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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

PLEASE NOTE: The Cape Henry Cup Race, the Down the Bay Race, and the SBRW Cruising Division races ALL count in the SOUTHERN BAY DISTANCE RACING SERIES (SBDERS).

CAPE HENRY CUP – THIS COMING SATURDAY, MAY 20. To ENTER, click on [Cape Henry Cup REGISTRATION](#)

Entry DEADLINE is 1200 (noon), May 18 (Thur)

This race is presented annually by Broad Bay Sailing Association <https://broadbaysailing.org/event-5193813> Racing will be in the southern Chesapeake Bay with the start and finish lines located in the vicinity of Buckroe Beach (Hampton), *UNLESS* weather causes relocation into the Harbor. Lengths of the possible courses range from 27.9nm to 9.3nm. Possible courses, marks, awards, starting sequences, and other details are available in the *NOTICE OF RACE* – click on [BBSA CAPE HENRY 2023 NOR](#) Racers can see the **list of current entries at**

<https://broadbaysailing.org/event-5193813/Attendees> Join the fun!

The Cape Charles Cup counts in the **Southern Bay Distance Series.**

For additional information and for copies of the Sailing Instructions (after May 15), please contact Claude Speed at 703-244-2906.

BBSA plans to present the **Cape Henry Cup AWARDS on May 23rd** at the membership meeting at Bold Mariner Brewery.



[HYC HOSPICE ONE DESIGN REGATTA](#) - to benefit the Dozoretz Hospice House of Hampton Roads - This coming Sat & Sun, May 20-21. This is the second annual HYC Hospice Regatta for One Design Classes – boat length up to 25 LOA. To date J24, Viper 640, and HOD class boats have entered.

- **Regatta Info and ON-LINE entry:** <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/iEU3wRKsxY>
- **Info on the Regatta & the Hampton Roads Hospice House program:** <https://hampton-roads-hospice-regatta-2023-cv-813.causevox.com/>

FBYC OFFSHORE SPRING OPEN will be a **2 day event, May 20 & 21.** See applicable NOTICE OF RACE for details at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/26031/Final2023OffshoreSpringRacingProgramNoticeofRace.docx.pdf

On Saturday, 5/20, the format for PHRF A, B, and C, will be courses around drop marks. PHRF NON-SPIN and CC (Cruising Class) will be a mid-distance course sailed around government marks and drop marks.

On Sunday, 5/21, all classes (PHRF A, B, C, NON-SPIN, and CC) will be a mid-distance course sailed around government marks and drop marks.

For both days, PHRF NON-SPIN will be sailed allowing only one (1) headsail downwind.”

For DTB, DELIVER FIRST – THEN THE RACE!! - That will be the order of events for southern Bay racers doing the 120 nm non-stop DOWN THE BAY RACE (DTB), Annapolis to Hampton. In less than couple of weeks, 15 race skippers and crew will make the trek from their home ports in “*the southern Bay and beyond*” to Annapolis, Maryland. Some will go early, having planned how to take advantage of the fabled “bubble” of the flooding current going up the Bay. Others may find themselves working until the last possible moment, then slamming shut their laptops or ledgers or equipment sheds, and bolting to the waiting boat and crewmates.

The race starts from off Annapolis, Friday, May 26th. Here is the southern Bay and beyond contingent (as of today):

FROM Hampton Roads: Will Roberts, REMEDY; Sledd Shelhorse, MERIDIAN XI; Keith Midgette, LUNA BLU; Chris French, ELIXIR; Greg and Carie Cutter, DIABLO; Bob Howell, CYMRU; Ben Cuker, CALLINECTES; Alan, Johnson, SEEKER; Mike Gould, NEVERLAND; Julianne DeGraw, BENNU. ***FROM Rappahannock River area:*** Mayo Tabb, EXCITATION; Glenn Doncaster, NANUQ; Jackson Montague, OSPREY; Gary Hooper, RAVEN; ***FROM “and beyond”:*** Sean Rhone, BAD BUNNY; Doug Savage, DARK STAR. *May all your tacks be lifted, and if there’s a chute involved, let the big dog out!*



The **73rd DOWN THE BAY RACE** is a 120 nm non-stop race from Annapolis to Hampton, presented by Hampton Yacht Club and Storm Trysail-Chesapeake Station. The start is on Friday, May 26th of Memorial Day Weekend and the Trophy Presentation soiree is at HYC on Saturday, May 27th at 1900 (7PM). The *Virginia Cruising Cup* will be presented to the PHRF monohull boat with the fastest corrected PHRF time. The *Robert M. Ravin Memorial Trophy* will be presented to the monohull boat taking line honors (first to finish), and a special award will be presented to the ORC monohull with the fastest corrected ORC time. Awards will also be presented in each class racing. The NOTICE OF RACE is available by clicking [DOWN THE BAY RACE 2023 NOR](#). Race documents, scratch sheets, ON LINE ENTRY, and other information is available at the event Yacht Scoring website – click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15684>. No entries will be accepted after Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 1700 (5PM). For additional information, please contact Event Chairman (HYC): David McConaughy at 757-870-4475 or Co-Chair(STC): Dick Neville at 410-353-0477.



SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2023.

June 1 – 4, Hampton, Virginia – Regatta Headquarters: Hampton Yacht Club

UPDATES: Check out the 2023 new design and **order on line SBRW 2023 T-SHIRTS** (Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve w/boats' names on sleeve) at <https://www.cceink.com/sbrw>. The artistic graphic design on these shirts is **CHESAPEAKE CUSTOM EMBROIDERY AND SCREEN PRINTING** original art designed for SBRW. Racers can save shipping by ordering now and having your shirt(s) available for pick-up at the regatta. All the details are available at the website – let your fingers do the clicking at - <https://www.cceink.com/sbrw>. Any questions? Call (301) 862-4848 or email sales@cceink.com


Current Preliminary Fleets & Course Assignments - [SBRW Preliminary FLEETS & COURSE ASSIGNMENTS](#)

Regatta info and to enter ON-LINE, click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15611> (Late Fee , +\$25, kicks in after May 30)

LAST CALLS:

- **Sea Bags Maine material pickup at YOUTH SAILING VIRGINIA (YSV) May 17th, 2023.** So this is a last call for old sails to be cleaned out of garages and sent to Sea Bags Maine to benefit Youth Sailing Virginia. Call Alan Bomar at 757-810-4518 to coordinate a sail donation pickup or drop off.

- **CAPE HENRY CUP (May 20) deadline for entry is May 18th.**

-  **To be included with the SBRW BOAT NAMES on the official T-shirt of the regatta, racers must be entered NO LATER THAN Friday, May 26.** Click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15611> to enter on line now, **AFTER May 30th additional Late Fee (\$25) kicks**

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MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle*, over the weekend was involved in a discussion about selecting crew for distance races . . . and other special aspects of distance racing. So, whether you are a team of first timers or seasoned, grizzled been-there-done thats, good luck to all setting off in the coming weeks on the experience of a lifetime! To Nova Scotia, Newport, Hampton, the Caribbean, or beyond, sail fast, sail smart, and be safe!! Ahooo! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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