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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

GET GREEN ! Really. . .get *yourself* green – tomorrow is ST PATRICK'S DAY! Although several parties have been cancelled due to the threat of Coronavirus, including the ones in New York City and Chicago and the entire country of Ireland! And, the Chicago River will not be dyed green. So, the greening will have to be done on an individual basis!

MERIDIAN XI Wins Class in Eleuthera Race! Sledd Shelhorse's Carkeek 40 won the Eleuthera Race in the ORCA fleet and finished 3rd in among all monohulls – CONGRATS! to the entire crew: 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). Reports have it that the event awards party on the white sand beach was pretty great too – huge beach fire, steel drum band, . . . awesome!

WHOA UP! We are thick with POSTPONEMENTS & CANCELLATIONS (most due to Coronavirus threat)

For the next while, best check with race or event organizer close to the actual date. *SBRNYCU* will do our best to list schedule changes on Monday following the submission of the info to us. Event officials may send info by email to mcbear@earthlink.net. In the meantime, take care and stay well; we can deal with this – we're racers – think of it as an unexpected tack!

*****RACING: HAMPTON YACHT CLUB Wednesday Night Series opening is POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 15** – originally scheduled for April 1st

*****RACING: CCVR Spring Tune Up Races CANCELLED** - originally scheduled for April 5, [no reschedule](#)

*****SPINSHEET CREW PARTIES: The party at Solomons Island, MD (originally scheduled for March 29) and the party at Hampton Marker 20 , downtown Hampton (originally scheduled for April 4) are both CANCELLED due the CORONAVIRUS threat. SpinSheet Publisher, Mary Ewenson said, "At this point public health is our number one priority. There's no sailing without healthy sailors. We're optimistic that with these extreme measures the spread of the virus will slow, and we'll be back to normal in time for the sailing season."** No decision has been made on the Eastport Crew Party in Annapolis set for April 26, since it is 6 weeks away – stay tuned and let's hope we are done by then with CORONAVIRUS cancellations!

*****BBSA Membership Meeting at ODU Sailing Center CANCELLED** – originally scheduled for March 17

*****BBSA LCSA Race Committee Clinic CANCELLED** – originally scheduled March 19

*****BBSA North Sails-Austin Powers presentation "Spinnakers, Double Head Sails and Off Wind Sailing" - CANCELLED** – originally scheduled March 23

*****BBSA LCSA Awards-Kick Off Gala – TO BE RESCHEDULED** – originally scheduled March 28

*****HYC Optimist Clinic for Ches. Bay Opti Team and Friends - CANCELLED** - originally scheduled Sat & Sun, March 21-22.

*****HYC Sock Burning POSTPONED** – originally scheduled for March 21 (IF re-schedule -TBA)

*****HYC Junior Program Youth Panel and Parents' Night CANCELLED** - originally scheduled March 19

*****HYC USSA Spring 2020 Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium - CANCELLED** - originally scheduled Sat May 2 & Sun May 3

*****CCVR 2020 Racing Guide Distribution and Kick-Off Meeting – Racers and supporters may pick up their 2020 CCVR Racing Guide on Tuesday, March 24th at a "Grab & Go" (the location is TBA- stay tuned for details when CCVR has them). There will be no meeting portion of the event.**

*****CCVR Skipper Training 101 Class CANCELLED** – originally scheduled April 25

*****CCVR Crew Training Classes (Basic and Advanced) POSTPONED** – reschedule TBA

*****OPCYC General Announcement – All public OPCYC events originally scheduled anytime between now and April 11 are POSTPONED or CANCELLED, including St Patrick's Day/Spring Party/Membership Meeting and PMU Classes.**

SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA. . . refreshed! This 27 year old favorite of Chesapeake Bay racers has had a “lift” and changed its date. Screwpile is still based in Solomons, but the regatta headquarters for awards/parties has returned to Safe Harbor Zahnisers Marina. Check-in Saturday, September 26th, is at the SMSA clubhouse on Solomons Island Road. Racing, and the ensuing parties and awards, will be on Sunday, Sept 27th & Monday, Sept 28th. Screwpile is an inviting option for participants in the AYC Fall Race to Solomons (Sat, Sept 26th) to stick around and race some more. **Regatta Chairman Jim Keen** invites all racers to Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2020 to partake of cooler temperatures, early Fall breezes and, of course, parties, music, and rum drinks at the tent on Z's hill. Check out the event website at www.screwpile.net and/or register directly at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11776> For additional info contact Jim Keen at chairman@screwpile.com or (240) 925-1173.

KUDOS to Jeff Rogers, skipper of *Halaha*, sailing out of old Point Comfort YC, for his much enjoyed presentation on “*Tides and Currents for Sailing*”. If you have a question about current behavior, particularly in the lower southern Bay, Jeff is the man to ask. Racers, after filling the parking lot and adjoining side streets, packed the Bold Mariner Brewing Company on East Ocean View Ave in Norfolk one evening last week. BBSA acted as host/sponsor. Those in attendance now know how to read a bobbing crab pot and why, in some places, boats can pass within 25 yards of one another, going in opposite directions and BOTH upwind! It's part of Chessie's mysteries.

FOR THE SAILING KIDS:

FOUR (4) SUMMER SAILING CAMPS ON THE SOUTHERN BAY OPEN TO ALL:

- **DESIGN. BUILD. SAIL. SUMMER CAMP - at Nauticus in downtown Norfolk.** This camp will run 5 separate, consecutive week long sessions beginning June 29. Ages: 8-15. Each camp session will be Mon-Fri, 8:30am – 3:30pm (with an extended care option available until 5:15pm for additional cost). STEM-based activities. For info and to register for your week click on <https://nauticus.org/design-build-sail/> **Register TODAY, March 16, and save \$15 on the fee.**
- **YOUTH SAILING VIRGINIA – at Mill Creek Community Pier on Fort Monroe (Hampton).** This camp offers BEGINNER LEARN TO SAIL and INTERMEDIATE LEARN TO SAIL options. STEM based activities. Each session is two weeks (M-F) – ½ day sessions (morning session- 8:30am-noon. Afternoon sessions-1:00pm-4:30pm). Ages: Middle School youth and beginner high School youth. For info and registration click on www.youthsailingva.org/learn-to-sail or call 757-60-0020
- **BIG BLUE SAILING ACADEMY – at Old Dominion University Sailing Center, Norfolk.** Youth Summer Sailing courses registration is now open. For information on Youth Summer Class Schedule (course description & dates), cost, and on- line registration click on <http://www.bigbluesailingacademy.com/sailingclasssschedules.html> **Register before April 1 and get a discount.**

PREMIER SAILING SCHOOL – based at Tides Resort in Irvington, VA. Weekly camps every Monday to Friday from June 8 until August 21. Each week offers beginner, intermediate, and advanced groups. Hours are 9.30 to 3.30 daily'. The week of July 13-17 is a race training course. And sailors of all ages are invited to join in the "Messing About in Boats" regatta at RRYC on August 22nd where you can race any dinghy under 20' - this is a great family regatta for sailors of all ages. For info www.premiersailing.com or Tel: 804 438 9300

SOUTHERN BAY YACHT CLUB SUMMER CAMP/JUNIOR PROGRAMS:

Numerous yacht clubs and sailing associations offer summer junior sailing programs and/or sailing summer camps, including:

- Hampton Yacht Club – Hampton, VA. For program info, registration and contacts, click on <http://hamptonyc.com/summer-sailing-program/>
- Norfolk Yacht and Country Club – Norfolk, V . For program info, registration and contacts, click https://www.norfolkyacht.com/Youth/Junior_Sailing
- Fishing Bay Yacht Club – Fishing Bay/Deltaville, VA. For program info, registration and contacts, click on www.fbyc.net

Check with your sailing association or yacht club directly for program plans, registration, etc.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, needed a reason for a sailing related smile and found it in *AFLOAT*, a boating publication from Ireland. The headline read, "All Organized Sailing Activity to Cease with Immediate Effect," The Irish are going to pause now and then review the situation on March 29th. Interesting that the pause on sailing in Ireland coincides exactly with the pause timing on bars and pubs! Hang in there, Mo Chara, we'll get through this. . . 'cause we will! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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