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## **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use # 681**

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

**To Fiddler's Green.** On Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, **Steve Black**, founder of the Caribbean 1500 rally, passed away following a long personal battle against cancer. From a World Cruising Club notice: *Steve was an inspiration to very many sailors through his long and varied career in sailing, including numerous offshore races, many of which were single-handed, and a three-year stint as executive director of the U.S. Sailing Association, based in Newport, Rhode Island. However, there is no doubt that his biggest legacy will be the Caribbean 1500 cruising rally, which first set sail in 1990, with a fleet of 50 cruising boats to make landfall in Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands.* For more about Steve and his impact on the sailing community, click on <http://www.worldcruising.com/newsarticle.aspx?page=S635306733797044181&ArchiveID=1&CategoryID=190&ItemID=230433&src>. He will certainly be missed by the many, many sailors that he touched. May Steve rest in peace.

**Getting Ready:** Forty-seven (47) Northern Neck racers and race committee volunteers gathered at Rappahannock River Yacht Club, in Irvington, Saturday for the **Nuts & Bolts Race Committee Seminar** presented by John McCarthy. The seminar was sponsored by Premier Sailing, Arabella Denvir. And, the Little Creek racers of the Broad Bay Sailing Association gathered to organize for the season and to hear rules and race management comments from Mike Veraldi and Scott Almond. It's a sure sign of Spring when racers and their supporters gather in one spot to talk about anything racing. **SPRING [really] IS COMING!**

**YOUTH SAILING VIRGINIA has their new website up and running. What a great way to start your morning- check out the smiling faces and the program accomplishments (from scratch - vision to development to now) and future plans. Click on [www.youthsailingvirginia.com](http://www.youthsailingvirginia.com)**

**SBRW Update:** Just in - an additional PHRF C boat and another J70 one-design class entries have been received. **Brad Miller's SCHIEHALLION**, a Beneteau 30, has entered the SBRW PHRF C fleet and **Ron Thompson**, **NONAME**, has thrown his hat in the J70 class ring. To see the up-to-date **entry list, preliminary scratch sheet**, NOR, enter (or get paper entry form) and more at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=981> **NOTE:** At the site, click on "Additional Documents" for "Accommodations and Docking" info. **Y'ALL COME RACING!**

The new US Safety Equipment Requirements (effective April 1, 2014) adopted by **PHRF of the Chesapeake** require, among other things, that a boat in the **Chesapeake Bay category (old 4P with some changes)** “...shall have **non-electronic charts that are appropriate for the race area**” ( *No. 3.20*). Last year NOAA stopped providing paper charts. However, they are now, in addition to naming dealers for commercial print-on-demand charts, *offering new downloadable charts which are in detail and are free*. The list of these PDF charts is at <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/PDFs/PDFs.shtml> . Most southern Chesapeake Bay areas are numbered from 12221 thru 12261. Find the chart of the area you will be racing in, and click on it. Before you start printing, check with your PHRF handicapper or delegate to make sure these charts will meet the requirement.

For **all things PHRF**, including applications for ratings – renewal or new – go to [www.phrfchesbay.org](http://www.phrfchesbay.org) Racers may apply and pay for rating certificates at the site. A copy of the new US Safety Equipment Requirements is also available at this site.

Last reminder for happenings THIS WEEK:

\*\*CCV Racing Guide distribution and rules clinic, Tuesday evening (March 25) at HYC at 6:30pm

\*\*SPINSHEET CREW LISTING PARTY – Marker 20 (in downtown Hampton), Saturday (March 29) from 5-7pm

#### **COMING IN APRIL FOR SOUTHERN BAY RACERS!**

<b>Apr 2</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>HYC and LCSA-BBSA Mid Week Racing open</b>
<b>Apr 3</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Willoughby Racers-BBSA Mid Week Racing opens</b>
<b>Apr 4</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>PBC Barnacle Series opens</b>
<b>Apr 5</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>J24/Fleet 71 Regatta</b>
<b>Apr 6</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>CCV Tune-Up Races</b>
<b>Apr 9</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>YRYC Mid Week Racing opens</b>
<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>FBYC Opening Day</b>
<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>CCV Spring Series (Day 1 – 2 races)</b>
<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>FBYC Spring Series opens</b>
<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>EASTER</b>
<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>NY&amp;CC Friday Night Races opens</b>
<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>CCV Spring Series (Day 2 – 1 race, govt. marks)</b>
<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>FBYC Spring Series</b>
<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>SBRW– EARLY BIRD ENTRY DISCOUNT (last day)</b>

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=981>

**May 4 Sunday      CCV Spring Series (Day 3 – 2 races)**

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, has some pre-season advice from M. DePaepe and the Free Agent Crew: To prepare for loading gear back on the boat, empty the contents of your attic into the car, take it to the boat yard (multiple trips will be needed), carry it up the 14 foot ladder and scatter it about the deck and inside the boat. *The Murphster* reminds you to practice this soon. It is almost time to do the "real thing"! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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