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

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74th DOWN THE BAY RACE

Annapolis to Hampton, 120 miles non-stop!
Memorial Day Weekend



RACING ANNOUNCEMENT is POSTED and REGISTRATION IS OPEN at
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16412>

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COMING to Norfolk the weekend after Super Bowl weekend!
Saturday, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

Time for you and your crew to get ready for your racing season!



BBSA and Evolution Sails Chesapeake Bay present

Speaker: Sailmaker Jerry Latell

Improve Your Sailing Performance

**Eleven Things You Should Do/Know
Before You Buy Another Sail**

Saturday February 17th 2024

Time: 0830 – 0855 check-in / Coffee & Snacks

0900 – 1200 Improve Your Sailing Presentation

Location: ODU Constant Hall

Registration fee: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door

Includes coffee, bagels, doughnuts & other refreshments

Advance Registration at: <https://www.broadbaysailing.org/event-5478153>



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SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE

July 19-21, 2024 - Rumor has it that plans concerning a likely development that would favorably impact housing for racers may soon be announced. Standby for additional information – <http://screwpile.net/page/5/>
OR <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16375>

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<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16366>

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK, May 30 – June 2, 2024

SBRW NOTES:

- **Julianne DeGraw Fettus** has opened registration in the **PHRF CRUISING SPINNAKER** fleet at Southern Bay Race Week. Julianne will race her Cherubini Ketch, *BENNU*, in the CRUISING DIVISION, which includes PHRF CRUISING fleets (Spin and Non-Spin) as well as the long standing SBRW CRUISING fleet. CRUISING racers are treated to a 2-day program (at a reduced rate) that caters to advocates of distance racing. They will sail a middle distance race each day (Sat and Sun), in the Bay off Fort Monroe. No windward-leeward – hoist your sails and go ‘round the course fast, and have a grand time competing with your brethren.
- There are three (3) CRUISING FLEETS in the Division. Here is how you decide where you fit:
- **PHRF CRUISING – SPINNAKER (CCS) and NON-SPIN (CCNS).**
Designed to provide opportunities for Cruisers who are looking for a “kinder, gentler” form of racing. Random legs, middle distance races around government marks. No windward-leeward courses. There are some restrictions included to cut costs and reduce complexity. These include limitations on sail material, number of sails, and number of crew. You must apply for a *PHRF Cruising Certificate*. It is FREE! Click on this PHRF of the Chesapeake link and get the process started.
<http://www.phrfchesbay.org/page/rules/cruising>
- **SBRW CRUISING**
Same as always traditional SBRW Cruising Fleet with no special restrictions or limitations. SBRW will supply a complimentary rating to any boat needing one. No double headsails or spinnakers allowed. Generally sub-divided to create fairer competition for everyone. This fleet sails the same courses as the PHRF CRUISING boats. No windward-leeward.

You can follow entries, scratch sheets, and other info at the event Yacht Scoring website. And, you can enter on line at the same site. <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16366>

- **J/105 One Design Class Racing.** *J/105s will be racing at SBRW 2024 on the Big Boat course and scored as a One Design class. J/105s wishing to race in the One Design group must be members of the National J-105 Class.*



- **BLACK SEAL CUP** To see all the Cup winner names all the way back to 1986, click on https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents.cfm.

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RACING DATES LIST for 2024. Southern Bay Big Boats Racing Dates List 2024 has been updated as of January 25, 2024. Want a copy? Email mcbear@earthlink.net and put “Racing Dates List” on the Subject Line. You will receive your copy of the **Racing Dates List** by return email.



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle,* February 2nd was Ground Hog Day. It was reported by one news organization that one of the “lesser ground hogs” kicked the bucket. **Since it was not Punxsutawney Phil who passed on,** details never followed in the report. We are left to wonder. Was the weather prediction he was about to divulge so dire as to terminally shock him or was he faking it and actually sleeping some more? “*Dangerously close to tampering with science,*” says the Murphster. *AHOOOO! /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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