

This Month in SMSA: May 15, 2014

<http://www.southernmasssailing.com>

1. **Meetings/Conference Calls:**

- a. Next Conference Call: Thursday May 15, 2014 **TONIGHT**
- b. All calls start at 7 pm.
- c. Conference Dial-in Number: (760) 569-0111 Participant Access Code: 379941#
Meeting Minutes: <http://www.southernmasssailing.com/ma-sailing-association-meeting-minutes.asp>

AGENDA:

1. President's report
 2. Treasure's report
 3. Admin. Report
 - a. Instructor Training
 - b. Recap of US Sailing Race Management Seminar – Duxbury Bay MS on May 3rd
 - c. SMSA Summer regattas- registration window opens June 1st.
 4. Discussion topic: How does your club pay for and/or reimburse for instructor training.
2. **Instructors: Training:** An up-to-date schedule is posted on the US Sailing website (see below). A few things to remember about US Sailing Instructor courses:
- a. All registration is done through US Sailing and on-line. All registrations questions should be directed to the training office of US Sailing (401-683-0800)
 - b. Registration is always “first come, first served.”
 - c. There is no “wait-list” for any US Sailing course. When it fills, it is filled.
 - d. There is not room for “one more person” (i.e. you) in a course. Courses are capped at a certain number to ensure safety and to fit into the time allotted. Again, when it fills, it is filled.
 - e. Courses are schedule in a wide variety of places, times, and formats. Sometimes those options require you to make choices. Don't be afraid of signing up for a course that is outside the area. Often those new experiences can enhance the learning process.

[http://training.ussailing.org/Course Calendars/Small Boat Instructor and Coach Course Calendar.htm](http://training.ussailing.org/Course%20Calendars/Small%20Boat%20Instructor%20and%20Coach%20Course%20Calendar.htm)

Where to find stuff on the SM Sailing Website:

- A. **SMSA Regattas:** schedule of 2014 events that have been confirmed are posted.

<http://www.southernmasssailing.com/ma-sailing-association-calendar-of-events.asp>

- B. **Peg Dates for 2014:** Please look at the projected 2014 dates for traditional regattas.

[http://www.southernmasssailing.com/userfiles/2014%20SMSA%20Peg%20dates%20\(9-2-13\)a.pdf](http://www.southernmasssailing.com/userfiles/2014%20SMSA%20Peg%20dates%20(9-2-13)a.pdf)

When your club confirms its dates, please let me know (SouthernMassSailing@GMail.com) and I will post it on the SMSA website

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