

This Week in SM Sailing: January 2018

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For your Consideration: TRAINING

In order to be the best at what you want to accomplish, you need training and Education.

Instructor Training:

For sailors, that is having certified Instructor and coaches leading the way. SM Sailing is happy to announce the opening of several Level-1 Instructor, Level-2 Senior Instructor, Level-3 Coach, and Level-3 Head Instructor courses being offered this Pre-Summer in SM Sailing. And we will look to add more if we can.

For more info, [click here](#).

Race Management & Judging:

Two things that make a regatta successful is good race management and judging. SM Sailing, in partnership with Beverly YC and Tabor Academy, will be hosting a Race Management seminar (March 24, 2018) and a Judges Seminar (May 5, 2018). SM Sailing will cover the cost of the food; Tabor Academy is providing the space, and Beverly YC is handling the administration of the courses. Furthermore, SM Sailing will reimburse anyone who takes the on-line test afterwards, a win-win for all involved.

For more info, [click here](#).

Tactics and Strategy:

Beverly YC will be hosting an afternoon seminar with Dave Perry on

Racing Tactics and Strategy at Tabor Academy on Sunday April 15, 2018. More details can be found on Regatta Network. Dave continues to be the ultimate authority on the rules. Those who attend will have a leg up on their competition heading into the summer.

For more info, [click here](#).

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Grand Prix: 2018 and beyond

On the December 14 SM Sailing conference call, the board reviewed the new Grand Prix Protocol 2018-2023. The Protocols have a few changes that are worth noting.

C420:

- Number of GP regattas will drop from 6 to 4 each year. Duxbury Bay MS is removed from the rota.
- The six regattas have been divided into groupings
 - Off Cape: Beverly, New Bedford, Scituate
 - Cape & Islands: Edgartown, Vineyard Haven, Falmouth
- There will be two regattas from each grouping each year.
- Sailors will be able to count their best 3 regatta scores.
- Number of races required for a regatta to be scored is reduced from four to three.

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- Number of GP regattas will stay at 6.
- Four regattas are Grand Prix each year. They represent the four zones of SM Sailing. In most cases, those regattas also don't have a GP C420 event associated with them.
 - Off Cape - Duxbury Bay MS
 - Mid Cape - Wianno
 - Lower Cape - Stone Horse
 - Islands - Edgartown
- Three other Off Cape regattas (Beverly, New Bedford, and Scituate) will rotate with two of those events being Grand Prix each year.
- Sailors will be able to count their best 4 regatta scores.
- Number of races required for a regatta to be scored is reduced from four to three.

The board gave preliminary approval of the Proposed Protocol on the call. A final decision will be made by the board on the March 15th Conferences Call. Those with input should funnel it through the [Administrator](#) before that date. The draft Protocol is posted on the [SM Sailing Grand Prix Website](#).



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