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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use #980 May 25, 2020**

SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings.

Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

**Today, MONDAY, May 25, 2020, we celebrate MEMORIAL DAY, honoring those who have given their all while serving in the United States Armed Services.**

There is no winner to announce today for the *would-have-been 2020 Down the Bay Race* 😞. We have missed a lot of racing events because of COVID-19, but June is just around the corner and, hopefully, Virginia will move into the COVID-19 PHASE 2 level, more boating and racing. **Stay in touch with your clubs and sailing associations, and continue getting your boat ready to *GO FAST!***

## **HERE IS GOOD NEWS FOR SOUTHERN BAY RACERS!**

**THE LASER REGATTA – This coming Weekend - May 30-31, 2020, hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club.** The regatta welcomes ALL LASER SAILORS to all classes: Laser 4.7, Laser Full, and Laser Radial. NOR at [www.norfolkyacht.com/laserregatta](http://www.norfolkyacht.com/laserregatta) and ON-LINE REGISTRATION at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/xSK5aWA31k> and **scroll down to see already entered!** Regatta officials note that ILCA class legal equipment criteria will not be enforced. Also, information will be communicated electronically once sailors have registered ON-LINE. For additional info contact Scott Norman, NY&CC Waterfront Director at office / (757) 423-4500 x126, or mobile / (727) 692-4366 A strong turnout is expected, including campers, some from as far away as Minnesota!

**TOUR THE HARBOR CHALLENGE.** This is perfect for racers and cruisers and sailing can begin almost immediately. Sailors will be able to sail the 11.7 mile fixed course in the Harbor any day, any time, in any weather, and with any crew in the attempt to get around the course as fast as possible (THINK NASCAR TIME TRIALS). Multiple attempts are permitted and encouraged – sail as often as you like, report your time each time. Specifics are expected to be posted on the HYC website within a few days and sailors can begin sailing the course and reporting their times immediately thereafter. FOR DETAILS, click [www.hamptonyc.com](http://www.hamptonyc.com) and look for the special TOUR THE HARBOR CHALLENGE in the page header (it's coming soon.) Or, contact John McCarthy at 757-850-4225. This will be fun for everyone and is designed to run throughout June and July, and you can sail at the time of your choosing.

**HYC DOUBLEHAND RACE - IF WE GET TO PHASE 2 (or better) of the Guv's COVID-19 combat plan,** look for the **HYC DOUBLEHAND RACE on the scheduled date – JUNE 28, 2020.** Here's info currently available and tentative plans (remember, based on probable PHASE 2 enactment). A key factor of the planning is that COVID-19 PHASE 2 safety requirements and conditions will be developing as we move toward the regatta date. Racers who have registered will be kept informed. This year's race will be pursuit format (staggered start) with the start–finish area off the HYC docks. A Preliminary Race Announcement

with all the necessary details will be available ASAP at <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/HYC-Circular-2-Double-Hand-2020-1.pdf> It is likely that the first boat's start will be around 1:00PM. Everyone is welcome! Special COVID-19 safety protocols will be specified. Entry and information will be done by email or telephone. For additional details, contact John or Lin McCarthy 757-850-4225.

**HYC WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACES:** HYC Wednesday Nights Races are expected to begin JUNE 17. Several COVID-19 related modifications and protocols will be included. Expect to find updated information on the HYC website at <http://hamptonyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Wed-Nite-Races-Circular-2020.pdf> within a few days. For info contact John McCarthy, 757-850-4225.

**CCV SUMMER SOLSTICE RACE – Saturday, June 20.** Decisions still being finalized. Check at [www.ccvracing.us](http://www.ccvracing.us) for up-dates and entry procedures.

**505 EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP** is ON for October 30, 31 & November 1, 2020. Hampton Yacht Club will host the regatta.

MYC Commodore Michael Fortenbaugh has announced that **Manhattan Yacht Club, Jersey City, NJ**, is already officially open and will be racing on May 26<sup>th</sup>. See *Scuttlebutt Sailing News*, Issue 5572 Click on <https://email.sailingscuttlebutt.com/t/ViewEmailArchive/j/35EF5F84328566282540EF23F30FEDED/C67FD2F38AC4859C/> and scroll to the Guest Commentary Section . “Manhattan Yacht Club is the largest and most active sailing organization in New York Harbor” click on [https://myc.org/?gclid=EAlalQobChMI5M2k4orD6QIVxdSzCh2tBg4TEAAYASAAEglqJfD\\_BwE](https://myc.org/?gclid=EAlalQobChMI5M2k4orD6QIVxdSzCh2tBg4TEAAYASAAEglqJfD_BwE)

**A lot of racers would not mind having their likeness inscribed on a beer can.** One of the Southern Bay's MOTH BOAT racers is on a beer can in the Ghost Harbor Brewing Co. in Elizabeth City, NC. The label is a line drawing of Joe Bousquet sailing his MOTH. Joe did not get fame and fortune, like future NCAA college football stars are destined to do. He said, “I'm not getting any residuals. Besides, in a can of beer it would be mostly backwash!” Huh. Charm lessons may be in order.

**TO GET IN COMEBACK MODE: Check out CBYRA.**

**Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association** was founded in 1914. The functions and benefits provided as part of the CBYRA mission are the same as they have been through the years: for example, : a unified calendar of non-conflicting events; a central location for NOR's and SI links for regattas; regatta discounts upon entry with participating yacht Clubs & sailing associations; High Point scoring & trophies for high placing finishers; and, grants for competitors for national and international events. **And, recently CBYRA has**, through some generous gifts from CBYRA, Member Clubs and individuals, engaged four time **America's Cup Tactician & Olympic Coach Dave Dellenbaugh**, the editor of the *SpeedandSmarts Newsletter*, to present a program to current members of CBYRA. Hopefully this will help turn ON the “Comeback Mode” switch and get racers thinking about racing again. **And, Dave will be doing two webinars, (FREE CBYRA members), this summer. Non-members can still attend Dave's webinar series, [CLICK HERE](#) to pay for the events. Don't miss out! TO JOIN or RENEW YOUR CBYRA MEMBERSHIP, click here [JOIN or RENEW](#)**

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

**Q:** Last week *BUNGLES* had hit the RC Finish Boat while finishing. Having finished the race, which was the last race of the day, she simply sailed home. We now know that:

- a. *BUNGLES* broke Rule 31... but ,

b. The RC has no option but to finish her in her finish position.

***But, is that the end of the story?***

**ANS:** It is if no one protests. The RC cannot DSQ (Disqualify) BUNGLES (or anyone else). Only a Protest Committee can do that. So, if no (timely) protest is filed, BUNGLES “gets away with it”.

UNLESS,,, BUNGLES chooses to exonerate herself. She must do that at the time of the incident by:

- Getting clear of everyone
- Doing a One-Turn Penalty (Rule 44.2)
- Then re-finish correctly from the course-side By-the-way, BUNGLES gets her second finish time. ...not her first.

**MURPHY NOTE: *Want to learn more about the rules? Be sure to watch SBRNYCU for dates and locations for MURPHY RULES 2021. It will be a day-long rules seminar that will cover all you need to know about racing rules. . . plus the important rules changes coming in the new Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024.***

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle,* knows we all know that, especially in these times, change is

inevitable . . . except perhaps, from a vending machine. Hang tough, southern Bay racers, we'll get there! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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