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Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, SAILING Magazine

LAST REMINDER. Start your new season (2016) right. Who knows, you may stay undefeated all the way to March or April ! Make plans for the DANA DILLON MEMORIAL NEW YEAR'S MADNESS RACE on New Year's Day (Friday, January 1, 2016). Hampton Yacht Club and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club come together to offer this annual event. The six (6) mile race is described as "Around Hampton Bar and into the OPCYC Bar". The start is off the HYC docks, 'tween the orange flag and the blue rock on the opposite shore. The finish is between the OPC Marina Pier and G "3" Phoebus Channel. This is a pursuit race, aka staggered start race, i.e. slower boats start first. There is a mandatory Skippers Meeting at 1000 (10:00am) in the HYC Dockside Lounge. Starting times will be assigned. Hot breakfast (opens at 8am) is available, is complimentary for entered skippers, and at a nominal charge for crew and friends. For visiting boats, rafting at the end of the HYC docks for the Skippers Meeting is encouraged. The post-race party and awards presentation begins at 1530 (3:30pm) at the OPCYC clubhouse. Great food and libations are included in the race entry fee for all skippers and crew. **Entry fee received by December 28th is \$25 (after Dec 28th, fee is \$40).** For info and entry, contact Mark Wolfe at 757-206-7903. All boats Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Cruising must meet the PHRF of the Chesapeake Safety Equipment Requirements, Ches Bay category.

Registration is open for the 2016 MURPHY RULES: What you Really Need to Know - "Cutting Through the Fog". This seminar is all set for **Saturday (9am – 3:30pm), February 6, 2016, hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club**, Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia. John McCarthy will present "Cutting through the Fog" in his entertaining and interactive "Rules Made Easy" style. Designed to maximize understanding of the rules by removing needless complexity, this is a brand new presentation organized around "real life" situations and scenarios, not obscure rulebook language. This seminar is for skippers AND crew. You will gain a better, refreshed understanding of the rules and have a good time doing it. Cost: \$39 per person (\$69 for couples), includes refreshments (at check-in and breaks), lunch, and a helpful notebook. **TO REGISTER:** email mcbear@earthlink.net and ask for the *Murphy Rules 2016 registration form* (it will come to you by return email) or call Lin McCarthy at 757-850-4225.

On Saturday, a fire swept through Annapolis Yacht Club. Damage is extensive, but no one was hurt. It is reported that First Responders were on the scene in a matter of minutes. For details, check out media outlets in Annapolis. Thoughts are with all the members and officials of AYC as they begin the repairs.

KUDOS to southern Bay native racer and two-time All American sailor STEVE HUNT.

Steve has been selected for the **College of Charleston Hall Of Fame**. From his collegiate career through his professional life in sailing, Steve is recognized as first class. According to *Scuttlebutt Sailing News*, Steve has become "...the most sort after coach in the country for many racing teams, Olympic programs, and

winning high school programs. He was named National coach of the Year in 2013." To read more about Steve, click on <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2015/12/08/47489/>

There are borderlands between the southern Bay and Annapolis. In those buffer territories reside racing members of several Potomac River area clubs and associations who compete for the of **Potomac River Championship:** Daingerfield Island Sailing Club, Quantico Yacht Club, Dahlgren Yacht Club, Middle Potomac Sailing Association, Barnacle Cup Sailors. This year's winners are: SPINNAKER – 1. **Shadowfax, Denis Bessette**, Dahlgren Yacht Club; 2. **Moovin, Tom Cordell**, Barnacle Cup Sailors; 3. **Dark Star, Doug Savage**, Daingerfield Island Sailing Club. NON-SPINNAKER - 1. **Evergreen, Bob Donaldson**, Barnacle Cup Sailors; 2. **Leap of Faith, Ken Beutel**; Quantico Yacht Club; 3. **TaKeelLa, Ray Williams**, Quantico Yacht Club.

SPECIAL NOTE: BAXTER SAILS will close the business and vacate the building by the end of this month (December). **Dave Baxter asks that those who have sails at the loft come pick them up.** Call Dave to let him know you are coming. Baxter Sailmakers, 209 W. Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, VA 23503 , 757-588-0851 www.baxtersailmakers.com

A holiday gift possibility: **tack X**, a new iOS App. Southern Bay Racers **Paul and Julie Ann Wash**, who race their S2 Cheeky Monkey on the southern Bay and beyond, **have created a special tool for racers**. Paul and Julie say, "We have created a new racing application called **tack X** for the iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch. The app provides a sequence timer, distance to start line, and useful racing information - and lots more. Not to mention it is the ONLY application in the Apple App Store that provides a timer and distance to line for the Apple Watch." Here's the even better part – **tack X** is on sale (until December 25th) at the Apple App Store for 99 cents! (After Christmas it goes up to the regular price.) For more details on **tack X** or how to download it from the App Store contact support@tz6hph8bmack-x.com or check out the website at <http://www.tack-x.com>

US SAILING ONE DAY RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Hampton Yacht Club, Victoria Boulevard, Hampton, Virginia, is now open for on-line registration. This ia a great course for those interested in learning about race management as well as the US SAILING race officer certification program. The seminar meets requirements for Club Race Officer certification or renewal. Lead instructor is John McCarthy, USSA National Judge and certified Regional Race Officer. The seminar is posted to the USSA calendar (<http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/become-a-race-official/race-officer-seminar-calendar/>) and registration is now open. Online registration is encouraged.

6th Annual Near Coastal Safety at Sea Seminar at The Mariners' Museum and Park on Saturday, February 20, 2016, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7:30 a.m.) This is a day-long Safety at Sea Seminar that provides both novice and experienced mariners alike with the information and skills required to sail the Chesapeake Bay or offshore, handle heavy weather, conduct rescue procedures and conduct rescue procedures and much more. **FEES: Through January 31: \$95 • Beginning February 1: \$115** **Mariners' Museum Members receive \$15 off registration** The fee covers lectures, demonstrations, course materials, Near Coastal Safety at Sea Certification and lunch. For information and/or to register on-line, click www.MarinersMuseum.org/Safety-at-Sea OR call 757-591-7749.

Winter Solstice is Tuesday, December 22. Bundle up!

MURPHY'S LAW:

Dear Readers,

In light of the coming Christmas and New Year holidays, Murphy has granted the staff two weeks off. Therefore, your next issue of SBRNYCU (#769) will come to you on Monday, January 4, 2016. So, be jolly and enjoy the spirit of the time!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Murphy, the Racing Beagle, and the Minions

/S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.

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