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

### **THIS COMING WEEK:**

WEDNESDAY, April 24, **Yankee Point Racing & Cruising Club Wednesday Nights** open.

WEDNESDAY, April 24, Rappahannock River Yacht Club **TYPHOON SPRING SERIES** opens.

SATURDAY, April 27, **Fishing Bay Yacht Club Spring Series 1** – [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net) for details and to sign up.

SUNDAY, April 28 **-CCV Spring Series Race #3**. This will be a middle distance race around government marks in the harbor . First warning 11:00am, racing in the Harbor. For NOR and to enter go to [www.ccvracing.us](http://www.ccvracing.us)

**SBRW Update.** The PHRF and Cruising Fleets continue to grow as SBRW grows closer (Opening Night=Thursday, May 30; Racing, parties, and awards = May 31 and June 1 & 2) On the One Design Division front, The Viper 640 class has jumped into action – all but one (he's overseas for work) of the Hampton Roads area fleet have entered. Here's an important reminder for all racers – **SAVE \$15 on your entry fee and receive 10 complimentary regatta drink tickets by taking advantage of the EARLY BIRD entry rates. The Early Bird offer will close on April 30<sup>th</sup>** and after that, regular entry fees apply. Also, remember, all SBRW 2018 returnees may deduct the \$25 loyalty fee from their entry fee. Don't miss the EARLY BIRD offer – Tuesday, April 30 is last day. To enter ON-LINE, see the current entries list, check e scratch sheet, and much more click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123> OR contact Lin McCarthy at (757) 850-4225, email [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) .

Everyone should be getting their **man overboard drills** done by now. *Diablo* (Greg and Carie Cutter) did theirs a week ago and used an interesting new tool. Here's how Greg described it: He said, "First, we did the most difficult one [drill], MOB with the spinnaker up, then one going upwind. For both, our significant test was using the nifty *Weems and Plath Crew Watcher* that is an inexpensive beacon coupled to a mobile phone app that alerts you to an MOB with a loud alarm and then gives you a visual display, a compass, to direct you back to the spot where they departed the boat. It was pretty impressive and for only \$80 each, very affordable. No, I

don't have any financial interest in the venture!" Remember though, everyone should understand the importance of having human eyes on the man overboard immediately and continuously. Talk to Greg next time you see him about how this gizmo actually works. But, primarily, do your drills and do tune-up drills throughout the season.

**BOATS & BEER – what's not to like?!** Broad Bay Sailing Association is hosting a **MARINE YARD SALE** at the Bold Mariner Brewing Company, Saturday, May 4, 2019, 11:00am to 3:00pm. The Yard Sale is for boat supplies and is open and free to the public. Find deals on new and used boating equipment while enjoying locally brewed craft beers. Sell for \$10 (no charge for BBSA folk), but ya gotta promise to tote your unsold stuff away with you at the end of the day. More info and to register to sell, click on [www.broadbaysailing.org/event-3315715](http://www.broadbaysailing.org/event-3315715)

**BLUEWATER RACERS.** It's certainly not too early to be getting ready for the ultimate challenge – the 75<sup>th</sup> ROLEX SYDNEY HOBART YACHT RACE. **Background:** The 2019 fleet will be chasing line honors and the overall Tattersall Cup win in the 628nm Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race which starts December 26, 2019. From Sydney Harbour, the fleet sails out into the Tasman Sea, down the south-east coast of mainland Australia, across Bass Strait (which divides the mainland from the island State of Tasmania), then down the east coast of Tasmania. At Tasman Island the fleet turns right into Storm Bay for the final sail up the Derwent River to the historic port city of Hobart. Following the race will be possible at the event site. For more info and to share in the build-up, go to [www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2019/04/15/big-expectations-for-75th-sydney-hobart/](http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2019/04/15/big-expectations-for-75th-sydney-hobart/)

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, overindulged in gum drops, jelly beans, chocolate eggs and baked ham yesterday. Getting into weekend racing trim is going to be a challenge. Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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