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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

**CHRISTCHURCH SAILING TEAM** is the subject of the cover photo and the feature article of the **March 2019 issue of CHESAPEAKE BAY MAGAZINE**. Ann Eichenmuller has written an article that tells all about how the "small, 97-year-old rural Virginia school" turned the national high school sailing world upside down by finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2018 Mallory National Fleet Racing Championship in Texas. The Christchurch Seahorses have won a number of major events along the way to the Mallory regatta, where they encountered the teams from much bigger schools. 1<sup>st</sup> place Point Loma has an enrollment of 2,000 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Francis Parker 1,200. The Christchurch enrollment is 211 students. Ann's article paints a clear picture of the value of the sailing program to the members of the team and, by example, to those who support them. A worthwhile, enjoyable read.

**Southern Bay Racers at the St. Petersburg NOOD Regatta.** Three (3) members for the southern Bay's *Voodoo 2* (Tripp 38) crew helped sister boat, *Warrior* (Grant Dumas) win the St. Pete NOOD PHRF 1 class of 11 boats. *Voodoo* skipper, **Leroi Lissenden** along with crew members **Bob Krush** and **Ken Sears** helped *Warrior* claim the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy with a string of 6-3-3-2-4-2-2 (total 25). **Ian Hill**'s *Sitella* finished tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the J111 one-design class (5 boats), but lost the tie-breaker according to the RRS rule. **Collin Kirby**, **Joe Gibson**, **Bubba Casey**, **Chuck Eberwine**, **Sam Nubert**, **Sean Henry**, and **Jimmy Hardesty** sailed with Ian in the very competitive J111 class. In the 24 boat Foiling A Cats class, Virginia Beach racer **Tracey Oliver** finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall. **Guy Sorensen** crewed on the US Patriot Sailing boat skippered by Steve Young. *Patriot IV* finished 10<sup>th</sup> overall in a Melges 24 class of 12 boats. For complete results for all fleets at the NOOD Regatta click on <https://vachtscoreing.com/emenu.cfm?elID=6034>

**GOIN' really, really fast! Dennis Hannick's Tripp 26, Goin'**, is being readied by Dennis and crew for their annual *sortee* to the Florida Gulf Coast and Texas. Fort Walton Yacht Club is hosting the Tripp MidWinters as well as the J22 MidWinters in mid-March. The *Goin'* skipper and crew figure they are "a mere 15 ½ hours from Ft. Walton" with boat and trailer. They remarked on how convenient it is to have a boat that can go 70+ mph! For a look at the Tripp26 MidWinter Championship Notice of Race click on <http://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/108>

**Sailboat Rescued 110 Miles off Virginia Beach.** In a report from the *Chesapeake Bay Magazine, Bay Bulletin*, a tale is told of a broken tiller in blue water approximately 10 days ago. The report read, "A U.S. Navy destroyer came to the rescue of a disabled sailboat— stranded some 110 miles off the coast of Virginia Beach. The destroyer heard the VHF radio distress call Thursday night, from 32-foot *Kerie Elite C'est La Vie*, and came to help. The tiller for the sailboat's rudder had snapped, while traveling from *Sheepshead Bay, New York, destined for St. Croix*." That's the gist of the story – read the details at <https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2019/2/8/sailboat-crew-rescued-100-miles-off-virginia-beach> and, as you read, THINK SAFETY as it applies to you.

**DO YOUR MAN OVERBOARD TRAINING EARLY AND OFTEN.** Here's why. From the February 15<sup>th</sup> issue of *Scuttlebutt*: A crew training session on the J/97 Windjammer on Dublin Bay in Ireland went terribly wrong when a Man Overboard incident occurred in the challenging conditions. Click here to view the incident. [https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2019/02/13/video-man-overboard-dublin-bay/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Scuttlebutt%205267%20%20February%2015%202019&utm\\_content=Scuttlebutt%205267%20%20February%2015%202019+CID\\_d505480a58629d4ec7663eb4f967a9a4&utm\\_source=Email%20Newsletter](https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2019/02/13/video-man-overboard-dublin-bay/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Scuttlebutt%205267%20%20February%2015%202019&utm_content=Scuttlebutt%205267%20%20February%2015%202019+CID_d505480a58629d4ec7663eb4f967a9a4&utm_source=Email%20Newsletter)

**PMU (OPCYC, Pointer Maritime University) scheduled the story of John Bouma**, retired Navy, from Norfolk who finished a circumnavigation last year. The Dean of PMU, Jeff Rogers, said, "About half the trip was single handed, there were three encounters with pirates including one physical encounter inside his cabin at night, one fire on board, and the 51-ft boat was nearly dismantled twice, with 3 broken shrouds. 27,000 miles in 18 months. And he bought the boat used in January 2016, retired on June 2016, and set off around the world in November 2016. He got back in April 2018".

The presentation was moved to the Ft Monroe Community Center this past Saturday because of popular interest in John's story.

**SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR. THIS COMING SUNDAY, February 24, 2019 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM at The Mariners' Museum and Park – Huntington Room.** A day-long Safety at Sea Seminar designed and conducted by sailors and experts in their fields! The seminar provides both novice and experienced mariners with the information and skills required to sail the Chesapeake Bay or offshore, handle heavy weather, conduct rescue procedures and much more. This seminar is the most comprehensive safety at sea program offered in the Hampton Roads area. Safety at Sea is open to all cruising and racing skippers, crews & their families, recreational boaters, as well as commercial mariners. The fee covers lectures, demonstrations, course materials, Offshore Safety at Sea Certification and lunch. [Register Online Here](#) Or, call (757) 591-7749

**For Southern Bay "sailing historians".** There is a new book on the scene written by southern Bay sailor **James H. Shoemaker**. Jim has compiled a delightful history built around one of our longest standing clubs on the southern Chesapeake – Hampton Yacht Club. *The History of Hampton Yacht Club* "examines the history of the Hampton's affair with pleasure boating" Jim covers the area and the people involved in sailing on the southern Chesapeake from circa 1907 to today. A great read and lots of pictures. The book is available for \$26.50 (includes tax).. Call 757-722-0711 to order a copy of pick one up at HYC, Victoria Blvd, Hampton.

**COURSE IS FULL – Registration closed. \*\*\*US Sailing One Day Race Management Seminar – February 23<sup>rd</sup> all day** Hosted by FBYC, Deltaville, VA. For info regarding info on possible but *unexpected*, late occurring availability of a spot, contact course administrator Ruthanna Jenkins at [ruthanna35@gmail.com](mailto:ruthanna35@gmail.com)

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows about the old saw, "A place for everything and everything in its place". But, on spring boat-cleaning-day, tell that to the crew charged with finding that hi-tech, super light, filled-with-good-luck custom made winch handle that was tossed below as the crew headed up the dock to the season's last 2018 trophy presentation. The reminder is not gonna be well received! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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