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

**Here is some handy info to use over the holidays, when racing withdrawal symptoms hit:**

**“Big Boat” racers - The 2016 Southern Bay Racing Schedule is available for both Divisions, North and South.** The SOUTH DIVISION (from the York River area through Hampton Roads to eastern North Carolina) and the NORTH DIVISION (Rappahannock River area – YPR&CC, RRYC, and FBYC) schedules are complete. Contact your club big boat racing official directly or email *SBRNYCU* at [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net), *SUBJ: My schedule, please*, for an electronic copy of either or both schedules.

**PHRF of the Chesapeake will soon be reminding racers to renew their handicap ratings early.** Avoiding the rush means you have your rating in plenty of time for Spring races. Glenn Harvey, PHRF Executive Secretary, says the organization hopes to have renewal information and forms available around mid January. Glenn’s contact info is (410) 303-9121 or email [secretary@phrfchesbay.org](mailto:secretary@phrfchesbay.org). The PHRF website is at [www.phrfchesbay.org](http://www.phrfchesbay.org).

**Now is a good time to check out <http://www.ussailing.org/>** The organization is big and the search of the website for specific info can be daunting, but . . . there is good stuff there. And, of course, you can join on line. Remember, most race entries give a few dollars break for USSA members and some of their workshops require membership to participate.

**Check out *SpinSheet Magazine’s* website, [www.spinsheet.com](http://www.spinsheet.com) for interesting and up-to-date info on Chesapeake Bay (and beyond) events.** *SpinSheet* is a significant sponsor for several Southern Bay regattas and, of course, the main organizer of the annual Crew Listing and Sock Burning Party, usually in late March in downtown Hampton.

***SBRNYCU* will be publishing in an early March issue the *Boats for Sale List*.** The main goal of the listing is to get racers on boats and boats out of slips and backyards. There is no charge for listing your boat; it is FREE. Watch for details in coming issues of *SBRNYCU*.

**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](mailto: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.

**SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2016 website is up and open for entries.** There is a preliminary NOR/race announcement at the site and details about the Early Bird Entry discount (\$15) and SBRW Loyalty Discount (\$25) are included. ON LINE entry is available or you can print down a paper entry form to complete and mail in. <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1547>

**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 is 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.

**And, don't forget to go racing!! 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 28<sup>th</sup> is \$25 (after Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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