

SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS SAILING

CONFERENCE CALL PROGRAM DIRECTORS / COACHES

MAY 27, 2008

PRESENT: Petert Johns, Wianno YC, Phyllis Partridge, Beverly YC, Joel Hanneman, Beverly YC, Melissa McNally, Buzzards YC, PD, Brent Levinson, Beverly YC, OPTI Coach, Garran Peterson, Cape Cod Sea Camps, Susan Duncan, Nantucket YC, Heather Goodwin, Beverly YC,PD, Eric Hartell, Buzzards Sailing, Julie Webster, Stage Harbor YC, Alex Jacobs, West Dennis YC, Matt Wake, Sturgis Boat Works, Emily Taylor, Nantucket Community Sailing, Drew Carlson, Stage Harbor YC, Ben Steinberg, Hyannisport YC, Rip Hale, Deidre Rynne, Edgartown YC, PD, Mike Callahan, New Bedford YC, Willis Taylor, Chatham YC, Colleen Kelley, Plymouth YC, Chris Love, West Dennis YC, Liz Powers, Quisset YC, Doug Calnan, Scituate Harbor YC

Peter welcomed all on the call and noted that the minutes of this call will be posted on the SM Sailing website under the “About us” heading.

1. GRAND PRIX – greatly expanded events to help encourage participation Meeting held last Fall and input received from Clubs with great participation in these events. Helpful input received on how to better structure and organize these events taking into consideration traveling logistics for the Island Clubs. Peter encouraged Program Directors and Coaches to use these events wisely in selecting which of their junior sailors will enter and compete in each event.

2. MEDICAL FORMS - New process, all on-line through Regatta Networks, Participants are not able to complete registration to an event unless medical form is completed. Regatta Networks will publish an EXCEPTION REPORT for each event listing specific info on each participant where indicated. Remind all participants to keep their medical forms updated throughout the season. Each host venue should take the EXCEPTION REPORT out on the water during an event.

3. LADDER EVENTS – Peter requested that everyone please note the website calendar for date of each event. Important to note that all events are scheduled one week earlier this year due to US Sailing calendar.

NASH/JONES at Vineyard Haven YC June 25-26. This is a “Bring your Boat Event”. Only one boat per Club may enter.

GILL at Stage Harbor YC June 16-17-18 June 16 is a Clinic Day. This is an open event chaired by Lisa Patten. Drew Carlson put in a positive plug for this

event as a wonderful opportunity for girls. Matt Wake will contact Peter with potential leads on a coach for this clinic.

CUMMINGS at Pleasant Bay Community Boating, July 7-8. One boat per Club may enter.

4. CLINICS – OPTI Clinics underwritten by Sturgis Boat Works. Matt Wake reported that there would be two clinics offered, a SILVER Level and a GOLD Level. Matt suggested that Program Directors begin early communication with their sailors for availability to participate. SILVER Level participants should be members of their local Club racing team, this level not designed for beginner sailors. GOLD Level should be sailors that have placed in the top 40 in last seasons events. Resumes may also be submitted for review. GOLD Level at Beverly YC, June 23-24. SILVER Level at Scituate Harbor YC, June 21-22. Registrations through Regatta Networks and a nominal fee will be charged to cover cost of food and fuel. Coached by Todd Federsyzn from St. Petersburg YC. Todd is a leading OPTI coach nationwide. This will be a wonderful opportunity for OPTI sailors. Matt suggested that coaches also attend and will be encouraged to participate in clinic. Please email Matt at Sturgis Boat works if able to attend this clinic with your junior sailors. Peter expressed great appreciation to Matt Wake, Sturgis Boat Works for funding this most generous opportunity for our junior sailors.

420 CLINIC – Two clinics will be held at two different venues and different dates. Boats will be provided at the Hyannis clinic, 18 Maximum. SM Sailing is requesting Program Directors to nominate sailors for two boats. This clinic is aimed at top sailors and is not a “learn to sail” clinic. These clinics will be high impact, long days. A nominal fee will be charged to cover the cost of food and fuel. Registrations will be via Regatta Networks on a first come first serve basis. Watch SM Sailing website for posting of open registration. June 14-15 @ Hyannis YC, Colin Merrick, Amanda Callahan and Brian Clancy coaching and June 23-24 @ Vineyard Haven YC, Ken Legler coaching.

5. TEAM RACING – Joel Hanneman reported on his efforts to date to organize individual meets led by a team racing expert. The goal of the coached scrimmages is to improve the quality of the SM Sailing team racing game. SM Sailing sailors will benefit from this experience and be better prepared for high school and college team racing. SM Sailing is providing high-performance team race clinics for the area’s A Level teams. These three days will be intense, full days of lecture, drills and scrimmage team races. SM Sailing will provide top-level coaches to run the day and provide hands-on coaching. Results from the scrimmages do not have any immediate effect; however these results will be used to pre-rank teams for the SM Sailing season Team Racing Championship. This championship is scheduled for August 7-8 to be held at Community Boating of New Bedford and co-hosted by New Bedford YC. This will be an umpired event. Peter expressed appreciation to Joel for all his effort to date in revitalizing team

racing for members of SM Sailing. The finalized schedule will be posted on the website. Please forward all comments to Joel. If able to host a scrimmage please email Joel with your availability.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION – Peter requested feedback from all on the call with regards to how SM Sailing can better serve the membership. Peter raised the option for SM Sailing to host a get-together for all Program Directors and coaches . The general concensus was that everyone would like to have a follow-up conference call after everyone was able to review all the information available to date. Some Clubs have just hired their staff and more time is needed to assess their individual needs.

If anyone has questions please email Peter Johns or Joel Hanneman. If anyone is aware of someone whose name is not on the email distribution list please let Peter Johns know.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL June 16, 2008, 8:00 PM
Agenda will be sent in advance