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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

VALENTINE'S DAY is this coming FRIDAY, February 14th !
Remember your #1 Squeeze, and don't forget, boat jewelry, e.g new blocks, hi-tech line, soft shackles, etc., are nice gifts for any race boat!

US SAILING shares this video about how we come to sail – it's a nice accoutrement for your Monday morning coffee. Click on [video](#) to enjoy!

VIPERS IN SARASOTA. When all was said and done, yesterday was the final two days of the 3 weekend (one in Dec, Jan and now Feb) **Sarasota Viper Winter Series.** Southern Bay Viper racer, **PETER ILL (HYC/Norfolk) finished 3rd Overall** in the 24 races scored. Peter's string was 5-[10]-[6]-[20/DNF]-5-2-2-5-4-[6]-[6]-5-3-6-[7]-[16/RET*]-6-3-3-2-5-1-5-1- ; 63. He finished the last race on a high note with a 1st place. Of the 24 races, Peter finished in the single digits 21 times. Leading up to the outcome, Peter Ill finished 4th in the December racing and 5th in the January segment. Mary Ewenson, a well known racer to SBRW (already entered for 2020), finished 6th in December and moved up to 3rd in January, but did not sail on the February weekend. For all results click on <https://www.viper640.org/events/sarasota-viper-winter-series-3-2/> Kudos to Peter.

“Are you ready to KLUDGE your way home?” is an article on the back page of the February issue of **PRACTICAL SAILOR** (Vol.46 No.2). *Kludge*, according to author Drew Frye, has to do with being able to “make do” with whatever ya got in sometimes dire situations. He gives examples – broken

shackle, failed halyard, broken block. The tone is kind of “cruiser-y”, but, as we all know, kludging can be required on the race course too. Mr Frye thinks highly of Dyneema soft shackles and explains how he has used them to save the day. If you have to kludge to finish the race, what would you do in x or y situation? Worth thinking about ahead of time.

IF you are gonna race, ya got to know the WHERE and the WHEN. Get an electronic copy of the **2020 SOUTHERN BAY RACING SCHEDULE** by “replying” to Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use at mcbeare@earthlink.net – just put **2020 Racing Schedule on the SUBJ: line** [Courtesy SBRNYCUJ]

CHRIS FRENCH Named BBSA Big Boat Skipper of the Year (2019): CHRIS FRENCH, with his crew of *ELIXIR* (CS 40), received the honor at the Broad Bay Sailing Association annual banquet. Chris and his team had podium finishes in 8 southern Bay races, 5 of which were firsts (Down the Bay, Cape Charles Cup1, Plantation Light Race, Neptune’s Atlantic, and ‘Round the Lights). The cumulative effort also resulted in Elixir finishing first in the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series. *Elixir* competes in the PHRF B fleet.

SBRW UPDATE: New entries in the PHRF Division fleets and new fleets in the One-Design Division. The **ULTIMATE 20 class** and the **S2.7.9 class** will both be newcomers at SBRW, racing in the One Design Division with J24, J70, and Viper 640 classes. SBRW encourages all racers interested in PHRF, Cruising (CONDO Cruisers and Cruising fleets) & Multihulls, and One-Design classes to come race and party, May 28 (opening night) 29-30-& 31, 2020 – the **weekend after Memorial Day**. A class needs a minimum of only 4 boats to guarantee a one-design class start at SBRW. All regatta documents, such as NOR, docking and accommodations info, complimentary (i.e. FREE) rafting, launching, hauling, trailer storage, ON-LINE ENTRY, paper entry forms, etc, is all explained in detail at the event website – click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11754> OR CALL or EMAIL Lin at 757- 850 – 4225 or mcbeare@earthlink.net. Don’t miss out on the special SBRW racers prices for accommodations at the Hampton Marina Hotel; it’s an easy walk from and within sight of SBRW regatta headquarters at HYC. Current (to the minute) scratch sheets and entry lists are also available for your perusal at this site. ***Y’ALL COME RACING ! This regatta is for racers of every stripe !***

RACING RULES MADE EASY - “THE OTHER HALF OF THE STORY” - Saturday, February 29, 2020, 0900 - 1200, Old Dominion University – Constant Hall Sponsored and hosted by BROAD BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION. Presented by John McCarthy – US Sailing Race Officer, Instructor, and Judge. Cost = \$15 (BBSA members) ; \$20 (non-BBSA). A racing rules seminar OPEN TO ALL taught in John’s Rules Made Easy style. Designed to simplify the complex approach often taken when discussing the rules. Last year the seminar dealt with issues of right of way and proper

course. This year we will close the circle by dealing with: * **Mark Room** – what it means and who gets it; * **Obstructions** – getting around them safely and efficiently; and * **Starts and Finishes** (and, of course, our old friend, barging). For details and ON LINE REGISTRATION, click on <https://broadbaysailing.org/event-3608880> For more information, contact John or Lin McCarthy mcbear@earthlink.net 757-850-4225

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, offers the following for cogitation. From Charles McDowell's "**Only 8 More Weeks 'Til February Ends**": "February is the season there is no man for. It is a month of Mondays, a month that warms no heart but a virus's, a month that presents an addled sequence of snow, sleet, rain, freezing rain, fog, freezing fog, floods, mud, drizzles, sudden gales and steady storms of old oak leaves, trash, parking summonses, forgotten Christmas bills, surly solicitations and expensive prescriptions." Chuck has a point. And, yet, they have slipped an additional day on to February this year. This Beagle has blocked Feb 29th off as a day to sleep through!. Ahhhho. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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