

This Week in SM Sailing: February 2018

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For your Consideration:

Over the winter, I plan to profile a board member each month. Hopefully, you will find this information helpful and informative - placing a name and face with all that gets done at SM Sailing.

Natalie Coleman Fuller. SMSA President, 2016–2018

Natalie Coleman-Fuller's love of the waters around Cape Cod can be traced back to her childhood of spending summer days racing Beetle Cats and Daysailers on Pleasant Bay. Later, she enjoyed cruising around Nantucket Sound, the Islands and Buzzards Bay with her

husband, Rob, aboard the Grayling (Marshall 22, hull #1). In recent years, she has loved coaching/spectating at Opti and 420 youth sailing competitions around Southern Massachusetts.

Natalie has led by example to model female leadership in sailing and excellence in racing. She was one of the first (if not the first) female sailing masters at Nantucket Yacht Club in the 80s; she competed in a number of 'Mrs. Charles Frances Adams Cup' competitions held across the US, winning second place ('Mrs. Willis D. Wood trophy') in 2009; and she is an active competitor in Daysailers and C420s at the Chatham Yacht Club.

Natalie has served as commodore of Chatham Yacht Club, and is currently a board member of Pleasant Bay Community Boating (PBCB), where she helped usher the 2014 purchase of their permanent home on 3.1 acres of waterfront property spanning three towns (Harwich, Brewster and Orleans). At PBCB, she has been instrumental in building both sailing and marine science programs, including the Friday Friendly Races and Muddy Creek Explorers (find out more about PBCB at www.pbc cb.cc).

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 !!

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

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

National and Regional Symposiums

I just returned from St. Petersburg Beach, FL, where I attended the [Sailing Leadership Forum \(SLF\)](#). It was a great collection of people interested in sailing. There were two highlights for me.

- Duxbury Bay Maritime School (DBMS) won the Community Sailing Award
- Tom Duggan (Hyannis YC) was recognized as the Top Race Officer in 2017.

The opportunity to learn, share, and collaborate left me energized about the upcoming season. Next year the National Sailing Programs Symposium (NSPS) will be in Jacksonville, FL in January 2019. Makes plans to attend.

If you think Jacksonville is too far to go, plan to attend a [Regional Symposium \(RS\)](#). There is not a Northeast RS scheduled yet, but follow this space for future details.

Peg Dates 2018

CALENDAR

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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.

Opti:

- 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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