

This Week in SMSA: August 6, 2015

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For Your Consideration: Team Racing

I just got back from East Greenwich, RI, where I was coaching a combined team of Tabor Academy and Stage Harbor YC sailors at the 13th Annual CJ Buckley Team Race. For the past few years, the event has been the C420 class Team Racing National Championship and its location on the calendar between Hyannis Regatta and Buzzard's Bay Regatta has made it very popular not only with the local SMSA and NBYA teams but with team as far away as Virginia, Maryland, and Chicago too. Over three days, 36 teams, 108 boats, and roughly 240 sailors competed in a format that allows teams of comparable skill levels to face off against each other. For me, the regatta is special for two reasons. One it was a great reminder of CJ, a young man that I coached at Tabor and who left us all too early. And two, it allows a bunch of teenagers an opportunity to compete in a format that is about TEAM and not their individual skills. Besides my team, there were three Wianno teams, two from Beverly, two from New Bedford, and one each from Cotuit Mosquito YC, Hyannis YC, Nantucket Community Sailing and Nantucket YC team. I apologies if I missed someone. I guarantee that they all had fun.

Coming up there are two wonderful Team Racing opportunities that I wanted to highlight this week. One is the [SM Sailing Team Racing Championship](#) for the Wesley Durant Trophy, which is at Hyannis YC on Wednesday August 12 and Thursday August 13th. For those who have not meet Wes, he is the grandfather of Team Racing in the SMSA. Last century, there were very few few junior regattas and

weekly team races were the only way that you got to meet and compete against sailors from other clubs. Wes was the man who set everything up and made sure that the competition was fair and just, He is a very fitting person to have their name on this trophy. Hopefully your club will come and compete in this event that not only honors a great man but also does so in a format that is fun and exciting, and about TEAM more than individual skill.

The other event is the [Chix Only Team Race](#) at Harvard University on Sunday September 6th. The great thing about this event is that you just show up and use Harvard University's boats. The Chix Only was conceived by female sailors to allow female sailors of all ages the opportunity to compete in Team Racing. At the time, there were not many if any chances to do so. It is a wonderful, low stress sailing day on the Charles River and I high recommend any and all SMSA female sailors take advantage of this opportunity. You will not regret it.



The 2015 [SMSA Grand Prix](#) results have been updated. The C420s skipper through Scituate Harbor Junior Regatta and the Optis through Wianno. C420 crew I have a glitch with but hope to get that updated by the weekend. Up next for both fleets is Duxbury Bay MS Jr. Regatta/ Junior Olympics.

Questions, comments, & concerns can be address to [me](#). If you point out the mistakes, I can fix them quickly.

[C420 standings](#)

[Opti Standings](#)



This Week in SMSA: Aug 7- Aug 13

8/7-8/9: BBR

8/7: JO Windsurfing

8/9-8/12: Mass Bay JO at Cottage Park

8/11: Hyannis Invitational

8/12-8/13: SMSA Team Racing Champs

8/12: Barnstable Green Fleet Regatta

8/12: Plymouth Jr, Regatta

8/13-8/16: C420 NA in NC

Next Week in SMSA: Aug 14- Aug 21

8/15-16: JOs at Duxbury Bay MS Jr Regatta

8/15: Stone Horse Builders Cup

8/17-19: JOs at Beverly Jr Regatta

8/20: SMSA Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner



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