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

Iron Racers in Glass Boats started the 33rd Gaboon Race yesterday and what finished were 12 boats filled with Popsicle People. They had raced in 35 degree temperatures and 20-25 knots of wind mainly from the North. "Actually, it wasn't so bad," one racer declared, once his lips had unfrozen, helped along by Irish coffee in the HYC bar. It really wasn't so bad, in fact a lot of bragging rights were earned for those undeterred by weather prognosticators. As they say, doing some really cool stuff usually starts with just showing up! This Gaboon was a fine example of how the pursuit race theory is supposed to work - handicaps built in at the start, so every boat finishes at the same time. It was very close to perfect. Even though every boat did not finish at the exact same moment, all twelve finished the 8 mile course within a 6 minutes and 32 seconds window. **RESULTS: COOL CHANGE, Rusty Burshell** and crew, was first to finish overall and first of the PHRF B boats. Second overall and first of the PHRF A boats was **Gene Thayer's Pterodactyl**, followed by **Phil Briggs' Feather**, third overall and second place PHRF A boat. **Steve Ritz' Excelsior** was the first C fleet boat to finish, ninth overall. Event Chairman: Phil Briggs; Race Committee: John McCarthy, Dick Boykin, and John Ritter; Mark Boat: Marshall Findley, Susan Downing, and Jerry Olson.

Gaboon rhymes with Spittoon. Presentation of the brass Spittoon to the first place winner of the Gaboon and other race awards will happen at event sponsor HYC Trophy Presentations tomorrow evening. For info call HYC at 757-722-0711 or Phil Briggs at 757-723-5477.

Don't we all wish we could have **Rich Steele's reply email message** at our own addresses: "*Rich is unavailable, right now. He's delivering a boat to St. Martin and will be unavailable for about 10 days.*" What?! We're supposed to feel sorry for him? :) When national news meister **Walter Cronkite** (1916-2009) was on vacation, CBS News referred to his boat as "Assignment" and told people he was "away on assignment". *Assignment*, actually *Wyntje*, was his beautiful 48 footer, which he often brought to the southern Bay, especially Hampton Roads.

Racers tie knots: Carrie Curry and Greg Cutter (Elliott 770, *Gremlin*) have announced their plans to wed. Racing on a race boat together may be the best of all survival test for togetherness. Best wishes are in order!

Braker, Rick Griffin and crew, have begun their rise from the brink of oblivion. This past July *Braker*, a PHRF C racer, was involved in a serious collision while on her way home from Willoughby and has been undergoing long, exasperating repairs. Saturday *Braker* took **First Place for Sailboats in the Hampton Holly Days Lighted Boat Parade**. So, the Comeback Tour begins! *Braker*, The Little Sailboat Who Could! Watch for her to be back on the race course this Spring.

Nothing makes a better **holiday gift to a racer than a racing picture** of said racer or his boat. SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK sponsor PHOTOBOT has a gazillion pictures of SBRW 2010 action. Check out [PhotoBoat.com](#), click on the event name, and get your shopping done early and easy. **SBRW 2011** dates are June 3, 4 & 5, 2011. Plan to be in the picture for 2011!

2011 SCHEDULE FOR SOUTHERN BAY "BIG BOAT" RACING: It is available for distribution. Contact club racing officials or click on "reply" to this issue of SBRNYCU and on the subject line put, "Send my 2011 schedule, please" and it will come to you by return email, courtesy of SBRNYCU.

MURPHY'S LAW: It was soooooo cold in the Gaboon Race yesterday that *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, suffered, but survived, *Audio Icing*, and had to be treated below in the warm confines of the cabin. Medicinal hot rum was just the ticket for the *frozen ears!* /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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