

SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS SAILING

CONFERENCE CALL

March 10, 2008

PRESENT: Peter Johns, Wianno YC, Tim Bryan, Edgartown YC, Richard Watson, Wild Harbor YC, Phyllis Partridge, Beverly YC, John Field, Hyannis YC, Wes Durant, Wild Harbor YC, Joel Hanneman, Beverly YC, Diedre Rynne, Edgartown YC, Sally Bacon, Hyannisport YC, Jennifer Stewart, Duxbury Bay, Lisa Patten, Stage Harbor YC, Tom Tullius, Quisett YC, Chris Memoli, Beverly YC, Willis Taylor, Chatham YC, Matt Wake, Sturgis Boat Works, Ken Taylor, Regatta Networks

Peter Johns opened the meeting at 1900 with a thank you to the present Board members for their help and support and a special thank you to John Field for his additional guidance and support.

OPTIMIST CLINICS – Matt Wake, Sturgis Boat Works reiterated his concept for OPTI clinics offered for the three levels of sailors , Green, Silver, and Gold. He is requesting that all member Clubs reach out to their Junior sailors via emails and mailing lists. Preference for a mainland venue to host Clinics with target dates of June 21-25. Sturgis Boat Works has hired Todd Federsyn, Head Coach St Petersburg YC to conduct these clinics and will cover all his traveling expenses. SM Sailing will cover fee for registration utilizing Regatta Networks. The clinic schedule will be two days of Gold Level training, two days for Silver Level training and a one day Laser Clinic(June 25). Wianno YC will host clinic on June 21 and 22. Looking for another club to host clinic on June 23 and 24. Please let Peter Johns know if able to offer your Club as the second venue. John Field investigating Hyannis YC as host venue for the Laser Clinic on June 25. A nominal fee will be charged for each participant to cover cost of lunches, fuel for support boats and fees for other logistics. All expressed appreciation to Sturgis Boat Works for supporting this opportunity for 4 days of coached clinics for OPTI sailors. Tentative Outline:

GOLD Level Clinic – for participants with one year experience on a racing team (those sailors that place in the top 40 or 50 in Gran Prix events). This will be an intense all day clinic on the water for the most serious Opti sailors. EST. 8-10 sailors per coach.

SILVER Level Clinic – for anyone racing in Red, White or Blue level. It will entail one-half day on the water followed by a debriefing.

GREEN Level Clinic – will cover basic skills, eg. rigging and safe boat handling

Housing for Island participants will be attempted. Matt is also requesting support boats from member Clubs.

TEAM RACING – Joel Hanneman reported that he received responses from 13 Clubs. He is requesting that all Clubs interested in participating in team racing please contact him ASAP so the schedules can be finalized. Tentative format will be a full day of scrimmaging with Coaches on the water in effort to encourage interest and increase

enthusiasm for team racing. A round robin format will be used. A Team and B Team sailors will sail together during scrimmages so all may benefit from the experience. Host clubs will need to have ability to host this event as noted in Joel's email dated March 9, 2008. Peter Johns suggested limited umpiring for the championship event. Joel raised question of conflict with dates and the 420 North American Championship. No one voiced that as a concern. New Bedford YC and Community Boating of New Bedford will co-host the championship event. Peter Johns will arrange for the PRO and 4 umpires. 3 Host Clubs will be needed for each date...please contact Peter Johns or Joel Hanneman if able to provide a venue for these events. Joel will finalize the dates for the scrimmages and secure coaches for these dates. A finalized email will be sent out to all. Please submit Racing Coach's name and contact info and Program Director info to Joel. Peter expressed his appreciation to Joel for his efforts in organizing team racing for SM Sailing.

MEDICAL FORM - Ken Taylor from Regatta Networks displayed a sample medical information form on-line that all participants can submit along with their registrations. Questions can be made to Ken Taylor at Regatta Networks...taylor@regattanetwork.com or telephone Ken at 866-987-2638

NEW BUSINESS – Peter Johns was seeking definite dates for the Area A Triple-Handed Event.

Question raised regarding 420 Clinics. 3 possible dates are in the works. Let Peter Johns know if able to host a Clinic.

Next Meeting – April 14, 2008 7:00 PM