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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, SAILING Magazine

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2019 closed out Sunday evening with a raucous crowd of happy racers chowing down on Doyle Dawgs (hot dogs supplied by Doyle Sailmakers) and beverages in the SBRW main regatta tent. DJ L.F. Edwards kept the beat pulsating up until the actual awards presentation. On Friday, the fleet was driven off the race course by humid air mixed with lightning bolts and thunder. On Saturday, T-storms surrounding the area kept the fleet ashore until mid-day and then moved the racing to the harbor (most fleets would have been on the Bay for the SBRW Distance Race). But, Sunday turned up beautiful – 8 to 12 knot breezes and no weather complications. The entire fleet got in 3 more good races. Details of all the races and cumulative standings are available at <https://yachtscore.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123>. **DANGER PAWS, Neil and Lis Biondi Ford, won the Black Seal Cup, which goes to the boat turning in the best performance over the entire regatta.** In addition *Danger Paws* won the PHRF A2 fleet, Boat of the Day honors, and even a Racers Beer Raffle drawing prize. When you're hot, you're hot! **ON THE SBRW PODIUM** (Overall Awards): PHRF Super A (6 boats): 1.*SITELLA*, J111, **Ian Hill**; 2.*RIFF RAFF*, Melges 32; **Don DeLoatch**; 3.*FUNKY MONKEY*, Melges 30, **Chris Helmkamp**. PHRF A1 (6 boats): 1.*AFTERTHOUGHT*, J109, **Craig Wright**; 2.*NANUQ*, Saber 42, **Glenn Doncaster**; 3.*VOODOO 2*, Tripp 38, **Leroi Lissenden**. PHRF A2 (8 boats): 1.*DANGER PAWS*, Melges 24, **Neil & Lis Biondi Ford**; 2.*DIABLO*, Andrews 28, **Greg & Carie Cutter**; 3.*MYRAGE*, Hobie 33, **Christian Schaumlöffel**. PHRF B1 (6 boats): 1.*RUMBLE*, J29, **Ben Weeks & Michele Cochran**; 2.*WHAM BAM*, Andrews 27, **David Taylor**; 3.*GOIN'*, Tripp 26, **Dennis Hannick**. PHRF B2 (7 boats): 1.*MAD HATTER*, Olson 911S, **Bob Fleck**; 2.*BAD HABIT*, Pearson Flyer, **Bob Archer**; 3.*COOL CHANGE*, J30, **Rusty Burshell**. PHRF C (13 boats): 1.*ROUNDAABOUT*, J24, **Alan Bomar**; 2.*CHEEKY MONKEY*, S2 7.9, **Paul and Julie Ann Wash**; 3.*CALLINECTES*, Cal 3-30, **Ben Cuker**. PHRF Non-Spin (9 boats): 1.*PEGASUS*, Farr 37, **Bob Howell**; 2.*SEEKER*, Ericson 34t, **Alan Johnson**; 3.*ARGO*, Dufor 50, **Ben Ritger**. VIPER 640 Class (10 boats): 1.*EVIL HISS*, **Mary & Geoff Ewenson**; 2.*E+A2*, **Henry Anthor**; 3.*VAPOR TRAILS*, **Mark Wheeler**. J70 Class (5 boats): 1.*SURRENDER TO THE FLOW*, **Rob Gorman**; 2.*HOTTY TODDY*, **Steve Quiriconi**; 3.*HYC LADY VORTEXES*, **Arielle Darrow**. CRUISING A (9 boats): 1.*MORTAR OFFER*, C&C, **Kent Utley**; 2.*RARA VOS*, Cal 33-2, **Dan Fox**; 3.*KLIMAX*, O'Day 39, **Booty Baker**. CRUISING B (7 boats): 1.*BLUE BUS*, J24, **Christian Johnson**; 2.*OBSESSION*, Hinckley 36 Special, **Bill Ripley**; 3.*PACKER TACKER*, San Juan 21, **Chuck Thompson**. MULTIHULLS (2 boats): 1.*ORGAZMATRON*, Corsair F-31R, **Josh Colwell**. Principal Race Officer and PHRF Circle: John McCarthy; One-Design Circle Race Officer: Brian Deibler; Official Scorer: Leanne Cranfill. Chief Judge: Jerry Thompson. SBRW Event Chairman: Jack Pope.

MARK THE DATE: SBRW 2020 = May 29, 30, & 31, 2020 – the weekend AFTER Memorial Day *Y'ALL COME RACING!*

This was the first year US PATRIOT SAILING had presented their PATRIOT CUP at Southern Bay Race Week. Fifteen (15) SBRW boats signed up to be scored for the Cup in the SBRW races. In order to be qualified for the competition a boat had to have at least 2 veterans on the crew. Of all the boats competing the

one with the best overall regatta performance was **Neil and Lis Biondi Ford's** Melges 24, *Danger Paws*. Peter Quinn, Director of US Patriot Sailing presented the specially engraved trophy which also bore the US Patriot Sailing crest logo. SBRW event chairman Jack Pope said that US Patriot Sailing would most certainly be more than welcome to come back to the regatta next year and beyond. For info on the organization contact: Peter Quinn, Director, at 443-624-8286 or email peter@uspatriotsailing.org or see the website at www.uspatriotsailing.org

US Patriot Sailing, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that provides racing, recreational, and educational sailing opportunities for combat, wounded, disabled & active duty veterans integrating them into a winning TEAM by providing camaraderie, mission accomplishment, and new dynamic experiences while also creating a supportive and understanding community that is ready to help Veterans navigate the hardships of transition and rehabilitation.

The June issue of *SPINSHEET MAGAZINE* is on the docks AND at this link for your convenience - <https://www.spinsheet.com/read-spinsheet-online> *SpinSheet* is downloadable as a PDF for e-readers, too. The June issue is loaded with Bluewater Racing and Cruising Topics, Offshore Sailing, Southern Bay Cruising Destinations, Videos, and More! Enjoy!

TYPHOON EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS. Typhoon-er Ned Crockett wrapped up the Saturday regatta held at Rappahannock River Yacht Club. Ned said that the Typhoon East Coast Championship was held under partially sunny skies with gentle winds. The fleet of 16 Typhoons completed four races. **Roger and Scott Lawson** are 2019 East Coast Champions. The father-son **Team Mihills** took second place overall, and **Mosby West and Debbie Cycotte** on their boat *Goldfinch* finished in third place. **Arabella Denvir and John Latell** took fourth place. Over sixty sailors, friends, and family members gathered on the porch at RRYC for awards presentations and dinner. Awards for the East Coast Championship were presented by Event Principal Race Officer Hal Starke.

The Race to Alaska, R2AK – if you are looking for something “different”, this may be just the ticket. The article written by David Schmidt in SAIL-WORLD.COM begins:

“June's arrival in the Pacific Northwest is a special time thanks to the area's unique sailing scene that includes events such as the Van Isle 360 (odd-numbered years), the Victoria to Maui International Yacht Race (even-numbered years), and the annual Race to Alaska (R2AK), the latter of which began yesterday (Monday, June 3) on the waters off of Port Townsend, Washington. While the former two races are exciting, the R2AK's rules add a significant level of commitment by *forbidding competitors from sailing with engines (emphasis added)*. And we're not talking the honor system here: to be eligible to compete in the R2AK, a boat cannot carry auxiliary power, irrespective of the rocky and remote lee shores (sometimes populated with grizzly bears) that are part of the R2AK experience And, there is more. Click on <https://www.sail-world.com/newsletter/6438> and enjoy the read.

A strange phenomenon has hit the southern Bay and probably beyond. Most recently sailors racing in the vicinity of Craney Island as well as walkers and bicyclers on the Ft Monroe Seawall have talked about “sea ticks”. Seems the little critters sail on the wind and can end up anywhere and everywhere. But wait! The same critters struck Cumberland, Maryland, recently and caused an outbreak of scientific activity. Seems these critters are most likely yellow popular weevils. So named because of their attraction to yellow – they themselves are really black/brown. Weevils are not ticks and are not harmful to racers or other humans. Read all about it at https://www.times-news.com/news/flying-ticks-invading-area-are-not-ticks-at-all/article_49a87016-1914-11e5-afe9-8f3c89282f7d.html

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, thinks the weevil attack – see above – may be payback by the weevils on sailors. Think of the millions of their ancestor weevils that were living in hardtack and eaten by sailors on sailing ships in days of yore. They might have a case. The Murphster is not subject to weevil abuse

since most beagles did not sail on square riggers back then – legs too short to climb the rigging. /S/ *Murphy*
the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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