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

Caribbean 600. Southern Bay racer Mark Wheeler was navigator on Gibb Kane's Swan 66, *Bounty*. *Bounty* won the (16 boat) IRC 1 division and finished 6th overall in the 42 boat IRC fleet. Mark said the ". . . crew was made of Canadians and Americans along with an Irishman and a South African. The easterly trades were strong throughout the race with winds peaking around 28 knots and fairly big seas." ***It's a Small World:*** Mark met another southern Bay sailor on the way home from Antigua. **Jay O'Brien** is navigator on the Cookson 50 *Triple Lindy* (owned by Joseph Mele). He resides in Norfolk and coaches one of the high school crew teams there. Jay has been the *Triple Lindy* navigator for some time doing the last Newport to Bermuda Race and the Sydney to Hobart race in 2017. For more info click on <http://caribbean600.rorc.org/Race-Information/Results/>

J70 MidWinter Championship, held this past weekend at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami. Southern Bay racer **Rob Gorman** (*Surrender to the Flow*) along with crew **Jeff Hayden, Craig Johnson, and Rob Gorman, Sr.** raced in the 9 races over two days and finished 5th in the 11 boat Corinthian group, 39th overall among 50 competitors. Details at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6070>

SBRW 2019 – Update. Accommodations. SBRW is happy to announce that the HAMPTON MARINA HOTEL (formerly Crowne Plaza) is offering to SBRW 2019 racers (skippers, crew and accompanying family and friends) a special rate during SBRW 2019 for rooms. The offer applies for rooms reserved for nights between May 28 through June 2, 2019. **Reservations may be made beginning this afternoon (Monday, Feb 25) through May 9, 2019**, first come-first serve as long as the accommodations are available. The special rate is \$119 (+ taxes and fees). **Ask for the "SOUTHERN BAY RACE" special rate. Make reservations by calling 757-727-9700** There is no on-line reservation option for this special rate. Hampton Marina Hotel is located a stones throw from SBRW regatta headquarters at HYC and within easy walking distance. NOTE: The Bridge Street bridge is newly replaced and OPEN to foot, bike and auto traffic. Hampton Marina Hotel provides complementary parking adjacent to the hotel.

Y'ALL COME RACING! For all SBRW 2019 documents, scratch sheets, entry ON LINE, the Official Notice Board, and more click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123> .

RACE COMMITTEE CLINIC - Saturday, March 9 Hosted by CCV at Hampton Yacht Club, Adult Sailing Center, 0900-noon. *"Three Things All Race Committees Must Be Able To Do"* The clinic will be taught by US Sailing Advanced Race Officer John McCarthy. Each participant will receive a brief hand-out to facilitate following the presentation and taking notes. Refreshments will be available during Check-In and at the Break. The clinic will begin promptly at 0900. **Cost is \$15 for CCV members and \$20 for non-members (Refreshments included)** To register and pay, click on <http://www.ccvracing.us/store/> and then scroll all the way to the bottom of the listings to this March 9th clinic. OR, contact Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net to register and/or for course info.

On Saturday twenty-eight (28) race committee volunteers from as far away as Havre de Grace, MD, as nearby as the host club,(FBYC), and Hampton Roads spent 10 info packed hours at the official **US Sailing One Day Race Management Seminar**. This seminar meets part of the USSA requirements for certification as a Club Race Officer and entitles the participants to take the certification test. The number of participants overflowed the initial course limit, but everyone had a spot and room to set up a computer if desired. US Sailing Advanced Race Officers John McCarthy (Hampton) and Jerry Thompson (Roanoke Rapids) taught the day long course and Ruthanna Jenkins was seminar administrator (registration and hospitality).

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has discovered the primo example of "adding insult to injury". It's bad enough to have to trek to the boatyard to work on the bottom of the boat in February, but to have to break the ice in the wet sanding bucket!!! That is beyond the call. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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