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

THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, at 17:58 EDT (21:58 UTC) is the VERNAL EQUINOX- SPRING WILL SPRING!!

That's 5:58pm. So, the sun will be over the yardarm and racers should proceed as appropriate.

IT WILL SOON BE SPRING OFFICIALLY (March 20) – B.O.L.O (be on look out) for SOCK BURNINGS!

The purpose of the sock burning is to garner racing blessings from King Neptune. Pull out or off your old winter socks and brush up on your sock burning etiquette. (1)Since you are dealing with King Neptune himself to make the offering be sure to *bring your own socks* - don't plan on having some provided or on borrowing from a fellow sailor – your socks for your good fortune. (2)Bring wool or cotton socks – the polyester ones tend to be troublesome to burn and messy to clean up - they heat up just enough to become useless for blessings or to wear. (3)When you offer your socks to the fire, do so in a snappy manner – do not dangle the socks over the fire – try to avoid burned fingers or singed facial hair. (4)Keep your request to King Neptune concise and to the point – especially if it is coolish, others will want to warm for a moment by the fire pit, too. (5)And, if you arrive wearing the socks you plan to burn, keep track of where you took off your shoes!

SOME SOUTHERN BAY SOCK BURNINGS:

Hampton Yacht Club – March 23rd - will have some Loose Cannon (the band) to help with the sock-abration.

York River Yacht Club – May 11th . will have a lunch cookout and bless their fleet, while they burn their socks.

Norfolk Yacht and Country Club – March 23rd - will have all kinds of food and beverages and some music and racers will bring some new socks, too, to be donated to ForKids, Inc.

Broad Bay Sailing Association – March 30th – meeting at a member's house, will get together, get barefoot, burn stuff, i.e. socks in the new fire pit.

Ullman Sails Virginia – March 23rd – will combine sock burning and oyster roasting with music to celebrate the end of winter.

Portsmouth Boat Club – March 23rd - will create a bonfire of socks and bring on the blessings of Neptune.

Hampton *SpinSheet* Crew Party – April 6th – usually a spontaneous sock burning happens at this well known crew listing event.

NOTICE of CHANGE: CCV Racing is in the process of changing their safety equipment requirements to the *US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements*.

COMING IN APRIL – And so, it begins! ☺

Apr 1 Monday APRIL FOOLS DAY

Apr 3 Wednesday HYC Wed Night Series opens

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Apr 4 Thursday BBSA Willoughby Thursday Series opens

Apr 6 Saturday SPINSHEET CREW LISTING PARTY (4-6pm)

<https://www.spinsheet.com/crew-parties>

Apr 7 Sunday CCV Tune-Up Races

Apr 10 Wednesday YRYC Wed Night Series opens

Apr 11 thru Apr 14 Charleston Race Week

Apr 13 Saturday FBYC Opening Day

Apr 14 Sunday CCV Spring Series (Races 1 & 2)

Apr 19 Friday PBC Barnacle Series opens

Apr 21 Sunday EASTER

Apr 24 Wednesday YPR&CC Wed Night Series opens

Apr 26 Friday NY&CC Friday Night Series opens

Apr 27 Saturday FBYC Spring Series 1

Apr 28 Sunday CCV Spring Series (Race 3-mid dist)

Apr 30 Tuesday **SBRW Early Bird entry special deadline**

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123>

May 3 thru 5 **Annapolis NOODs**

May 4 Saturday **FBYC Spring Series 2**

May 5 Sunday **CCV Spring Series (Races 4 & 5)**

LET'S GO RACING!

CCV Racing Spring Kickoff Meeting, Tuesday, March 26th at 6pm – hosted at Hampton Yacht Club. CCV Members may pick up their copy of the **2019 CCV Racing Guide**. Membership registration will be available at the Kickoff Meeting to those not yet registered. OR, register and pay on line [here](#).

Just an SBRW reminder: SBRW Accommodations. Hampton Marina Hotel SBRW Special pricing – call 757-727- 9700 The special rate is \$119 (+ taxes and fees). Ask for the “SOUTHERN BAY RACE” special rate. **SBRW Docking – Launching - Hauling. Rafting** at SBRW regatta headquarters Hampton Yacht Club is FREE to event racers. Also, complimentary is secure trailer storage, use of lifts, and advance storage for boats on trailers. To *reserve a slip or T-head* (\$.75 @ foot) at HYC, contact Richard Ash, HYC Club Manager, at 757-722-7011. For all SBRW 2019 documents, including details on accommodations and docking, as well as scratch sheets, entry ON LINE, the Official Notice Board, NOR and more click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123> **Y'ALL COME RACING!**

MURPHY'S LAW: /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all. Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle,* knows that in days of yore the sun went over the yardam on a square rigger at about 11 o'clock in the morning. That worked well because it made it OK for the sailors to have rum with their lunch (of weevil-filled bread and jerky). While Jimmy Buffett knows it's always “5 o'clock somewhere”, racing sailors know the sun is always over some yardarm somewhere! *Speaking of Jimmy Buffett – the sailors' troubadour will appear August 3rd at 8PM, at the Virginia Beach Ampitheater www.virginiabeachamphitheatre.com/*

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