

This Week in SM Sailing: December 2017  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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#### TRAINING - 2018:

SM Sailing is in the process of putting together Training courses (Instructor Training, Race Management, and a Judge's seminar) for next year. If your club is interested in hosting an event in the Spring or Pre-Summer, please [contact me](#) to discuss options.

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## For your Consideration: Board Meeting

We are taking a break from the Board Profiles this month to invite everyone interested to participate on the SM Sailing Board Call next week - **Thursday December 14, 2017 at 8 pm**. Other Board Calls will be March 15, 2018 and May 10, 2018.

Conference Dial-in Number: (641) 715-3297

Participant Access Code: 379941#

**Agenda:**

- A) Proposed new Grand Prix Protocols for 2018-2023
- B) Host site for 2018 & 2019 Gill Trophy. Possible Off Cape site sought
- C) Commitment of funds for training.

- Pay for RM and Judges Seminars -
- Training Grants -
- IT reimbursements

D) Insurance

- Annual policies with Gowrie Group reviewed and renewed.
- Discuss purchasing an Umbrella Policy.

A complete list of Board Meeting info and Meeting Minutes can be found on the [SM Sailing Meeting Minutes website](#)

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## Grand Prix: 2018 and beyond

On the conference call next week, the board will be reviewing the new Grand Prix Protocol 2018-2023. The Protocols have a few changes that are worth noting.

**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.

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- 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.
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Feedback will be taken on the December 14th. Conference Call and a final decision will be made by the board on the March 15th Conferences Call. The draft schedule is posted on the [SM Sailing Grand Prix Website](#).



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