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

LEAP DAY! is Saturday, February 29th. This Saturday is the EXTRA day added to this year. Enjoy it like found cash!

Some racers take getting to Florida in February seriously. Last week, **Joe Bousquet**, left home in Norfolk , late Thursday afternoon with two Moth boats in tow. He was determined to get to Gulfport, Florida, to race in the **2020 Classic Moth Boat Midwinter Championship Regatta** on Saturday and Sunday. Joe headed south directly into the teeth of the snow storm that was pounding the Carolinas. He was determined and he did make it to the regatta. However, a significant number of entered boats were kept from attending by the same belligerent weather. Those few who made it did sail. Joe said he did identify a couple of “adjustments” to be made to one of the Moths he took with him – the one he had just finished building last Wednesday! Some people are just plain “silver lining people”!

FEBRUARY will end this week! Charles McDowell, author of “*Only 8 More Weeks ‘Til February Ends*” does say, near the end of his epistle, February “. . . *is the low point of the cycle, the bottoming out before the sunny ascent into spring and summer.*” **Here on the southern Chesapeake we are all about sunny ascents into spring and summer AND THE RACING SEASON!!** Time to gather the crew, buck up the skipper, and smooth the baby’s bottom!

Heads-up! GET READY to GET READY TO RACE! SPINSHEET CREW PARTY – HAMPTON, April 4, Saturday, 5pm - 7pm - at MARKER 20 in downtown, Hampton. Click here to register: <https://www.spinsheet.com/crew-parties> The Southern Bay is racing and sailing crazy and *SpinSheet* covers it all! Come to the Crew Party to check out the sailing scene and hook up with crewbies and skippers for the 2020 season. If you wanna sail – get started at the Crew Party.

NEW Double-Hand Class in the Paris 2024 Olympics draws boat designers and builders interest. About that **Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event:** According to an article in *AFLOAT, Ireland’s Sailing, Boating, and Maritime Magazine* (February 18, 2020,) the *AFLOAT.ie Team* reports that 12 manufactures and classes have responded to requests for info, including technical data, production capacity, handicap certs, sailors’ approval, fleet sizes, and opinions on suitability for double-handing. **The 12 entities that have stepped forward so far are: Dehler**

30 OD, Django 8s, FarEast 28R, Figaro 3, J88, J99, J105, JPK1030, L30, Sunfast 3300, TEN2, and Vector 6.5. It's not too soon to think about getting your hands and one other's hands on a suitable boat and begin to race it in southern Bay events. Read about it all by clicking on https://afloat.ie/sail/olympic-sailing/olympics-2016/item/45435-paris-2024-mixed-two-person-keelboat-offshore-equipment-call-receives-12-responses-from-classes-manufacturers?mc_cid=7c542b5924&mc_eid=de26fb1cf8 .

“Charlie, is that YOU?!! From *Chesapeake Bay Magazine's* “Bay Bulletin”, February 18, 2020, comes the story of a really, really big bluefin TUNA (as in *Charlie the Tuna*). Click on <https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/708-lb-bluefin-tuna-sets-va-state-record/> for the “rest of the story” of how **Jake Hiles**, on his boat *TORO*, and his mate **Jeff Landis**, fishing out of Rudee Inlet (Virginia Beach), caught the Virginia record-setting 708 pound bluefin tuna. Jake and Jeff have quite a tale to tell and the picture to prove it.

SBRW Update: The Navy is in! **The US Naval Academy will have two Navy 44's at SBRW 2020.** *Integrity* and *Defiance* will each be crewed by Academy Midshipmen and will compete in the SBRW PHRF Division – A Fleet. Both boats have raced at SBRW before, but it is likely most of the Mids will be new to the scene. Welcome! For SBRW scratch sheet, accommodations and docking info, official regatta documents, ON LINE ENTRY and more, click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11754> OR call Lin at 7570850-4225 or email at mcbear@earthlink.net **Y'ALL COME RACING!**

LAST REMINDER! RACING RULES MADE EASY - Saturday, February 29, 2020, 0900 - 1200, Old Dominion University – Constant Hall. For details and ON LINE REGISTRATION, click on <https://broadbaysailing.org/event-3608880> For more information, contact John or Lin mcbear@earthlink.net 757-850-4225 Sponsored and hosted by BROAD BAY SAILING ASSOCIATION. Presented by John McCarthy. He will simplify the mysteries of getting around the marks and obstructions safely and FAST using lots of scenarios with magnetic boats on a whiteboard. **Directions to and info about the location:** Map of Constant Hall <https://www.odu.edu/content/dam/odu/col-dept/bpa/advising/docs/constant-hall-building-map.pdf> and here is a map of ODU, that includes Constant Hall, with the 49th Street Parking Garage Across the street. <https://goo.gl/maps/e1bmjh81nEwFQwbV9>

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is aware a lot of folks are suffering from a winter malady, a virus, that defies cure by magic pill. There's an old Irish joke, me da used to tell: *Paddy O'Malley, feeling punk, visited the doctor. The doctor just shook his head. "I'm sorry, Paddy, but I can't diagnose your problem. It must be drink." To which Paddy replied, "It's not a problem, Doc. I'll come back when you are sober."* Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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