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SBRNYCU is an independent weekly publication of southern Chesapeake Bay racing happenings.

Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

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

MEMORIAL DAY, Monday, May 29, 2023, a special time to honor those who have given their all for our country.



OSPREY soars down the Bay in high winds!

THE WEATHER WAS PREDICTED TO BE HORRID – and although about the first 1/3rd of the race was light, Momma Nature went bad for the rest of the trip down the Bay to the Hampton finish line. First to finish was Jackson Montague in his Hobie 33, OSPREY. The skipper and crew from Fishing Bay area included **Jackson and Latane Montague** (tactician), **Raymond Bay** (bow), **Austin and Eric Powers** and **Mason Chapman**. In addition to line honors, recognized by the **Robert M. Raven Memorial Trophy**, **OSPREY** earned the **Virginia Cruising Cup** by having the fastest monohull corrected PHRF time. **OSPREY** came down the Bay in an elapsed time of 16 hours, 42 minutes and 13 seconds. Her corrected time was 17:02:40. Twenty-one (21) boats started in Annapolis and fourteen (14) finished the 120 nm non-stop race. A few of the Deltaville/Rappahannock River area boats fell prey to the temptation of their home ports and cut short their battle with the obstreperous Chesapeake Bay. Regular puffs and gusts of 30 knots were reported.

Class winners: ORC – BAD CAT, James Whited; PHRF A – OSPREY, Jackson Montague;; PHRFB – ELIXIR, Chris French; PHRF Non-Spin – SEEKER, Alan Johnson; PHRF CHESS Doublehand – ABIENTOT, Roger Lant. For complete RESULTS details, click on https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_detail.cfm?Race_Number=1&eID=15684

This was the 73rd DOWN THE BAY RACE, 120 nm non-stop from Annapolis to Hampton, presented by Hampton Yacht Club and Storm Trysail-Chesapeake Station. The start was on Friday, May 26th of Memorial Day Weekend and the Trophy Presentation soiree is at HYC on Saturday, May 27th at 1900 (7PM). Event Chairmen: David McConaughy (HYC) and Dick Neville (ST-C); Scoring: Sue Kessler and Rich Wilcox.



SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK opens Thursday, June 1, with Welcome, Registration, and Skippers Meeting.

Racing and regatta socializing Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 4. For all the details, entry, and more click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15611>

If you are **CREW hoping to catch a ride at SBRW**, click on the **“Crew/Boat/Charter Board”**. Go to the same spot if you are a **skipper looking for CREW**. There are all sorts of boats racing at SBRW, from the PHRF Super A Fleet, through all levels of spinnaker as well as Non-Spinnaker. There are J24, Viper 640, and Melges 24 classes on the one-design course. And, the Cruising fleets do one middle distance race each day, Saturday and Sunday in the Bay off Buckroe.



MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing Beagle, says, “Beau coupé Kudos!” to all of those who came down the Bay Friday night into Saturday and weathered cold and high winds in the DOWN THE BAY RACE. It will be fun this coming winter to recall all the OH-NO! moments that occurred and were overcome on such a ride. One of the things about doing DTB, is you don't have to do it again . . . even though a lot do. Go figure. Ahooo. /S/ Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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