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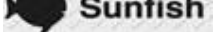
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Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, [SAILING Magazine](#)

One of the most famous, certainly the most popular, of small sailboats is, the  Sunfish! It's been said that "Anybody can sail a Sunfish", and southern Bay racers will get a special chance to prove, or disprove, that hypothesis. The **2025 SUNFISH WORLDS** are coming to Hampton, Virginia, May 3-4, **2025!** Make your plan!

ITEM

Speaking of One Designs:

Two One Design Weekends this summer (with a weekend between) up on **THE RIVAHS!**

That's the **PIANKATANK** and the **WARE Rivers** respectively!

- **85th Annual One-Design Regatta at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville. (Piankatank River, Jackson Creek, and Fishing Bay)**
July 20-21, 2024
<https://www.fbyc.net/events/2024/240720-onedesign-85th-annual-one-design-regatta/>
- **60th Governors Cup at Ware River Yacht Club in Gloucester on the Ware River**
August 3-4, 2024 <https://www.wryc.org/>

One Design HISTORY abounds!

Fishing Bay Yacht Club will host its 85th rendition of the ANNUAL ONE DESIGN REGATTA. The 85th AOD, will consist of two days of racing, fun and camaraderie. There may be multiple courses for eligible one-design classes. A Portsmouth Yardstick handicapped class will be offered for boats who do not have enough boats for a one-design class. Advance registration is expected by all participants on Regatta Network. Expected classes include Flying Scot, ILCA 6, ILCA 7, Melges 15, Hampton One Design, San Juan 21, Weta, Windmill, Optimist (Red, Blue, White and Green fleets) & Portsmouth Handicap.

Ware River Yacht Club is the annual host of the VIRGINIA GOVERNORS CUP REGATTA. This will be a multi-class regatta, with boats from many one designs, including Hampton One Design, Albacore, Lasers, Buccaneers, Optimists. The weekend regatta includes two days of racing, a big party on Saturday night, and lots of fun to be had by all. This will be the 60th year for this WRYC event and they will surely do it right!

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Consider this as confirmed by PHRF and soon to be announced officially.

The **PHRF 2024 Championships for 2024** will be hosted as follows:

- **PHRF Southern Bay Championship** at SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK
Hampton, VA, May 31- June 2
- **PHRF Northern Bay Championship** at SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA
Solomons, MD, July 19-21
- **PHRF Middle Bay Championship** at STINGRAY POINT REGATTA

Fishing Bay, VA, Aug 30-Sept 1

The locations give Southern Bay racers a real chance to compete in all three this year.

ITEM

CBYRA is working hard to have *Event Sanction Numbers* assigned and ready for distribution the first week of March. Remember, these sanction numbers mark the events which count toward the annual CBYRA High Point Awards. Southern Bay CBYRA awards are scored within the NORTH and SOUTH Divisions of Region 4.

ITEM

From Mayo Tabb comes word that The PHRF OF THE CHESAPEAKE is updating website content. Click on www.phrfchesbay.org The key areas regarding ratings, rules and safety have been updated.

Concerning the NEW PHRF CRUISING CLASS certificates:

Yacht with a Cruising Class certificate can race under that certificate in a regular PHRF Class. However a Yacht with a regular PHRF certificate cannot race under that certificate in a Cruising Class because the OA have no way of determining if the yacht complies with the additional Cruising Class requirements especially Sail Area to Displacement and sail material construction. To boil it down – To race in the PHRF CRUISING Class (Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker), a racer need only obtain a current PHRF of the Chesapeake Cruising certificate. The PHRF Cruising certificate is free and the application is straight forward and easy - click on www.phrfchesbay.org (**NOTE- PHRF Executive Board for 2024:** President-Mayo Tabb; VP Southern Bay-Greg Cutter; VP Northern Bay-Nelson Pemberton; VP Communications-Pat Seidel; Secretary-Glenn Harvey; Treasurer-Jim Raper; Past President-Roger Coney. Contact info for Officers and Handicappers is listed at the website.

ITEM

A couple of southern Bay racers are already entered and headed to **CHARLESTON RACE WEEK (April 18-21)**. They are both Melges skippers. **Ian Hill** of Virginia Beach, VA, will be racing his Melges 32, SITELLA. **Max Plarr** will be racing WILD CHILD, his Melges 24 along with **Will Van Cleef, Stephen Sparkman, and Bri Grenier**. A well-known middle Bay boat, **Dave and Jacki Meiser's ONE TRICK PONY** from Solomons, MD, a Melges 32, will be at CRW too. All three of these racers are already entered in SBRW 2024.

ITEM

MARCH is SOCK BURNING TIME!

The Deltaville community is ready for this happy conflagration!



Annual Deltaville Sock Burn and Oyster Roast is Back!

Beer, Chesapeake Bay Oysters, Live Music

Saturday, March 23, 2024 3:30-7 PM

Multiple marine businesses in Deltaville come together to bring you free oysters, music, & beer. Mark your calendar and register NOW for our yearly sock burn party and oyster roast Saturday, March 23, 2024 at our new sail loft (GRAND OPENING) at 16273 General Puller Hwy, Deltaville, VA. **Bring a pair of socks to burn to please Poseidon.**

Click on the link below for more details and to register.

[Click here for all the details](#)



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, celebrated Presidents Day yesterday. The Racing Beagle Pack had an early morning pawrade to honor former presidential candidate Millard Murphy Beagle. He was known for his campaign slogan, "A squirrel in every pot and a brewski at the post-race dock!" Ahoooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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