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

MAN OVERBOARD! What would you and your crewmates do? Hear what some very experienced racers did. **Saturday morning, APRIL 13th at the Fort Monroe YMCA (upstairs), 9:30am to noon.** **Mark Wheeler**, a crewman on *Meridian X* on the Chicago-Mackinac Race, went overboard in the middle of Lake Michigan, at night, in a storm, while the boat was surfing downwind almost uncontrollably at 18 knots with a spinnaker up. Members of the crew of *Meridian X* that night - **Mark, Sledd Shelhorse, Ron McLean, Graham Garrenton, Beau Warren, Trevor Pardee, and Miah Dull** had to know what to do, how to do it, and have the mettle to make it happen. The whole group will be at the class Saturday morning to tell what happened during the terrifying experience. OPCYC PMU is organizing and hosting this class and has opened it to everyone. **NOTE: To get to the YMCA from the entrance of Ft. Monroe, take the left hand road (Ingalls Road) and follow it until you come to a large stone church on your right. Take an immediate hard left and you'll be facing the main bridge over the moat into the fort, The YMCA is the impressive building with white columns on your right, just before you get to the moat. Early birds may get on-street parking and there is a large parking lot in the rear of the building. Do not miss this opportunity – bring crew and sailing friends – it's important.** There is no charge.

Thirty-six (36), in all, **southern Bay racers have broken the ice**, so to speak, and opened their mid-week racing seasons. On Wednesday evening, 11 raced in the Hampton YC dash around the bar and another 11 raced off the mouth of Little Creek in the Broad Bay Sailing Assoc program at Little Creek. On Thursday evening the Willoughby Bay Racers, also of Broad Bay Sailing Association, had 14 on the line in 2 non-spin and 1 spin fleets. Both evenings resulted in rust being shaken off and kinks straightened out.

CCV TUNE-UP RACES. Yesterday, Sunday. Sixteen (16) boats got in two races yesterday in the Harbor and enjoyed a perfect day for racing – warmish and building breeze. Racers reported the wind knot-o-meters were registering 15+ when the last boat crossed the finish line. That's lovely. Boats who got the jump on the season: **Callinectes-Ben Cuker, Chesapeake-Seward Lawlor, Ganar!-Dave Bouchard, Remedy-Will Roberts, Riff Raff-Don DeLoatch, Danger Paws-Neal and Lis Ford, Bad Habit-Bob Archer, Viper 220-Steve Taylor, Blue Jacket-Andy Armstrong, Stardancer-John Blais, Feather-Phil Briggs, Diablo-Greg and Carie Cutter, Kingfisher-Dixon and Mary Wilde, Lunacy-Jim and Kim DiSomma, Wham Bam-Dave**

Taylor, Roundabout-Alan Bomar. Angel wings go to **Christian Schaumloffel** and **Carie Cutter**, who, left alone by no-shows, took on the race managing task by themselves and “got ‘er done”. Also, in the “get ‘er done” department, the *Feather* crew got their dockside safety briefing and on-the-water, man overboard drill done.

REMEMBER - If you plan to race in a PHRF fleet, you've got to have your current, valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. You cannot race in PHRF without it! www.phrfchesbay.org

CCV SPRING SERIES opens THIS COMING SUNDAY, April 14. The first day of the Series will include 2 scheduled, drop mark course races. Racing will be in the Harbor. Starts will be in the vicinity of CCV Mark “H” (Harbor). Starts will be run for PHRF A, PHRF B/C (combined), PHRF Non-Spin (double headsail allowed), Cruising Non-Spin (one headsail only), and, pending sufficient numbers, Viper 640s. Entries are due before the RC Signal Boat leaves the dock at HYC. CCVR Racing members are pre-paid for the series and automatically entered. For additional info and to enter on-line, go to **www.ccvracing.us** Contact = Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy (757) 850-4225

NOTE: Day 2, April 28th, of the Spring Series is a middle distance race rounding fixed marks in the Harbor; Day 3, May 5, is 2 drop mark course races in the Harbor.

Headed for Charleston Race Week (CRW). Southern Bay Racers headed for CRW (April 11-14) include Viper, ORC, Melges 24, and J70 racers. **Steve Taylor** will be racing his boat, *Eight Second Ride*, in the 14 boat Viper 640 class. **Ian Hill** will have his J111, *Sitella*, on the starting line in the Pursuit Hybrid ORC & One Design group. **Steve Young** familiar to SBRW racers, is taking his Melges 24, *Patriot IV*, from Annapolis to the event. He and **crew Guy Sorensen** (who is also owner/skipper of Pearson Flyer, *Blue Ghost*) will be racing in the 37 boat Melges 24 class. **Paul Clifford**, who sails his Melges 24, *BRD*, out of HYC and makes his home in Carrollton will be racing in CRW. **Travis Weisleder** of Richmond, VA, will be sailing his *Lucky Dog/Gill Race Team*, in the Melges 24 class, too. Two J70s from the southern Bay are entered – **Rob Gorman**, *Surrender to the Flow*, will have crewing **Matt Allen** and **Justin Morris** (Viper 640 owner/skipper), and **Gannon Troutman** of Gloucester, *Pied Piper*. Both will be competing in the 57 J70 boat class. Keep fingers and toes crossed for our southern Bay cohorts.

NOTICE: Sailboat Navigation Lights. The U.S. Coast Guard has determined that an increasing number of navigation lights being used on sailboats do not meet the basic requirements for these lights, making them less visible to nearby ships. According to the Coast Guard's Inspections and Compliance Directorate, part of the problem is that some owners are retrofitting existing incandescent nav lights with LED lights, or LED components that were designed for powerboats. Manufacturers are also at fault, to some degree, for not clearly labeling navigation lights designed for sailboats. **In mid-March, the Coast Guard's [Inspections and Compliance Directorate](#) published [Marine Safety Alert 02-19](#), “Not all navigation lights are created equal,” to assist all mariners in understanding the difference between navigation lights used on power driven vessels and those used on sailing vessels.**

Broad Bay Sailing Association (BBSA), Sail Nauticus and Ullman Sails Virginia teamed up for a "Sail Trim Around the Race Course" seminar on Saturday at Sail Nauticus. 50+ local racers attended speaker and sailmaker Jerry Latell's presentation on sail trim techniques and specific tips. BBSA met their high standard of

ample donuts, cookies, coffee, and donated Yorgo's Bagels and cream cheese. Great ratings all around including the YUM Factor.

ANNAPOLIS SPRING SAILBOAT SHOW – April 26-28, 2019, at the Annapolis City Dock. Sailboats in the water and out of the water and all kinds of sailing stuff! The Show goes Friday thru Sunday – so, you can do a day at the show AND race in your Spring Series! All the info, including ticket sales, is at <https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/annapolis-spring-sailboat-show/plan-your-visit/>

The beloved BLUE CRAB is getting a bad rep in Spain. Meg Walburn Viviano has written in the Chesapeake Bay Magazine Bay Bulletin that Spanish fishermen and others are less than impressed with the Blue Crab's propensity to destroy their nets if captured in one. There's a lot more to the story, but maybe what we need is a trade deal with Spain – we send Espana snakeheads and they send us Blue Crabs. Goggle **Chesapeake Bay Magazine Bay Bulletin** for the entire article.

CBYRA AWARDS PRESENTATION for 2018 SEASON: This coming Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am to NOON. At Maryland Yacht Club, 1500 Fairview Beach Road, Pasadena, MD 21122. Refreshments will be served for crew, family, and friends.

Convenient Racers Links:

Southern Bay Race Week <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123> – Early Bird Entry deadline is April 30th

PHRF of the Chesapeake - www.phrfchesbay.org - apply for ratings + other info

2019 Southern Bay Racing Schedule – ask for schedule at mcbear@earthlink.net

MURPHY'S LAW: Yesterday before the race, *Yrs truly, the Racing Beagle*, was dispatched by the skipper to the local boating goods store. The Murphster was charged with bringing back, posthaste, a new floating cushion. Seems the skipper planned to do a man overboard drill and the old cushion had said "Enough", gone squishy on the idea, and refused to be thrown this year. What's next? Will the boom vang want ear plugs? Will the cleats and clutches decide to work only on Tuesdays? And, what about the turnbuckles – will they decide to turn tail and secretly slip away? /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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