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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #979** May 18, 2020

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

### **HONK! HONK! HONK! HONK! HONK!**

If you hear **5 BLASTS!** you need to pay attention and, most likely “get out of the way!”. Here (at the link) is an article and picture of a sailboat playing “Where’s Elmo” with a BIG SHIP. [Courtesy *gCaptain*, May 11, 2020 issue, by Mike Schuler]  
[https://gcaptain.com/sailboat-operator-cited-for-rule-9-violation-after-crossing-in-front-of-tanker-near-stockton/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+Gcaptain+%28gCaptain.com%29&goal=0\\_f50174ef03-26a3cef7eb-169888561&mc\\_cid=26a3cef7eb&mc\\_eid=9e25be2dd8](https://gcaptain.com/sailboat-operator-cited-for-rule-9-violation-after-crossing-in-front-of-tanker-near-stockton/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Gcaptain+%28gCaptain.com%29&goal=0_f50174ef03-26a3cef7eb-169888561&mc_cid=26a3cef7eb&mc_eid=9e25be2dd8) Thanks to Alan Bomar and David Stalfort, Senior Director, ABS Group for sharing.

**ADVENTURE SPORTS AMERICA** *Issue #2* Don DeLoatch and the *Adventure Sports America* team offer their second issue of their southern Bay video newsletter. Among all the good stuff is commentary on a magic “go fast” item called Millionaires Tape. *Vortex* (Melges 32) is a user of this special product, so racers have a nearby source of info on the product. Check out issue #2 at -  
<https://youtu.be/tyhKquL5XSs>

**Fiddlers Green – Harry Robert Sindle.** News has reached the sailing community that we have lost **Harry Sindle**, maker of boats, champion sailor, businessman, family man and one tough human being. Harry was 90 years old when he passed on April 24, at home on Wilson Creek off the Ware River in Gloucester, VA, with his wife and daughter at his side. Harry had suffered the most demanding of Parkinson’s at home for the past 9 years, Janet his wife his main caregiver. A snippet of his career tells that Harry Sindle designed a plethora of small sailboats including Newport models Surprise, Blue Crab, Holiday, Flipper, N17 and Skipjack. He produced a fiberglass Hampton One Design, Albacore, Lightning Gloucester, Buccaneer and Mutineer. He is recognized as Virginia’s first Laser dealer. A complete account of Harry’s accomplishments is available in *Scuttlebutt*, **Monday, May 11, 2020, issue 5567 – click here and scroll**  
<https://email.sailingscuttlebutt.com/t/ViewEmailArchive/j/853BE1E0047A9ECD2540EF23F30FEDED/C67FD2F38AC4859C/> A Memorial will be held when the virus threat becomes manageable at Ware River Yacht Club. Harry’s family asks that gifts in memoriam be made to Gloucester Volunteer Rescue Squad, PO BOX 1417, Gloucester, VA 23061

**Stay safe on the water.** Southern Bay boater, **Irvin Blake**, can show you the easy way to report to **MarineTraffic** using their On Course app loaded on your smartphone. This is a less expensive way for boaters to report the position of their boat to **MarineTraffic for display at** [www.marinetraffic.com](http://www.marinetraffic.com). Irvin says it works fine as long as there is a cellular connection which would cover most boats locally. Contact Irvin at Irvin Blake [irvinblake@hotmail.com](mailto:irvinblake@hotmail.com)

**COVID-19 TP Shortage Update.** There are people turning the toilet paper shortage to an advantage. One lunch take-out place is advertising a free roll of TP whenever a patron orders the daily special from the menu!

**TAKES THE CAKE!**

You thought the limit had been reached when McDonald's felt the need to caution us that HOT COFFEE is HOT! But, now it is reported that Sail Canada feels the need to remind sailors that, should they fall overboard, they need to remove their face masks so as not to drown while saving themselves.

**MURPHY RACING RULES QUIZ+ (Part 2 of 3):**

**Q:** Last week BUNGLES survived the finish, by snagging the RC Finish Boat anchor line only, untangling, and then finishing. This week however, After snagging the anchor line, BUNGLES swings a bit and actually hits the Finish Boat itself as she finishes - BOINK! Now what?

**ANS:** The Definitions say that the RC Finish Boat is a *mark*. Rule 31 says that a boat may not hit a *mark*.

a. BUNGLES broke no rule by snagging the anchor line. However, she brakes Rule 31 by hitting the Finish Boat while *racing*.

b. The RC must score BUNGLES as finished provided she met the Definition of *finish* which is:

(1) Any part of her. . . crosses the finish line

(2) From the course side

The fact that BUNGLES broke Rule 31 in the process has no effect on how the RC must score her.

But, the story does not end here. Next issue see what happens postrace back at the club. It's NOT pretty!

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly the Racing Beagle*, was delighted to hear that the groomers are now open and back at work. Several of my friends and I frequent The Bonny Beagle Suave Shop, especially during the summer racing season (salt water being hard on the luster of the Beagle coat). So, a couple of us took a friend for his very first-ever visit. He got the "works"- including the mani-cures and body mudpack wrap. We all agreed the mudpack really did improve his appearance. . . but it kept falling off!! Hang in there and get ready to go racing – boat, body and soul! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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