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

US SAILING SPRING 2020 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM. Hosted by **HAMPTON YACHT CLUB, Saturday May 2nd (9:30am – 4:30pm) & Sunday May 3rd (9:30am – 12:30pm)** The Regional Symposium (RS) provides an opportunity for organizations to share ideas and concerns about sailing education and programming within the various regions throughout the country. **ALL ARE WELCOME** regardless of whether you're from a **Community Program, Commercial School, Yacht Club, High School/College program, an instructor or from any other organization (sailing specific or not)**. Coach Reed Maltbie will serve as emcee. Cost is \$25 for US Sailing Members, \$40 for non-members, includes Saturday lunch. **REGISTER at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-2020-regional-symposium-mid-atlantic-tickets-97901318479>**
NOTE: Ticket Sales end APRIL 13th. Don't miss this! Great information brought to you right here in the Southern Bay.

This is the time of year when **racers are readying newly acquired boats**. Most often the new owner will change the name of the "new" boat. So, you must have a christening ceremony for your newly named craft. There are lots of published articles of guidance on the re-naming process. One can be found in the April issue of *SAIL MAGAZINE*, page 13, "How to Christen Your Boat", by Lyda Mullan. Mullan cautions, among other things, that **you must resist the temptation to say the new name aloud until you are absolutely sure you have removed every trace of the old name from the boat**. For instance, she specifically nixes *painting* over the old name; it has got to be *removed*. Read the entire article at <https://www.sailmagazine.com/cruising/how-to-christen-your-boat>

RUMBULLION, NO SOUP FOR U, MIGHTY MOUSE, and U-TOO 2 are the official plank owners of the inaugural **ULTIMATE 20 one-design class at SBRW**. The class is officially made and guaranteed a spot in the SBRW One-Design Division. **Tim Porter** skipper of *Mighty Mouse*, did the scouting for the class. Tim has sailed twice at previous SBRW regattas in the PHRF Division, winning the B2 fleet in 2018. Skippers **Scott Olson, No Soup For U, Teresa Decker, U-Too 2, and BJ Jones, Rumbullion**, hail from Lake Norman Yacht Club in North Carolina, as does Tim. The Ultimate 20s class is open and expecting more Ultimate 20s from around the Chesapeake Bay, the Tarheel State, and beyond. SBRW wants to encourage racers to race and, therefore, sets the *minimum requirement at 4 boats* for a one-design class to make. Additional one-design classes with entries at SBRW 2020 already are: S2 7.9, Viper 640, J70, and J24. For info and entry, scratch

sheets, detailed race announcement, docking info and more, click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=11754> for SBRW 2020 at YachtScoring. **Y'ALL COME RACING! Opening Night-Thursday, May 28; Racing, parties and more, Fri, Sat, & Sun-May 29-30-&31.**

There are 14 boats entered in the SORC **ELUTHERA RACE**, and one of them is from the Southern Bay – **Sledd Shelhorse's** Carkeek 40, *MERIDIAN XI*. The festivities begin in Miami tomorrow, Tuesday, March 10th and the race starts Wednesday. The 295 nm course is from the start line a mile northeast of Government Cut / Miami Harbor entrance to the finish just outside the entrance to Cape Eleuthera Resort and Marina. Check out the island paradise at <https://www.eleutherarace.org/> to subject yourself to descriptions and pictures of “clear turquoise waters... local Caribbean cuisine... island drinks... white sand...” **Meridian is racing in the ORC A Class and on board will be: Dave Flynn (headsail trimmer); Graham Garrenton (rush chairman); Bob Hughes; Ron McLean (main trimmer); Max Plarr (bow); Sledd Shelhorse (skipper); Mark Stephens (floater); Will Van Cleef (boat captain); Harold Warren (grinder); Mark Wheeler (navigator). Go git 'em, Meridian!**

Hey, KIDS! OPTIMIST CLINIC for CHESAPEAKE BAY OPTI TEAM and FRIENDS Hosted by Hampton Yacht Club, Saturday & Sunday - March 21-22. Coached by Brady Stagg. Rigged by 9AM both days, cost is \$200 per sailor, or \$100 per day. Register at <https://theclubspot.com/register/camp/bOEVHh6iOn/class> For info contact HYC Sailing Director, Max Plarr at 757-722-0711.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, was mortified this morning. The Murphster was an hour late for the “How to Start the Race Practice”. My racing sensei did not buy the “time change” excuse. My crew nickname is now “Daylight Dawg” and I have to wear a Mickey Mouse watch ‘til the end of Spring Series! The sensei does not go easy on us - we’re training to race fast in 2020! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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