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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 959** December 16, 2019

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

*Dear Readers,*

*Murphy and the Staff will be on vacation for the next two Mondays. Your next issue of SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE will be delivered to your email address on Monday, **January 6, 2020!** So, in the meantime, deck those hall, jingle those bells, and have happy, happy holidays and a wonderful and Merry Christmas and a glorious and Happy New Year! And, sail fast wherever you are!*

*Murphy and the SBRNYCU Staff*

**REMEMBER – first race of the NEW YEAR – Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – the Dana Dillon NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE – January 1, 2020 !** co-sponsored by Old Point Comfort YC and Hampton Yacht Club. 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](http://www.opcyc.org) and follow the prompts for the upcoming race. OR contact Tim Etherington at 757-218-2775.

**If you have a nautical kid in the house, let Santa know about this!** The Hampton Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program is selling 7 Optis! The Price is \$450/boat. One of the boats does not have a rudder, but comes with 2 sets of spars and sails and HYC is asking \$350 for that boat. All other boats come with hull, spars, sail, rudder, daggerboard. Please email the HYC Sailing Director ([arielle@hamptonyc.com](mailto:arielle@hamptonyc.com)) with any questions or interest. New Optis typically go for \$3,300. This is a great Christmas present for any up and coming sailor.

**SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2020 on YachtScoring at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11754>** SBRW dates are, as always the weekend immediately after the Memorial Day holiday: Opening Night-Welcome-Check-in = Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Racing, parties, awards, and grand fun = Friday, May 29, Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31. A detailed *Preliminary Race Announcement* is posted at the event site (shown above). ON LINE ENTRY is available and a paper entry form is posted for those who prefer US Postal Service.

**There is info in the *Race Announcement* about:**

*Early Bird and Old Point Bank SBRW Loyalty Discounts on entry fees;*

*BRAND NEW – the Condo Cruisers Fleet;*

*One Design classes and Multihull may race with at least 4 entries NLT May 16;*

*Viper 640 OD Class will compete in the final (of 3 regattas) for*

*the VIPER 640 CHESAPEAKE BAY CHAMPIONSHIP;*

*Complimentary services for racers and their boats at SBRW;*

*Contact information for questions and concerns.*

Remember, PHRF Division racers *may enter PRIOR* to receipt of their 2020 rating, but **MUST** have the official, valid 2020 rating prior to racing.

*And, racers who are entered and paid, may request a specific SBRW BOW NUMBER, and IF available, it will be assigned. **Y'ALL COME RACING!***

**Jim and Barbara Williams, former owners and racers of *Treaty of Ghent (Hobie 33)***, sent along a link to an article about SAILING SOCKS. Click here [https://www.practical-sailor.com/issues/45\\_1/features/Sailing-Socks\\_12530-1.html?ET=practicalsailor:e41673:166908a:&st=email&s=p\\_Waypoints121419](https://www.practical-sailor.com/issues/45_1/features/Sailing-Socks_12530-1.html?ET=practicalsailor:e41673:166908a:&st=email&s=p_Waypoints121419) and then after you read it, and get over wondering how there could be that much information pertaining to SAILING SOCKS, rush out and buy really good holiday sailing socks for your sailing friends.

**US SAILING ONE DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club – February 1, 2020.** Number of seats are limited, so if you want to go, now is the time to go on line and register. *The registration fee for the seminar is \$35 and includes course materials and online testing.. This course is OPEN TO ALL and also meets US Sailing requirements for Club Race Officer certification or renewal. Testing is*

optional, but required for US Sailing Club Race Officer certification. On line registration and detailed info on each location is available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/resources/find-a-seminar/race-officer-seminar-calendar/> US Sailing instructors, John McCarthy and Jerry Thompson will teach the seminar. Early registration is recommended since spaces are limited. **ODRMS Feb. 01, 2020-Saturday (0800-1700) hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, 7001 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA.** NOTE: Drinks, snacks, and LUNCH will be provided for additional cost of \$20 per registrant payable at the door prior to the beginning of the course. For info contact John McCarthy at (757) 850-4225

Forty-One (41) years is a long time to run a railroad. . . or a yacht brokerage, for that matter, but that is how long **RON MCLEAN** has owned and operated **BAY HARBOR BROKERAGE** on the tip of Willoughby Spit (Norfolk, VA). Ron and his wife, Kitty, are known far and wide as the epitome of excellence when it comes to selling and buying sailboats (and other boats, too). A bunch of southern Bay racers have asked Ron to handle one of more boat deals and they would be hard pressed to go anywhere else. So, now Ron has sold the business to local sailors Ben and Christina Ritger. Ron expects to stay a part of Bay Harbor Brokerage for a while before he kicks back in full retirement. Congratulations on an outstanding 41 year endeavor! Watch for Ron to be on the water as always on his close friend Sledd Shelhorse's Carkeek 40, *Meridian XI*.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle Fa – La – La ! Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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