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S2 7.9 racers one-design fleet at YRYC. Late this past summer, York River Yacht Club began work on forming a one design fleet for S2 7.9 racers. **The fleet is now a reality.** The four plank owners in the fleet are *Dream On* (Steve Bowen); *Fenway* (Bob Wilkinson); *Three S2ges* (Dave Schuster, Dave Shantz, Mike Mastracci); and, *Hawk* (Brian Gregory). The fleet will race in the YRYC Wednesday Night Series (April thru September) and race in some southern Bay area weekend events. "Instigator-in-Chief", Mike Mastracci, welcomes any inquiries and all S2 7.9 racers interested in joining the fleet.

HEY, SAILORS ! The DECEMBER 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. This month Editor Molly Winans asks, "... holiday get you down already? Read SPINSHEET. You'll feel better. The last issue of 2019 in here. In it you'll find gifts for sailors, festive Chesapeake towns to visit, tips on keeping seasick-prone crew relaxed on charter vacations, and racing stories and photos. Happy Holidays, friends!

FORT LAUDERDALE TO KEY WEST RACE (January 23, 2020) to include a doublehanded offshore event.

Inspired by the fact that the 2024 Paris Olympic Sailing Competition will include a new Mixed 2-Person Offshore Keelboat event, Fort Lauderdale to Key West will have this new doublehanded race as part of their January event. According to a report in *Scuttlebutt Sailing News, Monday, Dec 6, 2019, issue 5471*, doublehanded teams will race from "...south of Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale on January 23, with the course to Key West having and expected length of approximately 160 miles. Racing is open to ocean racing and cruising monohull boats who comply with the ORC Requirement of having an offshore long-distance time on time rating factor of 0.880 and lower." **To get all the info on all the fleets in the event and to ENTER ON LINE, click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9627> and be sure to read NOR AMENDMENT 2 – Doublehanded Class in the race documents.** Southern Bay race boat, **Meridian X1, Sledd Shelhorse's Carkeek 40**, is already entered in the main Fort Lauderdale to Key West (not the doublehanded section).

NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE – January 1, 2020 ! Named in memory of southern Bay racer Dana Dillon, and presented by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club in coordination with Hampton Yacht Club, this race is "officially" the first of

the southern Bay 2020 racing season! The festivities begin with breakfast at HYC, opening at 8am, followed by the mandatory skippers meeting at 10am, and then on to the racing, followed by an awards party/presentation at OPCYC. The race starts off the HYC docks and finishes off the OPCYC pier. FOR ALL THE DETAILS including the schedule, how to enter, and more, click on www.opcyc.org and follow the prompts for the upcoming race. OR contact Tim Etherington at 757-218-2775.

'Tis the season for awards presentations at sailing clubs, groups, and associations. This past week Hampton Yacht Club had their awards presentations. Honored as winners of the HYC CUP were Neil Ford and Lis Biondi, for their participation and performance in the nine (9) HYC events (including Down the Bay, SBRW, and the Frostbite Series – each of which counts as one event) for the season. The dynamic duo brought their Melges 24, *DANGER PAWS*, home first in class in almost all of them. *Kudos* to this accomplished husband and wife racing team.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has for years been unable to secure a “good” part time job for the HOLIDAYS period. The Murphster was either too short to tend bar, or all paws when it came to professional gift wrapping, or too wardrobe- challenged when it came to being a Santa's elf (the curly-toe slippers were a hinderance). *Yrs Truly* did make it last year for part of one shift as a reindeer, though, until my strap-on antlers fell off and landed under the right glider of Santa's sled, causing an unacceptable delivery delay during prime time. No matter – the Murphster is all set for this holiday season. Got a job as a Porch Patrol Security Dog – protecting neighborhoods against Porch Pirates. *The Racing Beagle* is agile and noisy and can deploy a painful bite at the perfect ankle level! Good at sniffin' out potential crime too! Ahhhooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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