

## #5 2024 MURPHY DISPATCHES

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### **MURPHY DISPATCHES**

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Like its predecessor *SOUTHERN BAY RACING NEWS YOU CAN USE*, *MURPHY DISPATCHES* comes with a southern Chesapeake Bay racing bias and is an independent publication, sent as the sailing spirit moves. First released January, 2024.

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

### **MARCH is *SPRING THAW time!***

**In this issue are some events and dates that deserve special note.**

#### **SPRING IS COMING!!! Here are some signs.**

- Work crews spotted replacing old light bulbs on the James River Bridge Fishing Pier.
- The marine supply store has set up Saturday morning coffee klatch for bottom paint shoppers
- Boatyards are oiling the lifts and splash schedules are filling up
- The docks and piers water is turned back on
- Crews are amenable to the words "*bottom prep*" if followed by "*beer and pizza*"

#### **ITEM**

##### **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

##### **CBYRA AWARDS ANNOUNCED.**

Handicap Division Championship Trophy, 2023 LABROT TROPHY won by David and Jacki Meiser, *ONE TRICK PONY*, Melges 32, sailing out of Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Solomons, MD. The Meisers also won the Region 3AW PHRF A fleet.

PHRF 2023 Season High Point Fleet Winners announced:

##### **Region 4 NORTH:**

PHRF A: *EXCITATION*, Mayo Tabb

PHRF B: *MAD HATTER*, Bob Fleck

##### **Region 4 SOUTH:**

PHRF A: *JOYRIDE*, Doug Bird

PHRF B: *HORNET*, Karen Roberts

PHRF C: *ROUNDABOUT*, Alan Bomar

PHRF NS: *SPECIAL K*, Al Brazzi

**NOTE: Complete listing of CBYRA awards is in the March issue of SpinSheet, pags72-76**

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#### **ITEM**

##### **IMPORTANT THAW DATES:**

March 10 – Sunday – 2AM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME kicks in. Clocks must *spring ahead* one hour.

March 10 – Sunday - 4-6PM Solomons *SpinSheet* Crew Party (SMSA)

March 17 – Sunday – all day ST PATRICK'S DAY

March 19 – Tuesday - 11:06PM (EDT) Spring Equinox  
 March 16 – Friday -5pm (6pm ceremony) Hampton Yacht Club **Sock Burning**  
 March 23 – Saturday – 2PM Portsmouth Boat Club **Sock Burning**  
 March 23 – Saturday – 3:30-7PM Annual Deltaville **Sock Burn** and Oyster Roast  
 March 23 – Saturday – Norfolk Yacht & Country Club **Sock Burning**  
 Heads-ups:

April 6 – Saturday – 6:00-8PM Hampton *SpinSheet* Crew Party (Marker 20)  
 April 27 – Saturday – TENTATIVE DATE – BBSA **Sock Burning** Party  
 April 28 – Sunday – 4-6PM Annapolis *SpinSheet* Crew Party (EYC)

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**OFFICIAL 2024 PHRF CLASS SPLITS:** [Courtesy PHRF of the Chesapeake]  
 Southern Bay = Region 4 NORTH & Region 4SOUTH

| Region                 | Class          | 2024 Class Rating Splits |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 3                      | A0             | up to 025                |
| 3                      | A1             | 026 to 070               |
| 3                      | A2             | 071 to 109               |
| 1, 2, 4 North          | A              | Up to 109                |
| 1, 2, 3, 4 North       | B              | 110 to 148               |
| 1, 2, 3, 4 North       | C              | 149 and up               |
| 2                      | Spinnaker      | All                      |
| 4 South                | A              | Up to 099                |
| 4 South                | B              | 100 to 151               |
| 4 South                | C              | 152 and up               |
| All Regions 1, 2, 3    | Sport Boat     | All                      |
| All Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 | Cruising Class | All                      |
| All Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 | Short-Handed   | All                      |
| All Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 | PHRF N         | All                      |

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**CHESAPEAKE CUSTOM EMBROIDERY & SCREEN PRINTING** will soon have **SBRW 2024** apparel available for purchase at their website – click on [www.ceeink.com](http://www.ceeink.com) or contact Amy Hewitt at 301-862-4848. The 2024 design will look good on the entire crew! Once it is ready for release, ordering early will be a good idea! Watch the website!

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**Here is a very biased and heartfelt THANK YOU from the southern Chesapeake Bay to SpinSheet Magazine!**

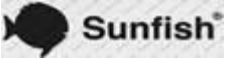
Spring is almost upon us and it's time to let everyone know how much we all appreciate the relationship our racing and cruising communities enjoy with *SpinSheet*, the Chesapeake's own sailing magazine! Starting with the March issue and its commissioning checklists, advice on pets aboard, thoughts on marina selection and more, *SpinSheet* has given every sailor a perfect "start of the season" reference source. Over the years have come the CREW PARTIES, the CENTURY CLUB, and the RACING TEAM, all guides for sailors pursuing the passion of their sport. Every *SpinSheet* is loaded with schedules of sailing events, outcomes of racing competitions, sailing schools and special programs information, crew parties, and awards listings. The *SpinSheet* team is present at and sometimes participating in our regattas, and always ready to lend a helping hand on spreading the word. What makes *SpinSheet* special is their people, most of whom we know by their first names. We share with them, and they share with us, our love of the Chesapeake Bay. THANK YOU, SPINSHEET!

Read the March 2024 issue on line – click on <https://www.spinsheet.com/read-spinsheet-online>

## ITEM

### **ARRRRRRRRRRGH!!! NOTE THIS IMPORTANT CORRECTION:**

**In the #4 Murphy Dispatch, based on the info provided by a heretofore reliable source, a critical word was left out. See below:**

One of the most famous, certainly the most popular, of small sailboats is, the  ! 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. A **QUALIFIER for the 2025 SUNFISH WORLDS** is coming to Hampton, Virginia, May 3-4, 2025! Make your plan! **So, IF you qualify for the Worlds, you will have to get to Ecuador to race in the actual 2025 ISCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. Check out the International Sunfish Class Association website, including various schedules, at [https://www.sunfishclass.org/about\\_us](https://www.sunfishclass.org/about_us) Asi, chicos y chicas, better learn to hablar espanol while you time your tacks.**



**MURPHY'S LAW:** *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, is hot on the fact that SPRING is almost officially here. The Murphster is watching the sailing gear ads for special pricing on sets of 4 hi-tech racing gloves! Ahooooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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**74th DOWN THE BAY RACE**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

**May 24-25, 2024**



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**SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK**

**The weekend after Memorial Day,**

**May 30 – June 2, 2024**

**2024 PHRF SOUTHERN BAY CHAMPIONSHIP**



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