This Week in SMSA: February 15, 2019

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For your Consideration:

1) AS Summit recap

On Saturday February 9, 2019, Beverly YC hosted the SM Sailing Adult Sailing Summit. A diverse group of 14 talked about what happens at their club, securing & training quality race committees, adult team racing, and attracting & retaining the 18-30 year old crowd. Minutes of that meeting are posted on the <u>SM Sailing Meeting Page</u> of the website. Furthermore, SM Sailing is commissioning a study of (a) what each club offers for adult racing and (b) how many clubs would be interested in setting up an adult team racing series? Please fill out the survey below.

2) NSPS recap - Regional Symposium

I spend the last week of January in Jacksonville, FL attending the annual <u>US Sailing National Sailing Programs Symposium</u> (NSPS). There were 391 people from around the country in attendance representing community sailing programs, yacht clubs, high school and college programs, boat distributors, and more. The themes was share, learn, thrive. I certainly did all of those.

A complete list of what happened is posted on the <u>US Sailing website</u>.

The highlight for me was watching **Thomas and Barbara Farquhar** (Marion, MA / St. Petersburg, FL/ Beverly YC) received the prestigious *Nathaniel G. Herreshoff Trophy* for their extraordinary contributions to the sport of sailing. Also **Gregory Pimentel** (New Bedford, Mass and Community Boating Center of New Bedford.) received the award for *Excellence in Instruction*. Next year, the NSPS gets rolled into the Sailing Leadership Forum in San Diego, CA, February 6-8, 2020. Save the date and plan to attend.

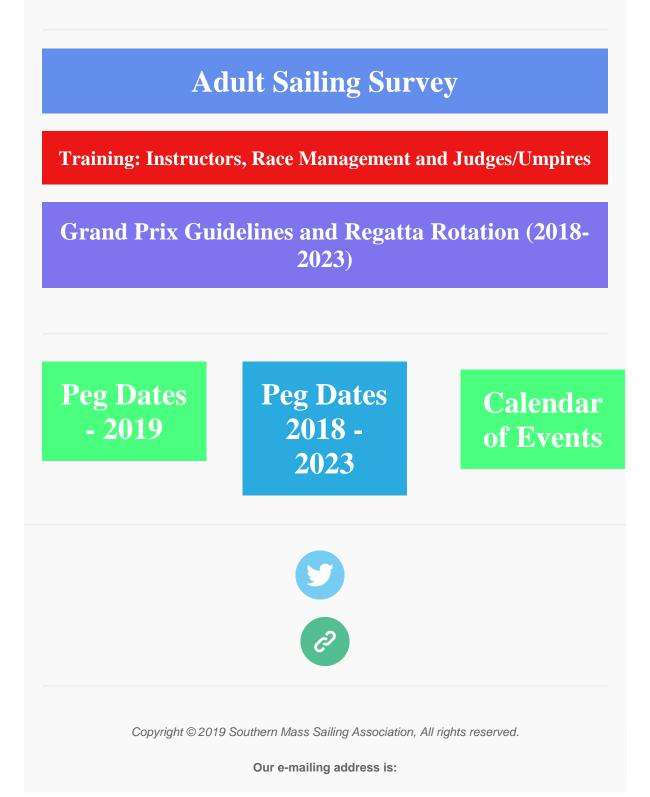
Can't wait until Next February to get your questions answered, then make plans to go to the next US Sailing <u>Regional Symposium</u> - **Friday March 29, 2019** at the Tiverton YC (Tiverton, RI). These Regional Symposiums are great places to share ideas and get questions answered. Here is the <u>Registration Link</u>

3) Training Update:

We have finalized some courses in the past few days, so as you look for a Level-1 Instructor, Level-2 Instructor, or Sailing Counselor course, check out these options

- <u>Instructor Courses:</u> Courses recently added or about to be added
 - L1: April School Vacation courses added (Tuesday 4/16-Friday 4/19) at Duxbury Bay MS.
 - o L1: June 11-14, 2019 at Mass Maritime Academy
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 - L1: June 18-21, 2019 at Mass Maritime Academy
 - SC: June 21-22, 2019 at Cape Cod Sea Camps (This is a great course for junior instructors to get a feel of what it takes to be successful at Level-1 when they are eligible. HIGHLY recommended)
- <u>Race Management Seminar</u>:
 - Saturday April 13, 2019 at Hyannis YC
- <u>Judges/Umpire Seminar</u> possible dates (not confirmed yet)
 - o Saturday April 6, 2019 at Duxbury Bay MS
 - Saturday April 13, 2019 at Duxbury Bay MS
 - o Saturday May 18, 2019 at Duxbury Bay MS
- Dave Dellenbuagh Tactics seminar Sponsored by Beverly YC
 - o Sunday May 5, 2019 at Tabor Academy
- <u>Power boating Courses:</u> Most people don't realize that powerboat driving skills are an integral part of begin a good sailing instructor. And most level-1 Instructor candidates have poor power boating skills, mainly because they spend so much time in

a sailing boat. If you want your child to be better prepared for a Level-1 course, they should take a power boating course when they are 14-15. Here is a <u>list of where and when courses are offered</u>. Local course should be sprouting up soon



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