

## **SMSA Grand Prix Guidelines** **(Updated 3-14-2011)**

Guideline will help define what is or can be a Grand Prix Regattas and add uniformity to those events. It will also allow event that want to become Grand Prix Regattas a guideline to strive for.

1. A Grand Prix Regatta shall be scheduled for at least two calendar days.
2. For results from a Regatta to be counted towards Grand Prix points at least four (4) races must be scored.
3. Results for Grand Prix Regattas shall be listed with skipper (and crew names) as well as sailing organization representation. They shall be posted on-line or forwarded to the SMSA Administrator by noon the day after the regatta ends.
4. There shall be at least four (4) and no more than six (6) regattas in a Grand Prix series.
5. All Grand Prix Regattas shall be junior regatta (sailors may not reach their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday in the calendar year of the event) or shall have an official junior division that is scored.
6. There shall be only one Grand Prix Regatta per class per day (i.e. Grand Prix Regattas may not overlap)
7. If at all possible, Grand Prix Regattas shall be spread out over the entire SMSA region (Islands, Off Cape, Upper Cape, Mid Cape, Lower Cape).
8. Grand Prix Regattas will be scored using the posted criteria.
  - a. Participants must represent a SMSA member club and list that club in their registration for an SMSA Grand Prix Regatta each time, regardless of any outside SMSA organizations that they belong to as well.
  - b. Participants must sail in at least two-thirds (2/3) of the regattas scheduled in order to be scored at the end of the year.
  - c. Participants will be scored on the results based as follows:
    - If there are 4 regattas, the best 3 count (75%)
    - If there are 5 regattas, the best 4 count (80%)
    - If there are 6 regattas, the best 4 count (66%)