



**Southern Mass Sailing Association Conference Call
Monday March 11, 2013**

Attendees:

Emily Mezzetti (Hyannis YC)- SMSA President
Mark Conway (Grand Cove YC) – SMSA Vice-President
Chuck Leonard (Duxbury Bay MS) - Treasurer
Rob Hurd (Tabor Academy BC) - Administrator

Chris Memoli (Beverly YC) & Phyllis Partridge (Beverly YC)
Nick Peirson (Cotuit Mosquito YC)
Bill Abbott (Hyannis YC)
Joey Mello (New Bedford YC)
Tom Toulis (Quissett YC)
Doug Calman (Scituate Harbor YC)
Drew Carslon (Stage Harbor YC)
Wes Durant (Wild Harbor YC)
Michael Benoit (Wianno YC)
Emily Taylor (Nantucket Community Sailing)
Justin Assad (Nantucket YC)

1. Meeting called to order at 1905 by SMSA president Emily Mezzetti
2. Financial Health of SMSA (conclusions from Officer's meeting 1-12-2013) - Chuck Leonard (SMSA Treasurer).
 - Organization is in good health; roughly \$54k in the bank with an average of \$6K extra each year. Our membership is roughly steady at 48 members
 - Dues reduction to \$100 for schools and Comm. Sailing programs.
 - Pay for qualified Instructor candidates to attend the L1/L2 Instructor Trainers course at the NSPS in exchange for teaching a course in the area each year for 10 years.
 - Buy 2,500 SMSA whistle and give them out to clubs.
 - Run Race Management and Judges Seminars free of charge.

Questions:

- ✓ Can we look into having SMSA burgees made too. Answer, yes. Mark Conroy has been investigating that topic and should have an answer soon.
- ✓ Have there been any sailors that have applied to SMSA for grants for sailing travel.

3. Training

- **Race Management**
- SMSA will be sponsoring two US Sailing one-Day Race Management Seminars this spring
 - *Sunday April 28, 2013 at Falmouth YC*
 - *Saturday June 15, 2013 at Hyannis YC*
- Participants register through US Sailing (explanation and website link is posted on the SMSA website) and pay the \$25 fee for materials. SMSA will cover all other costs associated with the program.
- Ideal for those who will be running races at their clubs this summer, especially if any of those events are regattas where outsiders have been invited.
- **Instructor and Coach Training**
US Sailing Level-1 Instructor:
 - Program was redone last year.
 - This year, US Sailing is offering the same 4-day program.
 - Age limit now: “Open to anyone who turns 16 in this calendar year”
 - Added an free on-line concussion test required before attending the course
- **US Sailing Level-2 Instructor:**
 - A new level place between level-1 instructor and old level-2 coach designed for the intermediate or second year instructor.
 - Workshop format designed to impart knowledge not evaluate skills like L1
 - More on-the-water safety techniques taught.
 - Going to become the new industry standard for education.
 - 2-day workshop format with after class on-line certification techniques
- **US Sailing Level-3 Coach**
 - 1-day workshop designed for those who are coaching racing at the club level
 - If you were certified as an old Level-2 coach last year, you are automatically elevated to new level-3 coach.
 - Impart knowledge not test skills
 - New industry standard for race coaches
- **Coming in 2014:**

- US Sailing Level-3 Head Instructor, Level-4 Coach, and Level-4 Program Director
- See notes on SMSA website about new program design.

4. Next call on April 8, 2013 at 7 pm.

5. Adjourned at 1945