

This Week in SMSA: July 9, 2015

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For Your Consideration: Race Management

The summer season is underway. West Dennis and Bass River held their invitational at the beginning of the week, today was the Stage Harbor Opti regatta, and this weekend New Bedford holds their annual junior regatta which is both the first SMSA Grand Prix regatta of the season as well as the Area A qualifier for the Junior Nationals (Bemis and Smythe).

In my role as SMSA Administrator and as the dad of an Opti sailor, I spend a lot of time at events. As a sailing nerd, I spend a lot of time studying Race Management - the system by which regattas are run fairly for all the sailors. Some clubs are really good at it, publishing strong and readable Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions. Others are less formal. Some have a good command of course and fleet management on the water, while others struggle. The goal for all regattas held in Southern Mass should be fair sailing for all and this starts with good race management. If you want people to come to your event, you have to provide a good product. SMSA is committed to help its member clubs reach this goal. We have consistently hosted US Sailing Race Management, Judges, and Umpire seminars in off-season and we will continue to do that next year as well. Furthermore, I am happy to review anyone's NORs or SIs prior to publishing. I have included the link to templates on the SMSA website. I hope you will use them to help everyone involved in your club's regatta to have a fun and fair time.

[NOR template](#)

[SI Template](#)



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7/9: Stage Harbor Opti Regatta

7/11 - 12: New Bedford Jr Regatta/

Bemis & Smythe Area A Qualifiers

7/13 : Stone Horse Opti X-Treme.

7/14-15: Sears Area A (Piers Park)

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7/16-7/18: Edgartown Jr. Regatta

7/20-7/21: Vineyard Haven Jr. Regatta

7/21-7/23: C420 Nationals

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