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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](#)

The Ground Hog said "... there is no shadow for me to see, so . . . A BEAUTIFUL SPRING it will be!"

Chief Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil DID NOT see his shadow at Gobbler's Knob, Punxsutawney, PA, on Saturday, Feb 2nd, so an early Spring is in the cards for us! Get those boats ready to go! To *SEE Phil make the official announcement*, click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDQIWl6DW5w>

Safety Equipment standards have become a big topic on the southern Bay this past few weeks, as event sponsors take on the responsibility of recommending safety equipment suitable for their events. Recently, PHRF stepped away from requiring specific levels of safety equipment in connection to their rating process. *SpinSheet Magazine's* February issue (now on the streets), offers a significant piece that should be helpful to all. "*Safety Series, Part II – Crew Briefing List*" The article begins on page 34 of the issue.

Tartan 10's forming up in the southern Bay. Skipper **Miles Booth** has been campaigning his beloved T-10, *Shenanigan* on the southern Bay for a long, long time. Last year four Tartans raced in PHRF fleets at SBRW 2018. Along with Miles were **Stuart Kegan & Katie Yudkin** with Tartan 10 *Split Decision*, **Tim Dull** racing his Tartan 34C *Skymark*, and **Larry Baun** with his 37C *BaseRunner*. And, Tartan Ten Fleet 10 at FBYC is hoping to draw even more racers for the coming season.

Meanwhile, in Florida, at the **Mid-January "J" Fest** (hosted by St Petersburg YC) southern Bay racer **Ian Hill** and his crew (**C. Kirby, M. Casey, C. Eberwine, S. Nuebert, J. Gibson, Hardesty, and S. Henry**) brought their new *Sitella*, a J111, in at 2nd place in a small, but super competitive one-design fleet (after 8 races, the top boat had a score of 15 points and the 4th boat 17 points). *Sitella* had a string of 4-1-4-3-1-1-2-4-[4] for a total of 16 and 2nd place, winning a tiebreaker with the 3rd place boat. Details of the regatta are available at

https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eID=6071

US SAILING announcement: Now is the time for active sailors to become more involved and make an impact on our sport. Registered Sailor Athletes influence the decisions made at the national level within US Sailing. This is a unique opportunity to have your voice heard. [Register today](#)

Maybe you've been fortunate enough to have visited Tangier Island or read *Chesapeake Requiem* by Earl Swift, or . . . *Chesapeake Bay Magazine, Bay Bulletin* covers the dire situation that exists on Tangier due to a broken main water line. https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2019/1/25/tangier-island-lacks-running-water-after-line-breaks?utm_source=ALL+Mail&utm_campaign=7d116d99ad-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_04_25_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_39a7fb996d-7d116d99ad-99504329

COMING UP THIS COMING WEEKEND [Feb 9-10]

****J70 Winter Series 3 at Davis Island YC (Tampa) – southern Bay Racer Rob Gorman (HYC) and crew are entered in the 54 boat J70 class.**

****Etchells Florida State Championships [Biscayne Bay Series] – southern bay racer David Pryor (HYC) and crew are entered in the 50 boat event.**

****Sarasota Viper Winter Series - Southern Bay racer Peter III (HYC) and crew will be sailing in this, the final weekend of the 3 weekend series.**

****RACING RULES MADE EASY - Sat, Feb 9th, at ODU (Constant Hall – Rm #1002), 0900 – 1200) Details below.**

SAVE THE DATE: SPINSHEET CREW PARTY – Saturday April 6th at MARKER 20 (downtown Hampton), sponsored by Doyle Sails. Put the date on the fridge and stay tuned for more details.

GETTING READY TO GO: Classic Moth Boat Midwinter Championship- Gulfport, FL - February 22-24 - southern Bay Racer Joe Bousquet will be racing on Boca Ciega Bay

MAKE THE TRIP: NATIONAL OUTDOORS SHOW – February 22-23 in Church Creek, Maryland (Dorchester County). This festival is dedicated to the indigenous muskrat. Check out this special Eastern Shore outdoors show at <https://nationaloutdoorshow.org/>. which includes a cooking contest, beauty pageant, and lots more.

A FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY EVENING: Volvo Ocean Race skipper Charlie Enright presentation February 27th in Richmond, Fishing Bay Yacht Club – www.fbyc.net

LAST CHANCE: RACING RULES MADE EASY, "Four Important Things Each Racer Needs to Know"

BBSA is sponsoring the seminar, which is OPEN TO ALL, on **THIS COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019, at ODU (Constant Hall – Rm #1002), 0900 – 1200**. This is a scenario driven, "rules made easy" approach designed to simplify the unnecessarily complex approach often taken in teaching the rules.

Instructor - John McCarthy (US Sailing Race Officer, Instructor, and Judge) Cost - \$20 (\$15 for BBSA members) Coffee and pastries provided all morning plus course materials. **To REGISTER & PAY:**

<https://form.jotform.com/82948526319165> For map to ODU Constant Hall and the 49th Street Stadium Garage: <https://goo.gl/maps/ktv4D6mJMdk> (seminar attendees park on upper level) **For more seminar information, contact: John or Lin McCarthy mcbear@earthlink.net 757-850-4225**

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows racers must be delighted with Chief Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil's promise of an early Spring. Caution – Ground Hog predictors of much lesser experience may publish different reports. Don't fall for it, You would not doubt, let's say, Jim Cantore of the Weather Channel no matter what apprentice ground hogs (like Chesapeake Chuck, Hampton Harry, Norfolk Nellie, Deltaville Dan, etc) say . . . would you? **SPRING COMETH - Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.***

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