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Founded in April, 2000. Lin McCarthy, Editor

Try sailing - it's NOT easy! - Bill Schanen, SAILING Magazine

VALENTINES DAY (PROPER) IS NOT UNTIL WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, BUT MOST WILL CELEBRATE THIS COMING WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 10-11. Don't inadvertently miss the occasion!

Third and final section of the **2017-2018 Quantum J/70 Winter Series** is this coming weekend, February 10-11. Southern Bay racer **Matt Braun** (FBYC), *E.L.E.* is competing in the 53 boat fleet at Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL. Follow Matt and get regatta details at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4361>. And, the **VIPER 640s** will be sailing in the final round of the **Sarasota Viper Winter Series**. Check on southern Bay racers **Peter III - Caterpillar**, **Justin Morris - Knot Hunter**, **Martin "Bubba" Casey - Life of Riley**, and **Steve Taylor - Viper 220** at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15544>. Cross your fingers and toes for our southern Bay racers!

CONGRATS to SAIL NAUTICUS, Norfolk, VA, recipients of US Sailing **2017 Creative Innovations in Programming** award. This award is part of the Community Sailing and One Design Awards Program. (see *Scuttlebutt*, issue 5007, Jan 30, 2018)

Both Punxsutawney Phil and Chesapeake Chuck have predicted 6 more weeks of winter. Oh, well, time to gird the loins and stiffen the upper lip - this too will pass.

BOAT FOR SALE? The March 12 issue (#878) of SBRNYCU will include the annual BOATS FOR SALE LIST. The listing is FREE. To list your boat, send an email to mcbear@earthlink.net – subj: Boat Listing. Include the following information: Type, model, year and length of the boat; Name of the boat, where she is located and ASKING PRICE; A short, concise sentence or two about the boat that gives the reader an idea of her condition, equipment, and/or sail inventory, etc. Give your name and contact PHONE number. SBRNYCU may make editorial changes to submissions based on length and other pertinent factors. **The deadline for listing requests is Saturday, March 10th.**

PHRF RATINGS – NEW & RENEWAL. The PHRF of the Chesapeake website is now up and ready for request for new and/or renewal of your rating. Click on <https://secure.headwaytechnology.com/www.phrfchesbay.org/page/certificates> This is one of those *Don't Wait-Do It Now* things. Besides, once SPRING gets here, you will want to be out on the water practicing, not messin' with your rating certificate process.

MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS SEMINAR - ANGLES & BEARINGS & NUMBERS . . . OH MY! March 10 (0900 – noon, at HYC, Saturday morning,) This seminar deals with info vital to both the PRO (Principal Race Officer) running all sorts of races (Wednesday and Thursday Nights, club weekend races, and/or bigger regattas) and to RC volunteers wanting to better understand what is happening and to become a more valuable RC member. NO NEED TO BRING CALCULATORS! No math skills required. . . just common sense. Topics include how to calculate angles, bearings and distances for setting: Starting Lines, Course Marks, Offset Legs and Gates, and Finish Lines. John McCarthy will remove the mystery of which numbers are important and how to use them. At the end of the morning you will know *"How, when and where to set those bags of air!"* Cost is \$25. **To sign up: send your name, address, and phone number to: Lin McCarthy at mcbear@earthlink.net – subj: Nuts and Bolts Seminar. Or, call Lin at (757) 850-4225.**

THE MARINERS' MUSEUM SAFETY AT SEA SEMINAR, Saturday, February 17, 8:30am-4:30pm, cost = \$95/\$115. This seminar will provide information and skills required to sail the Chesapeake Bay or off-shore, handle heavy weather, conduct rescue procedures and much more. If you would like to register, please sign up at <http://www.marinersmuseum.org/safety-at-sea/>.

2018 Racing Schedule: Email mcbear@earthlink.net and ask for your schedule. It will come to you by return email.

MURPHY'S LAW: *Yrs Truly, the Racing beagle, warns all to beware the month of February! Thirty days hath September / April, June, and November / All the rest have thirty-one / Except February, which is endless.* Charles McDowell says that, "Not anyone would be fooled by February once he got used to the pace and mood of it. It is longer than the War of Austrian Succession and less exhilarating than the flu." The Murphster agrees with Chuck and advises all should ready themselves for the weeks to come – keep your fleeces handy and the fireplace burning! /S/ *Murphy the Racing Beagle, the sailing spirit in us all.*

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