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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

DID YA KNOW. . . that this year's Spring Equinox (March 19th) was the earliest in 124 years. And, **WEDNESDAY**, the day after tomorrow, is **APRIL FOOLS DAY** and, some say appropriately, **THE OPENING DAY OF RACING** on the southern Bay. So, we've got a problem we're dealing with called the Coronavirus, but we'll survive the postponements dotting the racing schedule landscape. Stay strong and stay well and stay ready – we'll get there!

SBRNYCU RACING RULES QUIZ: Racers already know the new **RACING RULES OF SAILING, 2021 – 2024**, will be published, most likely, this coming January. A new flag signal, **N over Z**, has been added to the "Race Signals" section. What does that signal mean?

ANS: The new signal means: N over Z All races are abandoned due to the Zombie Apocalypse. No more racing. [Chuckle Credit goes to Matt Bounds and Francisco Juaregi]

Virtually. . . a RACING FIX! Four southern Bay sailing organizations, Hampton YC, Norfolk YCC, Christopher Newport University Sailing, and Youth Sailing Virginia, have teamed up to run a Virtual Regatta Series throughout the month of April. The "Corona Series" will offer six nights of Virtual One-Design Racing in the 49er, Dayboat Racer, or Offshore Racer Class each Wednesday in April on www.virtualregatta.com starting at 6PM.

Sign up now:

To be eligible, Players must submit their Virtual Regatta username and email to Plarr, Max HYC Sailing Director at hamptonycsailing@gmail.com. Each circle will have up to 20 participants and run six races each Wednesday night. Thanks to **Max Plarr** for getting this going, and to **Vir Menon of CNU Sailing**, **Scott Norman of NYCC**, and **Sam Sipe of Youth Sailing Virginia**, for making it possible to run this event with up to 80 sailors! The first Wednesday is THIS COMING Wednesday, APRIL 1st!

BOAT SHOPS RESPOND to COVID-19. Two boat shops have donated 21,000 respirator masks to the cause. **Pasadena Boat Works** and **Weaver Boat Works**, each located in opposite ends of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, have given a hand in the drive to round up N95 masks. Pasadena sent two large truckloads of the masks and Weaver Boat Works sent its own supply of 7,000. KUDOS!! (see the full story and pics at *Chesapeake Bay Magazine* <https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/2-md-boatshops-donate-21000-masks-for-covid-19-response/>)

Watch out for the WASZP!

FAST IS FUN! The Waszp is a great way to get into foiling. Competitively priced with a Laser, the Waszp will leave you wondering why you ever contemplated displacement when you fly past other boats. It is recommended, though, that you wear a wetsuit! Local southern Bay sailing family, Tyler and Jane Moore and their 3 kids, Parker, Charlie and Sarah, all “mess about on boats” and their latest interest is two WASZPs. The past few days the Moores have been imploring the wind gods to make an appearance in Hampton Roads harbor. Tyler says the boat is a lot of fun and simple. Colie Sails is a Waszp dealer. 800-481-4349 <https://coliesail.com/sail/waszp-8-2m-sail.html>

Live Webinar - “Off the Wind: Modern Advancements in Downwind Sailing” Thursday, April 02, 2020 7:00 PM to 8PM, EDT In this seminar Austin Powers (North Sails) will look at how downwind sails have evolved. He’ll discuss the new advancements of downwind sails and how they relate to the club racer and cruiser. Q&A session at the end of the presentation pertaining to the topics discussed. **REGISTER at:** <https://www.broadbaysailing.org/event-3800833> When you register for this webinar, you will receive email instructions on how to log in to the presentation. **Broad Bay Sailing Association** is “hosting” the Webinar and it is OPEN TO ALL.

The **National Sailing Hall of Fame** is accepting nominations for the 2020 selection process. One of those already nominated is a man well known and revered in the southern Chesapeake Bay – **Steve Black, founder and grand honcho of the Caribbean 1500 Cruising Rally**. Steve passed away in March 2014 after a long battle with cancer. The following is part of an obituary posted on the *World Cruising* website, March 17, 2014, and also on his NSHF nomination page: “*Steve was an inspiration to very many sailors through his long and varied career in sailing, including numerous offshore races, many of which were single-handed, and a three-year stint as executive director of the US Sailing Association, based in Newport, Rhode Island. However, there is no doubt that his biggest legacy will be the Caribbean 1500 cruising rally, which first set sail in 1990, with a fleet of 50 cruising boats to make landfall in Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands.*” Click here for to see current nominations or to make a new one. <https://nshof.org/nominees/>

HEY, SAILORS ! The APRIL 2020 issue of **SPINSHEET MAGAZINE** is on the docks AND at this link for your convenience - <https://www.spinsheet.com/read-spinsheet-online> as you shelter in place... **SpinSheet** is downloadable as a PDF for e-readers, too. Think racing SOON!

CANCELLATIONS & POSTPONEMENTS (as of March 30,2020): *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. NOTE: Yesterday President Trump announced the extension until the end of April of the *social distancing and stay-home-if-you-can policies* intended to help in the abatement of the spread of COVID-19. This will undoubtedly bring about the announcement of a number of cancellations and/or postponements. Check with the organizer before you plan to go!

POSTPONEMENTS:

- **FEDERAL INCOME TAXES filing deadline – UNTIL JULY 15**
- THE MARINERS MUSEUM- Tucker Thompson American's Cup Update presentation (April 9) – Reschedule date TBA
- HYC Wednesday Night Series opening - UNTIL APRIL 15
- BBSA / LCSA Wednesday Night Series - UNTIL APRIL 15
- CCVR 2020 Guide distribution – UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- CCVR Crew Training Classes (Basic and Advanced) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- BBSA Willoughby Thursday Night Series – UNTIL APRIL 16
- Hospice Alliance Championship Regatta – TBA later in 2020 (*possibly mid-November*)
- Albemarle Sound Sailing Association Annual Regatta (May 1,2,3) RESCHEDULE LIKELY IN FALL
- FBYC – Postponing all April Events – any reschedule date for any event is TBA; incl FBYC Opening Day (4/18) and Spring Series 1 (4/19)and Spring Series 2 (4/25.)
- OPCYC General Announcement – All public OPCYC events originally scheduled anytime between now and April 11 are POSTPONED or CANCELLED, including PMU Classes.

CANCELLATIONS:

- BBSA Racing Rules Seminar (April 4th) at ODU Constant Hall
- SPINSHEET CREW PARTIES: The party at Hampton Marker 20 , downtown Hampton (April 4)
- CCVR Spring Tune Up Races (April 5)
- Charleston Race Week (April 23-26)
- HYC Spring Fling (April 25-26)
- YOUTH SAILING VIRGINIA has shut down all activities from March 14th to at least the end of May
- CCVR Skipper Training 101 Class (April 25)
- HYC USSA *Spring 2020 Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium (May 2-3)*
- NEWPORT BERMUDA RACE (start June 19)
- TYPHOON NATIONALS (May 23-24) at RRYC will be cancelled for this year. The plan is to host the event next year (2021) instead of skipping that year as would have been the case normally.
- TOKYO 2020 OLYMPICS - The IOC president and the PM of Japan have announced that the XXXII Olympiad will be rescheduled beyond 2020, but NLT summer 2021. (July 23rd is considered a likely opening date.)
- CORK WEEK 2020 REGATTA (July) – cancelled by the Royal Cork Yacht Club due to Coronavirus concerns.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle,* Has been skyping with homebound canine friends. Turns out it is not always safe at home either. One friend, a dachshund named Fritz, sustained a severe tail injury – sprained it by wagging it too vigorously when he learned his humans would be at home with him for days at a time! No splint needed - just a soft waggin' caste. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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