

This Week in SM Sailing: April 2018

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For your Consideration:

Bunch of things have happened in SM Sailing over the past three months.

- 1) the Board meet and approved the new 2018-2023 Grand Prix Protocol
- 2) A successful Race Management Seminar was held and more is planned in the way of education.
- 3) US Sailing has announced the schedule for the 2018 Area A qualifiers. They all happen early this year.

See below for more info on all of these topics.

[SM Sailing Board Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2018](#)

TRAINING

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

Race Management & Judging: For more info, [click here](#).

Judges - Saturday May 5, 2018 at Beverly YC /Tabor Academy

US Sailing Jr National Championships - Area A Elims - 2018

The 2018 Area A Regattas dates and locations for the Area A qualifiers for the Chubb US Junior Champs have been released.

Sears: June 23-24, 2018 at Bristol YC
(J/22). [Promotional Flier](#)

Smythe: July 9-11 at Boothbay Harbor, Maine (Lasers)

Bemis: July 9-11 at Boothbay Harbor, Maine (C420s)

The Notice of Race for each regatta will be posted on the [US Sailing Junior Champs Website](#) when available. I wanted to share this information now as summer planning goes into full swing. The Area A representative to the US Sailing Junior Championships committee is Frank Pizzo (frank.pizzo@gmail.com).

Frank has recruited the Bristol Yacht Club in Rhode Island to host the Area A Sears Cup on June 23-24 in J22's, and the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club in Maine to host the Area A Bemis/Smythe on July 9-11. The contacts at the host clubs are:

Sears: Peter Wisotszkey - programdirector@eastbaysailingfoundation.org - (508) 344-7383

Bemis/Smythe: Charles Barclay - cpabarclay@gmail.com - (207) 633-5750

Peg Dates 2018

CALENDAR

Peg Dates 2018-2028

Grand Prix: 2018 and beyond

Approved by the SM Sailing Board on March 15, 2018

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.

Opti:

- 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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