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For your Consideration:

Two weeks ago, the SM Sailing Board approved three changes to the Grand Prix format.

1) 2021 Schedule Approved: It was decided that the 2021 schedule would be the same as the 2020 schedule. The logic was that those scheduled to hold GP regattas in 2020 should not be penalized by the pandemic.

- The one change was to the C420 schedule, where Beverly Jr Regatta was added because two of the four regattas from 2020 were on Martha's Vineyard and neither Edgartown nor Vineyard Haven were planning to offer housing in 2021. The addition of BJR now allows more options.
- A new comprehensive C420 schedule for 2022-2030 will be rolled out for approval over the winter.

2) 420 skipper-crew scoring change Sailors in the 420 class will be score regardless of their position in the boat. They will be awarded trophies (1st through 5th) depending on which position they sailed most of the time.

- This fixes the issue where a skipper-crew combination switch places for one regatta during the summer. Under our present system, they both

lose out on points. Since we proscribe that both positions are vital to a boat's success, it should not matter which position you are in to be scored points.

- Recognition of both skippering and crewing excellence is important. Rather than just have one big list, we should recognize excellent in both position as they require different skill sets. This keeps that recognition in place.
- This proposal has a sunset clause through the 2022 season and would need to be reaffirmed before the 2023 season to take permanent hold.

3) Overall scoring: Only sailors that finish in the top 40 boats of a Grand Prix Regatta will be scored. In the case of the Opti class, if the top five in any division (red, blue, white) has not be scored in the top 40 boats, then next eligible boats in that division will be scored until a total of five is reached.

- Design of the Grand Prix is to recognize the best in each fleet. Scoring everyone is time consuming and slows the posting of accurate results.
- Not scoring in a regatta may convince a sailor to attend another regatta to accrue points, which helps all our regattas. This policy may lead to expanding the number of GP regattas for the 2022- 2030 schedule.
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In-person Level-1 opportunity: I received this from my friends in VT. I am sending this email to you all to let you know about the Level 1 in Burlington, VT in 2 weeks that has 7 spaces open. If you have any staff still looking for a course and they have completed the online portion or will have it completed before the start of this course, please send this information their way.

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