

This Month in SMSA: March 11, 2014

<http://www.southernmasssailing.com>

I. Meetings/Conference Calls:

- A. A very successful **US Sailing Regional Sail Programs Symposium** was held at Tabor Academy on Friday March 7th. Topics included the new Training program, complete with information on the level-1 instructor, level-2 instructor, and level-3 coach courses being rolled out this year, insurance questions and needs for your club, and the future of junior sailing. A wide variety of ideas were shared by the roughly forty industry leaders from across New England. It was a little disappointing how few Southern Mass clubs were represented. Maybe next time?
- a. The next **New England RSPS** is slated for Saturday November 8, 2014 at Cottage Park YC in Winthrop, MA - http://training.ussailing.org/Training_Events_Meetings/RS.htm
 - b. The next **National Sailing Program Symposium (NSPS)** is being held in New Orleans, LA, January 21-24, 2015.
http://training.ussailing.org/Training_Events_Meetings/NSPS.htm
- B. The next chance for SMSA clubs to get together will be a conference call on Thursday March 20, 2014. Call in information is posted on the SMSA website –
<http://www.southernmasssailing.com/ma-sailing-association-meeting-minutes.asp>

II. Instructors:

1. **Training:** Have an instructor who needs training before the season. A list of courses being offered in Southern Mass is posted on both the SMSA and US Sailing website. Trying to figure out which courses your staff needs to take? All first years instructors should be level-1 certified, while those teaching in their second or third year really need the new safety information that is introduced in the level-2 instructor course. If you want your racing athletes to get the most out of their summer, they should be taught by a level-3 coach as well. Remember registration for all US Sailing courses is first come, first serve and there are no waiting lists. To ensure acceptance into the course you want, sign up early!

SMSA - <http://www.southernmasssailing.com/ma-sailing-association-clinics.asp>

US Sailing –

http://training.ussailing.org/Course_Calendars/Small_Boat_Instructor_and_Coach_Course_Calendar.htm

2. **Hiring:** If your club still has a job opening for the summer and would like to advertise it, send a PDF to SouthernMassSailing@GMail.com and I will post it on the SMSA Job Posting page of the website.
<http://www.southernmasssailing.com/ma-sailing-association-job-postings.asp>

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Below are the usually announcements. Look forward to speaking with you all on March 20th.

Where to find stuff on the SM Sailing Website:

A. **SMSA Regattas:** schedule of 2014 events that have been confirmed are posted.
<http://www.southernmasssailing.com/ma-sailing-association-calendar-of-events.asp>

B. **Peg Dates for 2014:** Please look at the projected 2014 dates for traditional regattas.
[http://www.southernmasssailing.com/userfiles/2014%20SMSA%20Peg%20dates%20\(9-2-13\)a.pdf](http://www.southernmasssailing.com/userfiles/2014%20SMSA%20Peg%20dates%20(9-2-13)a.pdf)

When your club confirms its dates, please let me know (SouthernMassSailing@GMail.com) and I will post it on the SMSA website

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