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

Remember MOTHER'S DAY is THIS COMING SUNDAY, MAY 10th . Maybe, if the situation allows for it, you'll be able to take her sailing!!! Sunny, warm, clear, clean environment shared with loved ones – what's not to like? If the boat is not an option, chocolate is usually a good, thoughtful gift.

We are just about half-way between the Spring Equinox and the Summer Solstice: There are 92 days between March 19th and June 20th. Today, May 4th, is the 46th day since the Spring Equinox. So, we are in the mid-way zone moving toward *SUMMER!* That in itself would normally be cause for celebration. Sailors especially lament missing this time of year on the water – hang in there.

The video world of information has EXPLODED ! Many would have thought any *MORE* interesting/helpful content would not have been possible, and then . . . along came ***The 505 AMERICAN SECTION Newsletter*** – May 2020 issue. It is loaded with great info for 505 racers, **a lot of which will be of interest to all racers.** For example, there's a video showing one man's use of color-coding to calibrate the rig *"...to make changes quickly and without thinking as wind conditions change during a race."* **Click here to see the video and, if you like, to sign up for the 505 publication.** https://www.int505.org/blog/2020/01/28/calibration-with-colours/?utm_source=505+American+Section&utm_campaign=d1a9559702-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_02_03_08&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5bbddec2cb-d1a9559702-55381923
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HEY, SAILORS ! There have been COVID-19 adjustments to be made for everyone, and the ***SpinSheet Magazine*** staff is included. The April 2020 issue of SpinSheet was their first-ever digital-only issue. Now, for May, *SpinSheet's* team says, " Since we're all making this pandemic life up as we go along, we know you understand why it took us awhile to make our decision and why, as a result, the May issue will be late. It's slated for May 12. Fingers crossed that we can print and distribute that one. Stay tuned." So hang in there. Hopes are high that the **MAY 2020 issue of *SPINSHEET MAGAZINE* will be on the docks around the mid-month. Please read and share the current issue by clicking on - <https://www.spinsheet.com/read-spinsheet-online> . *SpinSheet* is downloadable as a PDF for e-readers, too. Think racing SOON!**

The virtual CORONA SERIES ESAILING CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES wrap-up. The very successful Wednesday nights virtual race series has been running for the past month. Sixty (60) racers took part. The series was the brainchild of HYC Sailing Director, Max Parr, who had the help of Vir Menon, Scott Norman, and Sam Sipe, who ran the races. The top 3 racers in the Gold Fleet were: 1. **Ivan Shestopalov**, MIT Sailing Team; 2. **Raymond Huffman**, MIT Sailing Team; 3. **Jon Larson**, Lakewood Yacht Club. The Overall High Point Winner was **Vir Menon**, CNU Sailing Team/HYC. The Overall Junior High Point Winner (under 18) was **Reed McCallister**, HYC/FBYC. Trophies will be presented at the 2020 annual Hampton Yacht Club Annual Awards Night in December.

Also among competing sailors in the CORONA E-Regatta were a number of southern Bay sailors: GOLD FLEET: Alesha Darling (HYC/CNU), Scott Norman (NYCC), Rob Perera (HYC), Austin Powers (North Sails), Austin Meincke (Sitella Racing), David Taylor (HYC), Aimee Darling (HYC) and frequent competitor in southern Bay events, David Meiser (*One Trick Pony*-Solomons, MD). SILVER FLEET: Max Plarr (HYC), Chris Johnson (HYC), Parker Moore (HYC), Ben Weeks (HYC), Bryan Paine (Ullman Sails), Peter Longhini (HYC), Ty Madden, Morgan Johnson (HYC), Michael Laccheo (Walsingham Academy Sailing Team), Elizabeth Obermaier (FJ sailor), Rebecca Schill (Norfolk Academy Sailing team), and Chris Draper. BRONZE FLEET: Sarah Moore (HYC), Shawn Stanley (SMSA), Jerry Pattenaude (HYC/BBSA), Lee Fairchild (HYC), Charlie Moore (HYC), Greg Cutter, (HYC), Stephanie Sweeney (HYC/BBSA/Evo Sails), Dave Gundlach (HYC), Finn Ciszewski (FBYC), John Blais (HYC), Tyler Brown (HYC), and Sam Sipe (Youth Sailing Virginia).

Don DeLoatch, Adventure Sports America, southern Bay racer and skipper of Melges 32, RIFF RAFF is not one to let grass grow under the keel. He has put his "COVIDA-19 pause" to good use. Don is planning on producing a sailing and racing video show to cover what is happening here [in the southern Chesapeake]. He hopes to publish on a semi-monthly schedule. Stay tuned.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yours Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has heard from a friend, who has been suffering through "trips to Walmart" because racing is not yet allowed. Like any sailboat racer, he nurtures a mischievous nature. So, he tried to spice up the atmosphere in the store. He moved the "Caution-Wet Floor" sign to a carpeted area, set the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off every 5 minutes, and at the Service Desk demanded to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway. The final straw was when in the auto parts department, he did his Madonna impersonation wearing 2 oil funnels under his T-shirt. Now he can't go racing OR to Walmart. (tale is courtesy Joe via friend Herb) Hang in there, Dear Readers – we will race! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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