

This Week in SM Sailing: September 27, 2018

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For your Consideration: **NETWORKING**

Do you find yourself in charge of your club's junior sailing program or tasked with running your regatta. Do you often wonder if other Commodores have the same issues as you do? No reason to wallow in self-pity. Its time to find a friend. And the best place to find a friend is at one of US Sailing's Symposiums.

For those who like an adventure and want to see the country, think about attending the [US Sailing National Sailing Programs Symposium](#) **January 31 - February 2, 2019 in Jacksonville, FL.** From the US Sailing website, "NSPS is the only conference of its kind that brings together program directors, instructors, volunteers, parents and industry representatives to share and learn best practices with one another about running, maintaining and improving sailing programs." My first symposium was in 1992, and I pick up something new every time I attend. If you have questions, the people there have answers. You can find me in Jacksonville this January.

If you would like to stay closer to home, US Sailing also hosts [Regional Symposiums](#). Again, from the US Sailing website, "The Regional Symposiums (RS) provide an opportunity for organizations to share ideas and concerns about sailing education and programming within the various regions throughout the country." The Northeast Regional Symposium will

be **Friday November 2, 2019 in Burlington, VT.** This one-day event tend to follow a more narrow focus, but they are packed with great idea for your organization.

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[US Sailing Awards](#)

On behalf of US Sailing's Community Sailing Committee, I forward this information to encourage you to submit nominations for this year's [US Sailing Awards](#).

US Sailing recognizes organizations and individuals who have done an exemplary job of supporting the sport of sailing. Last year, Duxbury Bay Maritime School was recognized. These awards are presented annually, held in conjunction with either the Sailing Leadership Forum or National Sailing Programs Symposium. This is a wonderful way to gain recognition for your program and the people involved. Additionally, feel free to support other programs or people that should be recognized and nominate them today. *[Do not be shy about nominating your organization or people.](#)*

[Grand Prix Guidelines and Regatta Rotation \(2018-2023\)](#)

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