

This Week in SM Sailing: February 5, 2019

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For your Consideration:

Well the Groundhog did not see his shadow this weekend, so get ready for an early spring. You can do that in a few ways.

The SM Sailing **Adult Sailing Summit is this weekend.** The goal will be to schedule and to promote some adult regattas like the newly revised SM Sailing Prosser-Ginn Club Championship, a possible Adult Team Racing event on Nantucket, and the revival of SM Sailing Offshore Racing. Everything is on the table. The meeting will be scheduled for 3 hours (0900 to 1200) and if we need follow up, it will be scheduled. Clubs interested in being part of the conversation should plan to send a representative(s). Click on the link [Blue](#) below.

After the AS Summit, focus will be turned towards **Training**. SM Sailing has recently posted a bunch of Level-1 and level-2 Instructor courses on the US Sailing website. All courses are first come, first served, so if you know you need training this year, it is better to sign up early to ensure you get the course close to you. For a complete list, Click on the link **RED** below.

Each year, I field dozens of questions that fall into one of three categories:

- 1) "Is there room for just one more person?" The answer is no. Course size is based upon safety and time considerations.
- 2) "Can I get into course A, which is full, b/c it is closer to my home? All the other courses are far away." The answer is again no (see above) Sometimes going to a different place yields a different experience and the instructor brings back to their home club a new set of tools that makes your program better. In fact, I would encourage all Instructor candidates to take a course outside their immediate area.
- 3) "My son/daughter never received the information about the course in a timely manner. What should I do?" This often happens b/c parents register their children. I get it. I have a teenager But, if

your child is mature enough to teach sailing, then they are mature enough to take charge of their own training. When you sign them up, make sure to use THEIR e-mail address so that they get all the relevant information.

In addition to Instructor/Coach training, SM Sailing will be hosting a US Sailing Race Management Course and a US Sailing Judges Course. Dates for these are forthcoming, so keep any eye on your e-mail and the SM Sailing Website

I am on my way back from a very exciting and informative US Sailing National Sailing Programs Symposium (NSPS). There were a bunch of people from SM Sailing clubs in attendance. I plan to have a full recap in my next blast. If you wish you had attended, make plans to go to the next [Regional Symposium](#) - Friday March 29, 2019 at the Tiverton YC (Tiverton, RI). These Regional Symposiums are great places to share ideas and get questions answered.

[Registration Link](#)

SM Sailing Adult Racing Summit

Training: Instructors, Race Management and Judges/Umpires

Grand Prix Guidelines and Regatta Rotation (2018-2023)

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