

This Week in SMSA: January 17, 2025
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For your consideration:

We're back. Happy MLK Day/ Inauguration Day.

While the summer season is still months away, below is a lot of stuff that is worth looking at over this long holiday weekend.

1) Plans are underway for the **Winter Zim Roundtable** at Plymouth YC on Friday February 28, 2025. The event is FREE and Zim will provide a light breakfast and lunch, swag bag, and lots of great discussion with folks from the New England region. Broad topics to start discussions are Staff Acquisition and Retention, Program and Class Development, Partnerships and Community Outreach, and Grants and Fundraising, but more focused discussions take place as the conversations take shape. Please register by February 25th: [Register Here](#)

2) US Sailing Leadership Forum (SLF) I will be at the SLF in Coronado, CA in early February. This is an opportunity to "Connect leaders from all aspects of our sport such as sail training and education, yacht club and sailing organization management, racing associations and organizations including one-design and handicap classes, race officials, and industry professionals." The opportunity to networks is fantastic and I always go away from one of these events having learned something new. Space is filling up fast.

For more information and registration link, [click here](#).

3) SM Sailing Board Meetings: Board calls are being tentatively scheduled for the following dates. A reminder that all are invited and more clubs being involved creates a stronger organization. Click on the Meeting Minutes link below for more information.

- March 20, 2025
- April 17, 2025
- May 22, 2025

4) Jobs: Do you have a job that needs to be filled? Send a description to SouthernMassSailing@GMail.com Click the link below to see what is already available.

5) Training:

- Interested in hosting a Level-1 Instructor course at your club this year. Fill out [this form](#). US Sailing will help you get things going. Right now, there are very few courses set up in the area.
- There are several Level-2 courses slated for Southern Mass this summer (Hyannis YC, New Bedford YC, and Quissett YC)
- SMSA is planning to set up a Race Management class designed to help clubs write NORs and SIs for the new 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing. Stay tuned for more information.
- SM Sailing is hosting a Race Coach Seminar on Friday June 20 at Hyannis YC. Clubs are encouraged to send their C420 and Opti coaches

6) Summer 2025 Calendar. Click the 2025 Peg Dates link below. Has your club's regatta been finalized. Contact SouthernMassSailing@GMail.com to make arrangements to get it on the calendar.

Some changes to the summer season:

- Sail Newport is hosting the [C420 NEs](#) June 28-29.
- Wianno YC is hosting [C420 Women's Nationals](#) July 17-18**
- Hyannis YC is hosting [C420 Nationals](#) July 22-24 **
- There will be NO C420 class at the Hyannis Invite in 2025. Instead the [SMSA Team Racing Champs \(Durant trophy\)](#) will be held as part of that regatta.

- B/c HYI will not have C420s, they have been replaced in the 2025 Grand Prix Schedule by the Vineyard Haven Junior Regatta. Click the link below for more information.

** FYI. Registration for the C420 Nationals open at noon on Tuesday April 22, 2025. The 150 slots will fill up fast (sometimes as rapidly as 15 min), so be prepared and ready to go. I suspect that the registration for the C420 Women's Nationals will open on April 15th at noon, but I will confirm that asap.

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