
**This Week in SMSA: August 20,
2014**

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Good Afternoon,

some of you will be receiving this e-mail for the first time. This morning, I scoured the websites from all 44 member clubs in the Southern Mass Sailing Association (SM Sailing or SMSA for short) - and a few that use to be members- and added you to our e-mail list. I was shocked and slightly disappointed how many clubs were not registered already. If you are shocked and disappointed to receive this e-mail, instructions on how to un-subscribe are listed at the bottom.

That said, I hope that everyone will not only elect to stay on the e-mail list. but will forward this e-mail to the appropriate people in their club and help grow the e-mail list. Instructions for subscribing can be found on the [SM Sailing website](#). SM Sailing can only grow and help out member clubs if they are informed. Therefore, I encourage everyone to do the following:

- 1) Make sure that the movers and shakers at your club are subscribed to the SM Sailing e-mail list. E-mails are sent weekly during the summer and monthly during the rest of the year.
- 2) Check the [SM Sailing website](#) frequently. It is loaded with information and should be the first place to look for your sailing questions.
- 3) If you are a tweeter, follow us on Twitter (@SoMASailing). The SMSA twitter feed will give you the most up-to-date information. If you don't tweet, you can follow the twitter feed on the SMSA websites home page. If your kids have a twitter account, of course they do, have them follow us so that they can be informed too.

Our goal is the get the information about sailing in Southern Mass into the hands of the right people. Help us, help the members at your club.

Questions, comments, or concerns, can be [E-Mailed](#) to me, Rob Hurd (SMSA Administrator)

Thanks for reading. Now finish the weekly e-mail.

For Your Consideration:

I had hoped to get this out yesterday, but you know how it goes as the season winds down. Many of you have left the Cape and Southern Mass region already headed to school, college, and back to your non-summer lives, hopefully full of new memories about how great the summer of 2014 was. Before you completely "close the book" on 2014, there are two things left for you to consider.

1) **SMSA Awards night and Annual Meeting on August 20, 2014 at the West Dennis YC.** The evening is free but [reservations](#) are required.

- Reports (President, Treasurer, Administrator)
- Awarding of the SMSA Trophies (Nash, Jones, Team Racing, Grand Prix)
- **New Business**
- Nominating Committee's report
- Distribution of SMSA Burgees to clubs in attendance

2) Its time to start thinking about Summer 2015?

- **Pegs dates** for 2015 are posted on the SMSA Website. Please confirm your regatta's date(s) as soon as possible so we can start building the 2015 schedule.
 - **Instructors/Coaches.**
 - Need instructor/coach training for next year? If your club is interested in hosting a US Sailing [Level-1 Instructor](#), [Level-2 Instructor](#), or [Level-3 coach](#) course next year, I am happy to walk you through the process.
 - Check out the [SMSA Job bank](#) for 2015. Posting your job
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openings is easy and free. Check it out.

- **Questions**, comments, or concerns about 2015, please [contact me](#)

Rest of this month in SMSA (Aug 20 – Sept 20)

Wednesday Aug 20: SMSA Awards & Annual Meeting (West Dennis YC. 6 pm)

Aug 23 -24: [Olivia Team Race](#) (Annapolis, MD)

Sept 7: [Chix Only Team Race](#) (Harvard University)

[2015 Regatta Schedule](#)

- regattas will be added once they are confirm.
- 2014 regattas will be taken down after Oct 1st.

SMSA General Info:

A. SMSA Grand Prix Racing:

1. [Protocols and 2015 Regattas](#)
2. [C420s Results](#)
3. [Opti Results](#)

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