magazine Gifts-For-Sailors list*** - <https://spinsheet.com/gifts-for-sailors> You cannot go wrong here. And, speaking of giving and *receiving* – why not share the list with your friends along with other important info . . . like your own size, delivery address, racing needs, etc. After all, you are helping reduce their holiday stress – a gift in and of itself! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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