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

**2019 New Year Madness is in the books. Jeff Rogers and the crew of Halaha earned bragging rights until Spring, having won the annual New Year's Madness Race** on the first racing day in 2019, Tuesday, January 1. HAPPY NEW YEAR and congratulations to the 23 boats, skippers and crews who sailed in the pursuit race provided by Old Point Comfort YC and Hampton YC. The festivities started with breakfast and a skippers meeting in the HYC Dockside Lounge, the racing started off the HYC docks, and competitors sailed a pre-announced course which finished in Mill Creek, with OPCYC hosting a post-race party and awards presentations. There was plenty of wind and warm air temps (touching the low 70's), almost like "in the islands, Mon!". The TOP 5 finishers were: 1. **Jeff Rogers, Halaha**; 2. **John Edwards, Recovery**; 3. **Ben Cuker, Callinectes**; 4. **Phil Briggs, Feather**, and, **Pete Hunter, Wairere**.

**Bon Voyage, Charis, and Welcome, Courageous!** Dick McCrillis' wooden yawl *Charis* has been sold to a Mainer and by now, after a cruise part of the way up the Chesapeake, has been trucked the rest of the way to her new home in Maine. The new owner plans a two year overhaul under cover, followed by a re-launch and continuation of her beautiful heritage on the water. Dick and Verna have bought a Cal 39, and they are naming her *Courageous*. Dick said, "We are very much looking forward to getting ourselves back out on the course(s) next year." **Meanwhile, Ian Hill and his crew await the arrival of their new J-111.** She has been prepped (bottom, electronic, etc) in Bristol, R.I and will be in Annapolis for dry fitting of running rigging. The J-111 will then head to St Pete's the following weekend to step the rig and outfit sails. Ian and his crew will meet up with the boat in St Petersburg to prep for J Fest the following weekend. Ian and crew plan to do several major regattas on the east coast (including SBRW 2019). *Courageous* and Ian's J-111 join other newcomers soon to be on the southern Bay: Sledd Shelhorse's *Meridian XI*, and Jake and Pat Brodersen's *Bavaria 44*.

**Fiddler's Green. Jack Ricks**, one of the best known and most valued treasures of the southern Bay racing community, was taken from us suddenly in an accident just before Christmas, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. A memorial service was held on January 1<sup>st</sup>. There are many heavy hearts over his passing and sincere sympathy is extended to Jack's wife Di and his family and close friends. Memories and condolences are posted at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/virginia-beach-va/jackie-ricks-8098950?filter=family#remembering>

**ROLEX SYDNEY-HOBART Race Wrap-up. Scuttlebutt 5235, January 2, 2019** has a wonderful wrap-up article on the 2018 Sydney-Hobart Race. For the article, including a short video, click on <https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2018/12/29/deam-realized-sydney-hobart-race/>  
[https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2018/12/29/deam-realized-sydney-hobart-race/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Scuttlebutt%205235%20%20January%202%202019&utm\\_content=Scuttlebutt%205235%20%20January%202%202019+CID\\_5a62c4e6f8aa30fd588cf79b5bb2418&utm\\_source=Email%20Newslet](https://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/2018/12/29/deam-realized-sydney-hobart-race/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Scuttlebutt%205235%20%20January%202%202019&utm_content=Scuttlebutt%205235%20%20January%202%202019+CID_5a62c4e6f8aa30fd588cf79b5bb2418&utm_source=Email%20Newslet)  
There is a Chesapeake Bay connection in the 2018 SHR. **Gus Ward** was on the crew of Peter Wrigley & Andrew Kearnan's TP52, *KOA*. *KOA* finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the ORCi-Div 2 fleet and was 19<sup>th</sup> on the Line Honours place list among the 68 boats doing the race. Gus hails from Dowell, Md, and races his Beneteau First 50, *Crocodile*, frequently on the Chesapeake. For event details and final standings click on <http://www.rolexsydneyhobart.com>

**Don DeLoatch and the crew of Riff Raff** (Melges 32) are packing up for a trip to **Davis Island Yacht Club, near Tampa FL**, where they will race in three one-design regattas (one weekend in each month - January 19-20, February 23-24, and March 16-17). As many as twelve (12) Melges 32's are expected at the **2019 MELGES 32 WINTER SERIES**. Follow *Riff Raff* on YachtScoring at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6052>

**Also playing in the southern climes, at the SARASOTA VIPER 640 WINTER SERIES, are Peter Ill, Justin Morris, and Henry Amthor.** Ill and Morris both sailed on the first weekend (Dec 17-18). All three Vipers race out of Hampton Yacht Club. The second weekend of racing will be January 19-20, and the third February 9-10. And, on March 1-3 **David Pryor and crew will be racing David's Etchells HAT TRICK in the Etchells Biscayne Bay Series – Mid-Winters Regatta.** They have raced two weekends already in the Biscayne Bay series. *Hat Trick* sails out of Hampton Yacht Club, too.

**PHRF Renewal Time is here.** Check your rating certificate expiration date at [www.phrfchesbay.org](http://www.phrfchesbay.org). A number of southern Bay racers' certificates expire in March or April. If you are one of these, get your renewal done now. Our Spring racing starts in early April and you cannot race PHRF without an up-to-date PHRF certificate. PHRF has made it easy – apply and pay on line at the PHRF website – [www.phrfchesbay.org](http://www.phrfchesbay.org).

**2019 SOUTHERN BAY RACING SCHEDULE is available by email.** To receive an electronic copy of both the North and South CBYRA Region 4 divisions schedules by return email from *SBRNYCU*, email [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net), SUBJ: 2019 Racing Schedule, and say "2019 Schedule, please".

**SBRW Update:** ON-LINE ENTRY and all additional information about the event, including the detailed Notice of Race, may be seen at the SBRW 2019 YachtScoring website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6123>. "Click on "Official Notice Board" in the right hand column for updates as appropriate. Racers should expect to refer to the "Official Notice Board" on this site during the regatta for all official notices. **NOTE: SBRW bow numbers are assigned in order unless you request a special number at the time of your Early Bird entry (must be paid) and it is available.** Racers may indicate the bow number they request in the bow number block on the entry form. Questions? Contact Lin Mc at 757-850-4225 or [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net)

Time to sign up for **RACING RULES MADE EASY, "Four Important Things Each Racer Needs to Know"** BBSA is sponsoring the seminar, which is OPEN TO ALL, on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019, at ODU (Constant Hall – Rm #1002), 0900 – 1200.** Topics include: \*Right of Way vs Give Way (Give a little to get a lot) \*Proper Course (To luff or not to luff) \*Rounding the Mark (Removing the mystery) \*3 Special Situations (They happen to everyone). This is a scenario driven, "rules made easy" approach designed to simplify the

unnecessarily complex approach often taken in teaching the rules. Instructor - John McCarthy (US Sailing Race Officer, Instructor, and Judge) Cost - \$20 (\$15 for BBSA members)  
Coffee and pastries provided all morning plus course materials. **To REGISTER & PAY:** <https://form.jotform.com/82948526319165> For map to ODU Constant Hall and the 49<sup>th</sup> Street Stadium Garage: <https://goo.gl/maps/ktv4D6mJMdk> (seminar attendees park on upper level) **For more seminar information, contact: John or Lin McCarthy [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net) 757-850-4225**

**CHESAPEAKE BAY JUNIOR RACERS – Saturday, January 12th – 2:00pm - CBYRA will recognize 2018 High Point award winners at Severn Sailing Association (311 First Street, Annapolis, MD 21403).** (NOTE: The Fire Marshal hasn't signed yet all the permits for the new AYC facility, thus, the relocation to SSA of the awards presentation.) Pizza and refreshments at 2PM, will be followed by the awarding of High Point trophies to Opti RWB, Laser Radial and c420 winners, and other annual recognition awards. The schedule for 2019 events will be distributed. All CBYRA Junior sailors, parents, coaches, and supporters are invited to attend.

**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, knows how, when, where and why to be a stowaway. I am sending this message from an undisclosed location in the bowels of a raceboat headed for F-L-O-R-I-D-A! The Murphster is traveling light – in my ditty bag are my short sleeved shirt with the tropical hibiscus blossoms pattern and a set (2 pairs) of beach glitter flip-flops. Racing is my game and Warm-Weather is my middle name! Ah-oooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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