

This Week in SM Sailing: March 2018

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For your Consideration:

The SM Sailing Board will hold their next conference call on Thursday March 15, 2018

Starting at 8 pm EDT

Conference Dial-in Number: (641) 715-3297 Participant Access Code: 379941#

Agenda:

- 1) Final Approval of the New Grand Prix Protocol (see below)
- 2) Treasurer's report from 2017
- 3) Update on training for 2018
- 4) Prosser-Ginn trophy in 2018?
- 5) SMSA and Area A junior championships
- 6) Future officers
- 7) Other business

Those with an interest are welcome to join in and contribute when appropriate.

TRAINING

Instructor Training: Courses are posted and filling up fast.

SM Sailing hopes to be adding more soon, including a possible course over April school vacation week. For more info, [click here](#).

Race Management & Judging: For more info, [click here](#).

- * Race Management - Saturday March 24, 2018 at Beverly YC/ Tabor Academy
- * Judges - Saturday May 5, 2018 at Beverly YC /Tabor Academy

Dave Perry's Tactics and Strategy: For more info, [click here](#).

Saturday April 15, 2018 at Beverly YC/Tabor Academy.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

US Sailing Jr National Championships - Area A Elims - 2018

The schedule for Area A Regattas is starting to finalize. One BIG change is that the Sears qualifiers will be early this year (Late June) - before many SM Sailing programs even begin. This will require some pre-planning. More details, including the NORs to follow. For those interested, put these dates on your calendar.

**Sears: June 23-24, 2018 at Bristol YC
(J/22). Note early date !!**

Smythe: Mid-July 2018 Marblehead Junior Race Week (Lasers)

Bemis: Mid-July 2018 Marblehead Junior Race Week (C420s)

Peg Dates 2018

CALENDAR

**Peg Dates 2018-
2028**

Grand Prix: 2018 and beyond

On the December 14 SM Sailing conference call, the board reviewed the new Grand Prix Protocol 2018-2023. The Protocols have a few changes that are worth noting.

C420:

- Number of GP regattas will drop from 6 to 4 each year. Duxbury Bay MS is removed from the rota.
- The six regattas have been divided into groupings
 - Off Cape: Beverly, New Bedford, Scituate
 - Cape & Islands: Edgartown, Vineyard Haven, Falmouth
- There will be two regattas from each grouping each year.
- Sailors will be able to count their best 3 regatta scores.
- Number of races required for a regatta to be scored is reduced from four to three.

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- Number of GP regattas will stay at 6.
- Four regattas are Grand Prix each year. They represent the four zones of SM Sailing. In most cases, those regattas also don't have a GP C420 event associated with them.
 - Off Cape - Duxbury Bay MS
 - Mid Cape - Wianno
 - Lower Cape - Stone Horse
 - Islands - Edgartown
- Three other Off Cape regattas (Beverly, New Bedford, and Scituate) will rotate with two of those events being Grand Prix each year.
- Sailors will be able to count their best 4 regatta scores.
- Number of races required for a regatta to be scored is reduced from four to three.

The board gave preliminary approval of the Proposed Protocol on the call. A final decision will be made by the board on the March 15th Conferences Call. Those with input should funnel it through the [Administrator](#) before that date. The draft Protocol is posted on the [SM Sailing Grand Prix Website](#).





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