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

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Congratulations are in order for some southern Bay Albacore racers. The Harris/Byron and the Spruill/Spruill teams raced at the Albacore International Championship week before last in Sarasota. After 12 races, **Barney Harris and David Byron** finished 3rd overall in the highly competitive 44 boat fleet. And, the father-daughter team of **Sterling Spruill and Sidney Spruill** finished a well earned 11th overall. *Kudos.*

Saddled up and heading down I-95 to Charleston Race Week (Apr 16-19). A number of southern Bay [and beyond] skippers and crew will be racing at CRW next week. So, if you have matters of importance to discuss with any of them, better do so very soon, before the Charleston glaze covers their eyes and ears! Here's who's going: Racing in the J70 class: **Matt Braun**, *E.L.E.*, FBYC/Richmond; **Latane Montague**, *Full Monty*, FBYC/Alexandria; **Noel Clinard**, *Loonatictu*, FBYC/Richmond; **Blake and Lud Kimbrough**, *Nostalgia*, FBYC&NYC/Newport, RI; **Joe Baggett**, *USA 425*, CYC/Wrightsville Beach, NC; and, **Dan and Gannon Troutman**, *Pied Piper*, FBYC/Gloucester. Racing in the VIPER 640 class: **Henry Amthor**, *Viper 227*, HYC/Hampton; **Sarah Parker**, *Granny's Hoe*, Blackbeard SA & WSYC/Raleigh, NC; and, **Tyler Moore**, *Tumbling Dice*, HYC/Hampton. Racing in the J24 class: **Ron Medlin**, *Bash*, Belews Creek YC/Wilmington, NC; **Mike Veraldi**, *Quicky*, HYC/Virginia Beach; and, southern Bay racers will remember a J24 that raced in Hampton at a match racing regatta a couple of years back – *Murder Incorporated* will be at CRW and will be sailed by **Gregor Owen**, Blackbeard Sailing Club/ Wendell, NC. Racing in the FARR 280 class: **Peter Hunter**, *b@speed*, CBYRA and SAYC/Kill Devil Hills, NC. Racing in the MELGES 24 class: **Eric Schwab**, *USA 344*, HYC/Hampton, VA.

On the water, getting ready for the season: *Bad Habit*, **Bob Archer's** Pearson Flyer, was shaking down and practicing in Saturday's heavy spring breezes in Hampton Roads harbor. On a more genteel Sunday, *Voodoo 2*, **Leroi Lissenden's** beautiful dark green Tripp 38, entered HR harbor between Fort Wool and the Chamberlin Hotel on her way up Hampton River to HYC. And, so it begins. . . soon.

COMING UP THIS COMING WEEKEND on the Southern Bay:

****Trapeze Regatta, Hampton Yacht Club, April 11-12. The TR is open to one-design classes under 25', including International 505s, Sonars (non-spin), and J24s.** Enter by completing the standard CBYRA entry form and submit it with the entry fee to: Trapeze Regatta Chairman, Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669. Entries also will be accepted at the registration table at HYC the morning of the regatta. Entry fee is \$25 for USSA members, \$30 for all others. Schedule: Saturday, April 11 - Registration 10:00am – 10:45am; Skippers Meeting 10:30am. First warning 12:00 noon. On Sunday first warning 10:30am. Sonars and J24 will race on Saturday only. For further information contact Brian Deibler at 757-715-8977 or Tyler Moore at 757-897-2127.

**** FBYC Opening Day Regatta, Saturday, April 11 and on Sunday, April 12, the first FBYC Spring Series Day of multiple races.** For details see www.fbyc.net and click on the event listing.

****CCV Tune Up Races, Sunday April 12.** The intent is for two short races, weather permitting. There is no fee, but *you must submit a standard CBYRA Standard Entry Form*. For information, contact Race Chairman Tom Connors at 757-593-8950.

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Not as FISHY as you would think. *“Sailboat racing on the Chesapeake. . . began with commercial fishermen literally racing to be first back to the dock [to sell the catch],”* says **John Stefancik, Publisher of Chesapeake Bay Magazine.** Check out page 10 of the April issue of *CBM* for Stefancik’s explanation of how his love of sailing, particularly racing, as a kid, led him to a second love, fishing, as a full grown adult. The case he makes, that fishing is *“Just like racing sailboats,”* makes for a good read.

RACERS AND THE RULES QUIZ: What must happen for a boat that was over-early (OCS) to have legally re-started? (multiple choice):

- A – Any part of her hull or equipment must have returned to the pre-start side of the starting line; or
- B – The “X” flag must have been lowered; or
- C – The RC must have hailed “clear”; or
- D – All of the above; or
- E – None of the above.

(Answer follows in this issue of *SBRNYCU*.)

A local sail on a sailing ship . . . an easy to arrange break in the routine. The **AMERICAN ROVER** sails from Norfolk’s Waterside and offers daily public as well as special cruises. The captain of the *Rover* is **Brook Smith**, son of well known southern Bay racer **Sonny Smith**. For many years Sonny raced his various boats named (and numbered) *Restless* in the PHRF class. Check out the *American Rover* website <https://www.americanrover.com/>, click on “schedule” to see what is planned on a regular basis and special upcoming cruises. OR, call 757-627-7245. American Rover is described on her website as follows: *The American Rover hull was built in Panama City, Florida. She was fitted out in the Willoughby area of Norfolk, Virginia and put into service in Downtown Norfolk in 1986. She is a Three Masted Top Sail Schooner. Her design is inspired by the 19th Century Cargo Schooners that once sailed the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Seaboard. So, go roving with the Rover!*

The first edition of the 2015 PHRF OF THE CHESAPEAKE VALID LIST is posted. If you have not yet renewed your PHRF rating certificate, better get on it. Click here for information and/or to see the current Valid List - <http://www.phrfchesbay.org>

Two Series begin the season on the Southern Bay for the “big” boats. Most of the keel boats’ skippers and crew are in high gear right now rushing to make final adjustments to the boat, the sails, the rigging, the bottom, and on and on. And, for those still on the hard, there is the bowing and scraping (all well deserved) needed in heavy doses for the yard managers and their teams so we can “. . . splash her today!!!” Here are the reasons for the angst:

******FBYC Spring Series.** April 12, 25 and May 9, and 24. Multiple races each day. Open to PHRF, Cruising, and J70. For info click on www.fbyc.net

******CCV Spring Series.** April 19 (2 races); April 26 (middle distance race); May 3 (2 races). Open to PHRF and Cruising. For info contact Series PRO John McCarthy, 757-850-4225.

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The Easter Bunny has hopped on by – time to GO RACING! Two more “week night” series open this week:

Apr 8 Wed YRYC Wednesday Night racing begins

Apr 10 Fri PBC Barnacle Friday Nights racing begins

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Heads-up!!! 2015 Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta (July 11 & 12), has opened for registration and the **Kick Off Party is planned for Tuesday, April 21st at Conch Republic in Richmond, VA.** And, regatta officials have announced that the Southern Chesapeake LCR has teamed with YachtScoring. So, from the 2015 Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta website <http://www.leukemicup.org/va/>, skippers will be linked to Southern Chesapeake LCR YachtScoring page. Regatta organizers and supporters are looking forward to seeing skippers, crew and families in Richmond’s Rockets Landing at the Conch Republic for the 2015 fundraising Kick Off event. Southern Bay racer, **Alan Bomar** (*Roundabout*, J24) is the event chairman.

Answer to RR Quiz Question: E (None of the above) Here’s why:

A – To re-start, the entire boat must return to the pre-start side of the line and then start again; and

B – The “X” flag does not come down until ALL of the over-early boats have come back . . . or four (4) minutes have passed (whichever comes later); and

C – The RC should not call boats “clear”; it’s up to you, the racer, to determine when you are “clear” and can re-start.

MURPHY’S LAW: *Yours Truly, The Racing Beagle*, has a cousin, Woodstock, who also races on occasion. As a result of all the brouhaha regarding foot gear – sock burnings, flip flops, bare feet, etc. – “Woods” has scheduled his first Mani-Pedi. He does not want to annoy the boat owner by scarring the teak while dashing forward for the spinnaker takedown. Teak? Cousin Woodstock prefers the larger more elegantly appointed racing yachts, Swan’s, big Cats, and such. /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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