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“We just tried to make sure we didn’t look like plankton.” That’s what surfer Tom Gillespie said as he told about his recent surfing trip during which he and mates encountered a big school of BASKING SHARKS! The surfers were off County Clare. Check out the video and the story in *AFLOAT, Ireland’s Sailing, Boating and Maritime Magazine* (click this link) https://afloat.ie/marine-environment/marine-wildlife/item/46222-surfers-in-close-encounter-with-big-school-of-basking-sharks-off-clare?mc_cid=5ade1ce63e&mc_eid=de26fb1cf8 We have surfers in the Southern Bay Racing fleet who may take particular interest.

EIGHT (8) SAILORS CONFIRMED FOR U.S. OLYMPIC SAILING TEAM. The racers are: Mixed Nacra 17 = Riley Gibbs (Long Beach, CA) & Anna Weis (Fort Lauderdale, FL); Womens 49er FX = Stephanie Robie (East Troy, WI) & Maggie Shea (Wilmette, IL); Men’s Laser = Charlie Buckingham (Newport Beach, CA); Women’s Laser Radial = Page Railey (Clearwater, FL); Women’s RS X = Farrah Hall (Annapolis, MD); and. Men’s RS X = Pedro Pascual (West Palm Beach, FL). Nevin Snow and Dane Wilson have won US Olympic Trials in the 49er class, and are awaiting official nomination pending country qualification. Trials for the Mens 470 and Womens 470 and Finn Class are still in progress. At the conclusion 5 more racers will be named to the U.S. Team. Check out the US Sailing Selection Procedures at https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/SAI_OG_Athlete-Selection-Procedure-3.25.20_TOKYO2021.pdf The 2020 Olympics have been postponed for summer of 2021 in Tokyo.

The Governor of Virginia (Ralph Northam) issued an official press release Saturday, May 9th modifying EO53 and EO55 and laying out PHASE 1 guidelines. You can read the entire release which explains the specifics of the Governor’s “... Slowly Ease of Public Health Restrictions”. Click on <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/news-releases/> for the actual release, including the chart. PHASE 1 will begin NO SOONER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 15 The limit of 10 on social gatherings remains in force, teleworking is still encouraged, and face coverings are still encouraged. However, as of May 15th there are some changes, some, but not all, of which are: (1) non-essential retail may now open with up to 50% capacity, (2) restaurants and beverage services may retain takeout and delivery services and may offer outdoor dining at 50% capacity, (3) fitness and exercise services are still closed, but may now offer outdoor fitness classes, (4) personal grooming services may operate by appointment only with one patron per service provider; (5) private camp grounds may now open, and (6)

places of worship may continue drive-in services and services may be held inside at 50% capacity. **BE SURE TO READ THE ENTIRE PRESS RELEASE INCLUDING THE CHART.**

With hopes and expectations that, sooner rather than later, WE WILL BE RACING AGAIN, here's a chance to rise from your lethargy and sharpen up your racing rules acumen: [Remember, in the Rule Book, definitions appear in italics and in proper English, so do boat names]:

MURPHY RACING RULES QUIZ+ (Part 1 of 3):

Q: *BUNGLES* is on a reach to the finish. In a euphoric moment as they pop their first brewski, the rudder snags the anchor line of the RC Finish Boat before finishing. *BUNGLES* quickly untangles herself and finishes.

ANS: The Definition of *mark* says that the anchor line is not part of the *mark*.

- a. Therefore, *BUNGLES* breaks no rule by snagging it.
- b. Since *BUNGLES* broke no rule, the RC should score her in her finish position.

Next week – we'll consider what's what, if *BUNGLES* hits the RC Finish boat.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is aware that a lot of us are learning a lot of new stuff (some good, some not so much) during our restriction from racing. Here's another nugget: according to folklore, today, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be the *CHILLIEST* 3 days of May. Tradition has it that if you shear your sheep before these days have passed, you'll be sorry and your sheep will be chilly! The Murphster reminds all, too, that, preceding these days, Racing Beagles do not shed, nor should anyone consider shearing a Racing Beagle. . . ever! Beagle-shearing could result in a distinctive toothmark on the intending shearer. . .all consider justifiable self-defense, too! So, stay cool, dear racers, we're getting there. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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