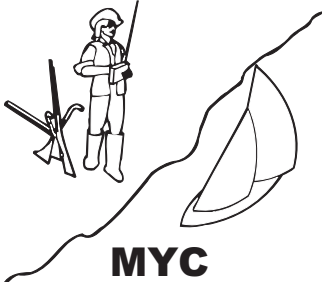


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# Minuteman Model Yacht Club

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## About Minuteman Model Yacht Club

The Minuteman MYC is dedicated to the development of all aspects of model sailing. Dues for the year 2001 are \$15.00; checks should be made out to "Minuteman MYC" and sent to Jack Sullivan at the address above.

Formal trophy regattas are held regularly. From April to June. Informal sailing sessions are held on Tuesday evenings between 5:00 PM and Sunset, and on Sundays beginning at 10 AM at Needham Reservoir, and at Rosemary Lake in Needham until November. Indoor meetings are held monthly between January and March.

The club recommends that new members select the Soling One Meter class yacht as their first boat. The Soling One Meter is a low-cost, entry-level, one-design boat. It is available in kit form, and a complete, ready to sail yacht can be built for less than \$250, including radio.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call any of the officers listed above. Or come and see us on Tuesday evening or at one of our regattas. Also, check out the AMYA web page on the Internet <[www.amya.org](http://www.amya.org)>. Our club's web page can be reached at <[www.amya.org/club/25/](http://www.amya.org/club/25/)>

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*Three charter members of the Minuteman OF's Fleet pause from a heated discussion of Rule 18.3B to smile for the camera. Rumor has it that the OF's Fleet is plotting an SS Regatta that has nothing to do with WW II, but will be limited to skippers over 65 and on Social Security. Left to right: Kenny Lamb, Al Bradford, and Bob Francis.*

## How Come You Dues Me Like You Dudes Do Dues?

*By Jack Sullivan*

At the February meeting we got into a discussion on reducing costs to the individual skippers by having those skippers who are on the Internet accept their newsletters via e-mail. A couple of us chewed on the concept for a while as the rest of

us went on with a couple of reports. Depending on the number of pages, the cost of printing and mailing a single copy of this Newsletter is between 60 and 90 cents. In the past club policy has been to mail a

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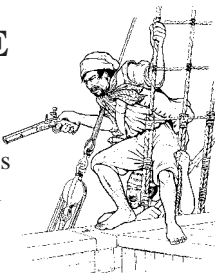
paper copy of the Newsletter to each dues paying member. However, with the advent of computers and the Internet it has become very easy for those of us with computers and access to the Internet to download and print out our own copies of the Newsletter.

Why not? There's an obvious savings to the club (the cost of printing and mailing paper copies) and time to the members. So Jack Gregory made the motion to offer a discounted Minuteman MYC membership of \$10 (\$5 Discount) to members who agree to receive the Newsletter exclusively via e-mail. We passed the motion. Therefore, beginning immediately, dues for members who are willing to receive their Newsletter electronically will be \$10 instead of \$15.

Several factors will have to be addressed. First, members will have to assess their computers to determine if they can receive our electronic input and print a paper copy if they want one. Second, all electronic members need to make sure that Jim Linville has their current e-mail address. (Please send them to Jim at jimisu@attbi.com.) Finally, several skippers who have already paid their dues may wish to take advantage of the discount. They will need to notify Jack Sullivan so he can return the extra \$5.

## DUES ARE DUE!

Send yer hard earned doubloons to Jack Sullivan or prepare to be boarded!



## MMYC PATCHES

We'll be selling MMYC patches at most events, or you can order from:  
 Jack Sullivan  
 33 Rustic Road  
 E. Walpole, MA 02032  
 (add 34¢ for postage or enclose a SASE with your request).

**Price: \$3 each, 3 for \$9, 5 for \$15.**

# FEBRUARY INDOOR MEETING

*By Jack Sullivan*

About 14 skippers showed up at the Massachusetts Hospital School Conference Room on Sunday, February 10, 2002 to enjoy the postponed business meeting for 2002. The doors were open before noon. The water for coffee and tea was hot and several packages of cookies were waiting.

## Show and Tell

The hour of show and tell went by too quickly. Hal Robinson and Jim Linville had several hulls each. Jim was trying to give away a bunch of experimental hulls that Hal had collected over the last couple of years. Most of them found new owners. The high light of show and tell had to be the new fin mold that several members of the club had made in Nebraska. It's a real beauty following a design by Mark Dreller of MIT who has gained fame and fortune by designing and building the first and only man powered hydrofoil boat. We made contact with Mark through Lincoln Ross. This is great because we're finally meeting people and getting data about slow speed travel in water and air which is more meaningful for boats at our scale than the stuff in technical books about aircraft and full sized boats. Several other skippers had boats on display as well.

Hal also demonstrated the progress he has been making on his canting mast concept. The latest addition is a rudder that is synchronize to stay parallel to the canting mast.

## Election of Officers

At 1:30 Jim Linville noted that time was fleeting so Commodore Hal Robinson called us to order. The first order of business was the election of officers for 2002. A request was made for volunteers to take any offices and another request was made for any of the present officers to serve another year. No new blood was recruited, and the existing panel decided they were not overworked. A motion was made on the floor and seconded. It was quickly voted that the Secretary cast a single ballot to elect the existing slate of officers be retained for 2002.

## Treasurer's Report

The next topic of discussion was the Treasurer's report for 2001. The Treasurer noted that the club is solvent and that we have enough money to cover our expenses. We began last year with \$743.26 in the kitty and ended up this year with \$916.98. Our biggest expense was the newsletter (\$711.46).

## Hospital School Program

Bob Francis let us know that the group of Minuteman sailors (Bob and Jack) who are helping the kids in wheelchairs at the Massachusetts Hospital School are doing well, but they need help. Anyone who is interested in pitching in should call Bob at (781) 899-3662 or Jack at (508) 668-7163. (Editor's Note: Hey, folks, we've got a great hobby, maybe it's time to give something back.) The present fleet of 12 Victor Snipes will soon be 15. The new boats, in kit form, have been received. The radios will be here soon.

## Paralyzed Veterans Sailing Program

Jack Sullivan reported on the Paralyzed Veterans Sailing Program at the Brockton VA Hospital. They seem happy with one sail day per year. Jack will contact the liaison people soon to get the dates for this year.

## Event Schedule

Jim Linville led a discussion on our 2002 event schedule which was published in last month's Newsletter. Only a few comments were made so the schedule is pretty much

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accepted as printed. (Editor's Note: See Draft schedule for Region One Events elsewhere in this issue.)

### Rosemary's Wall

We held a brief discussion of the condition of the wall at Rosemary Lake. One suggestion was that we use sandbags to plug the holes along the planks that top the wall. We got involved in discussing what modifications would be permitted with the ever tightening environmental restrictions. Jim Linville volunteered to check it out and report at our meeting in March.

### Glitching

We had a short discussion on those who were suffering through radio glitches at both Rosemary Lake and the Reservoir. Some skippers have less trouble than others. There were more obvious problems in 2001 than in previous years. The AMA, (model airplane flyers) have equipment to measure frequency splatter. Manny Costa volunteered to contact the AMA Vice President for New England who has access to this equipment to see if we can borrow it.

We will do our best to resolve these frequency problems, but at the present time it looks like those who are having problems may have to purchase dual conversion receivers or new radio sets with dual conversion receivers. Most of the usual R/C electronics manufacturers have dual conversion radios and/or receivers only for use with existing equipment. Single conversion radios that operate on the 27 MHz (CB) band seem to glitch less than single conversion radios on the 75 MHz band. Additionally, PCM radios have not experienced glitching. It should be pointed out that PCM radios have dual conversion receivers.

### Sue Martin

Several Metric Series skippers would like to have the club give a gift certificate to Sue Martin for all the times she has been clerk of the course. At the March 10 meeting expect to be asked for a contribution to this fabulous cause.

### US One Meter NCR

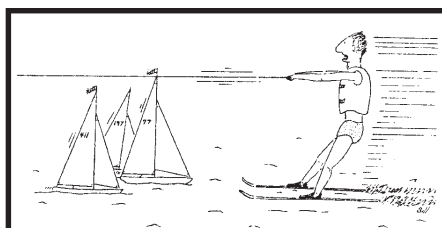
This year's US One Meter national championship regatta is to be held in San Francisco on July 20–21. Several of our skippers have expressed an interest in taking part. We got into a discussion on shipping containers and methods of getting a boat across the country in one piece.

We decided that we will not be hosting any of the One Meter Regional Championships. **Editor's Note:** See the schedule on pages 4 and 5. The US One Meter Regional Championship will be held by the Housatonic MYC on September 22. I believe the Soling One Meter Regionals are still open — is anyone interested?



### Buoy Party

Spring will soon be here, and (as usual) we need to get the race course buoys in shape for next season. We have two sets of buoys. Both need cleaning and painting, so we will have a buoy party at Jack Sullivan's house on Saturday, March 23rd at 10 AM. Anyone with a can or two of spray paint is asked for a donation. If we don't get enough paint this way Jack's place is only about a mile from a Home Depot. Everyone is welcome. Call Jack at (508) 668-7163 for directions.



Al Bradford is recuperating at home from an accident. He spent some time in a hospital, but has been released. He can be reached at (781) 444-4090.

### Charter Boats Wanted

John Whalen, a good skipper who sails his International One Metre in the Metric Series wants to sail in the Mystic Sail Week. Trouble is that he doesn't own any of the boats that will be sailed. He would like to borrow/charter an EC-12, a J, or a Soling One Meter to sail at Mystic. John will be at most of our Spring events, and can be contacted at (781) 891-0106.

### Eyelets and Lead

Herb Dreher has some eyelet dies that can be used to set eyelets into sailcloth. He has dies to fit 1/16 inch through 1/4 inch eyelets, male and female. We're not sure if he will lend them out or if he will help you use them, but he can be contacted at (508) 655-4501.

Herb also has the remainder of a 25 lb. bag of #8 lead shot. He estimates he has enough lead for three Soling One Meters and thinks he will break even if he can get three other Soling One Meter skippers to buy a share for \$6.

### NOTICE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES IS THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. ARTICLES RECEIVED AFTER THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH, SPACE PERMITTING.

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vided Boat A can keep clear without difficulty, (Rule 13 & 16).

- If you are forced to change course before Boat A has completed its tack, Boat A has broken Rule 13.
- If boat A completes its tack and is leeward of you it becomes the right of way boat, but if you can avoid it only by sailing above close hauled then it has broken Rule 18.3.a and must take a penalty.

# 2002 Region One Model Yachting Events Schedule

This list is as complete as possible. Events beginning with "Club" are local club events and may be restricted to members of the sponsoring club. Club names are:

- 020, Greater Hartford MYC, Rich Ellis, (860) 228-3327, <richard.ellis@snet.net>  
 025, Minuteman MYC, Art Jacobsen, (508) 543-1321, <aojrr@attbi.com>  
 026, Penobscot Bay MYC, Don Seales, (207) 342-5666, <donnann@mint.net>  
 039, Mystic R/C Sailors, Jake Leo, (860) 536-8087, <jleo@nandjct.com>  
 040, Portsmouth MYC, Alain Jousse, (603) 433-1584, <alainj@attbi.com>  
 041, Marblehead MYC, Standley Goodwin, (781) 631-5847, <sgoodwin@draper.com>  
 051, Narragansett MYA, George Greenhalgh, (401) 245-7493, <Bygeorge18@aol.com>  
 083, Springfield MYC, Fran Gowash, (860) 749-4726, <fpgowash@cox.net>  
 117, Housatonic MYC, Dick Hovey, (203) 795-3008, <RHOVEY@WORLDNET.ATT.NET>  
 130, Laconia MYC, Ron Muise, (603) 775-2788, <MUISER@METROCAST.NET> or  
     Joe San Antonio, (home) (603) 434-8505, (work) (978) 686-7131  
 159, Stowe YC, Charlie Berry, (802) 253-4184, <cberry@vtlink.net>  
 215, Martha's Vineyard MYC, Glenn Provost, (508) 693-4245, <gprovost@vineyard.net>  
 Vin, Vintage Model Yacht Group, John Snow, (781) 631-4203, <JSnow@drc.com>

Other clubs exist, but have not submitted events for this calendar. To submit events, contact AMYA Region One Director, Greg Vasileff, at (860) 455-9939 or via e-mail at <montydog@rcn.com>.

**Editor's Note:** This schedule is accurate to the degree that it has been approved by the clubs listed. Changes will be made as the season progresses, and an updated schedule for the publication month and the month that follows will be published in each issue of this Newsletter from now until the end of the season. Please inform the Editor of any revisions, corrections, and/or additions via e-mail at <jimisu@attbi.com>, snail mail at 57 Edgewater Road, Hull, MA 02045, or telephone at (781) 925-0045.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Jan 13	25	n/a	Minuteman MYC Indoor Meeting (Business)	Mass Hospital School	12 Noon
Feb 10	25	N/a	Minuteman MYC Indoor Meeting (Construction)	Mass Hospital School	12 Noon
Mar 10	25	N/a	Minuteman MYC Indoor Meeting (Rules)	Mass Hospital School	12 Noon
Apr 7	25*	Open	Ice Breaker	Needham Reservoir	10 am
Apr 15	25**	Open	Patriot's Day Regatta	Needham Reservoir	10 am
Apr 19-21	114	IOM	IOM Nationals	Sugar Land, TX	
Apr 28	25	US1M	Club US1M #1	Needham Reservoir	10 am
May 5	25	S1M	Club S1M #1	Needham Reservoir	10 am
	51	EC-12	Spring Hi-Ball	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
May 12	25	US1M	Club US1M #2	Needham Reservoir	10 am
May 18	26	S1M	Soling Interclub #1	Camden, Maine	
May 19	41	M	"M" Region 1 Champs	Redd's Pond	10 am
	51	EC-12	Club Handicap #1	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
May 25-26	26	Vin	Model Boat Show & Vintage Regatta	Camden, Maine	
May 27	25†	Open	Memorial Day Regatta	Needham Reservoir	10 am
Jun 1-2	159	E12	Green Mt. Regatta	Stowe, VT	10 am
Jun 8-9	39	IOM	IOM Region 1 Champs	New London, CT	10 am
Jun 9	25	S1M	Club S1M #2	Needham Reservoir	10 am
	51	EC-12	Club Handicap #2	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
Jun 16	25	US1M	Club US1M #3	Needham Reservoir	10 am
Jun 22	41	Vin M	Bill Full Memorial	Redd's Pond	10 am
Jun 23	25	S1M	Club S1M #3	Lake Rosemary	10 am
	51	EC-12	Club Handicap #3	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
	130	S1M	Bill Visser Mem. (S1M Interclub 2)	Laconia, NH	10 am

<i>Date</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Jun 28-30	18	SB	Santa Barbara NCR	Buffalo, NY	10 am
Jul 4	25††	Open	Independence Day Regatta	Lake Rosemary	12 Noon
Jul 13	159	S1M	Bacardi Cup (S1M Interclub 3)	Stowe, VT	10 am
Jul 14	25	US1M	Club US1M #4	Lake Rosemary	10 am
	51	EC-12	Club Handicap #4	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
Jul 20	41	J	J Boat Region 1 Champs	Redd's Pond	10 am
Jul 21	25	S1M	Club S1M #4	Lake Rosemary	10 am
	51	Open	Tony Lombardi Mem.	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
28 Jul	117	US1M	US1M Invitational	Hop Brook, CT	11 AM
	51	EC-12	Club Handicap #5	Roger Williams St Pk	
Jul 30	20		<i>Race Week Day 1</i>	Mystic Seaport	
		S1M	S1M NCR, Day 1		1 pm
Jul 31	20		<i>Race Week Day 2</i>	Mystic Seaport	
		S1M	S1M NCR, Day 2		12 Noon
Aug 1	20		<i>Race Week Day 3</i>	Mystic Seaport	
		ODOM	ODOM Region 1 RCR		9 am
		J	J Boat Match Races		1 pm
Aug 2	20		<i>Race Week Day 4</i>	Mystic Seaport	
		ODOM	ODOM Region 2 RCR		9 am
		Star 45	Star 45 Region 1 RCR		12:45 pm
Aug 3	20		<i>Race Week Day 5</i>	Mystic Seaport	
		J	J Boat NCR, day 1		9 am
		EC-12	EC-12 Region 1 RCR, day 1	1:30 pm	
Aug 4	20		<i>Race Week Day 6</i>	Mystic Seaport	
		EC-12	EC-12 Region RCR, day 2	8:30 am	
		J	J Boat NCR, day 2		12:30 pm
Aug 10	159	S1M	Commodores Cup	Stowe, VT	10 am
Aug 11	25	US1M	Club US1M #5	Lake Rosemary	10 am
	51	EC-12	Club Handicap #6	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
Aug 16-18	18	M	Marblehead NCR	Buffalo, NY	10 am
Aug 18	40	Open	SSC Open Regatta	Portsmouth, NH	10 am
	51	EC-12	Club Handicap #7	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
Aug 25	25	S1M	Club S1M #5	Lake Rosemary	10 am
	51	EC-12	Hank Bouchard Mem.	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
Sep 2	25§	Open	Sue Linville Mem.	Lake Rosemary	10 am
Sep 8	40	S1M	S1M Interclub 4	Portsmouth, NH	10 am
	130	Vin	Vintage "M" R1 RCR	Laconia, NH	10 am
	51	EC-12	Club Handicap #8	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
Sep 15	25	US1M/S1M	Club US1M #6, S1M #6	Lake Rosemary	
Sep 22	117	US1M	US1M Region 1 RCR	Hop Brook, CT	11 am
	51	EC-12	Club Match Racing Championship	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
Sep 29	51	EC-12	Club Fleet Racing Championship	Roger Williams St Pk	10 am
	215	S1M	S1M Interclub 5	Martha's Vineyard, MA	10 am
Oct 5-6	86	ODOM	ODOM NCR	Port Washington, NY	
Oct 13	215	Free Sail	Annual Free Sail Model Regatta	Martha's Vineyard, MA	10 am
Oct 14	25§§	Open	Columbus Day Regatta	Lake Rosemary	10 am
Oct 20	41	Open	Chowder Race	Redd's Pond	10 am
Oct 25-27	212	CR 914	CR 914 Nationals	Larchmont, NY	
Nov 3	25¶	S1M	S1M Interclub Regatta #6	Lake Rosemary	10 am
Nov 10	25¶¶	Open	4-Hour Enduro	Lake Rosemary	11 am

Minuteman MYC Race Directors: \* Jack Gregory; \*\* Al Fearn; † John Whalen; †† Cliff Martin; § Ben Pratt; §§ Jim Linville; ¶ Hal Robinson; ¶¶ Art Jacobsen.

## 2002 Minuteman MYC Club Metric Series Rules

by Jim Linville

The following rules were adopted for the 2001 Club Metric Series. They are presented here for review for 2002 and will be open for discussion and change at the March meeting. Please review them and be prepared to discuss. The major changes last year were:

- (1) Yachts that meet the 36/600 rule are no longer allowed to sail in the series. (**Editor's Note:** This is no big deal because we've never had a 36 sail in the series anyway.)
- (2) The series is restricted to members of Minuteman MYC. Members of other clubs can no longer sail in the series unless they become members of MMYC. (**Editor's Note:** The majority felt that all participants should pay MMYC's \$15 membership dues. However, there have been a number of complaints from other Region One clubs, and I intend to bring this one up again.)
- (3) Each skipper who starts a heat is awarded one point for each heat started, and no points are awarded for a missed regatta (or heat).

### Year 2001 Club Metric Series Rules

1. Twelve regattas are scheduled in the series — six for US One Meter Yachts and six for Soling One Meter Yachts. Three events will be combined regattas where both classes will sail in a 2-on, 2 off format so skippers who have registered in both classes can compete in both series.
2. The US One Meter series is restricted to yachts that can be registered in the US One Meter class, and International One Meters.
3. Registration is limited to members of Minuteman Model Yacht Club.
4. The entry fee is \$5 for each series. That is, a single \$5 fee for all six regattas in each series (\$10 if you sail in both).
5. Following the final regatta of the series, "Keeper" trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each series. The winner of each series will have his/her name added to the perpetual trophy, and will be allowed to hold the perpetual trophy until someone else wins it.
6. The object is to sail as many heats as possible between 10 AM and 2 PM with a 30 minute lunch break. While more heats may be sailed on any particular day, only the first 13 heats will be recorded. There are no throwouts. A skipper's score is cumulative for the entire series and will simply be the total of the number of heats sailed plus the number of boats each skipper finishes ahead of — over the entire series. For example, if 12 boats start a heat all 12 skippers are awarded one point for starting. The winner finishes ahead of 11 boats so the winner receives 12 points for the heat (1 point for starting + one point for each of the 11 boats he beats = 12 points), the second place skipper will receive one point for starting and one point for each boat beat (1 + 10 = 11). [etc., etc., etc. to the end] The last place finisher will receive 1 point for starting but no points for beating boats.
7. The winner of each regatta must serve as (or provide) the Race Director for the next regatta in the series. Doctor's notes are accepted.
8. No heat may start without a designated score keeper. Hopefully, a nonparticipant will be available to serve as score keeper, but in the event no nonparticipating score keeper is on hand, the score keeping duties shall be rotated among participating skippers. If there are more skippers than heats those skippers who were not required to serve as score keeper shall sit out a heat (or heats) so that the number of heats sailed by all skippers in any particular regatta is equal.
9. The Race Director may sail in a heat, but the score keeper may not.
10. These rules are subject to change by vote of the majority of MMYC participants, but any change so voted shall not take effect until the next regatta in the series.



**FOR SALE!**

### Minuteman Mistress

#### US One Meter

Very Competitive boat  
Sterne A-Rig

Rigged for 4-Channel Operation  
Sails, Rudder, Backstay, Jib Trim  
Futaba 5801 Sail Winch (Drum)  
Futaba 125 Backstay Servo  
Futaba 3101 Rudder Servo  
Tower TS-53 Jib Trim Servo  
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**\$400 no Radio**

**\$500 w/5 ch Ace**

### Nautical Commander

### Graves Mongoose

#### US One Meter

Very Competitive Boat  
Ready to Sail

2nd Place in 2001 Metric Series  
Sterne B-Rig  
Rigged for 2-Channel Operation  
Futaba 5801 Sail Winch (Drum)

Futaba 148 Rudder Servo  
Built by Hal Robinson

**\$350 no radio**

**\$400 w/Futaba AM**

### Soling One Meter

Very Competitive Boat  
Ready to sail

First place in 2001 Metric Series  
New Hi-Torque HiTec Sail Winch  
Futaba 148 Rudder Servo

**\$350 no radio**

**\$400 w/Futaba AM**

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**Editor's Note:** Even if you're not the Editor you can advertise stuff in this rag.

# 2001 Interclub Series

By Peter Latournes  
Ex-Director, AMYA Region One

May brings us the first race of the six race Soling One Meter Interclub Series for Region One. This year's series begins in Camden, Maine, on Saturday, May 18, sponsored by the Penobscot Bay Model Yacht Club and ends on November 3, at Lake Rosemary in Needham, Mass.

The Series started off with the Springfield Model Yacht Club winning the inaugural season in 1997, the Stowe Yacht Club won in 1998, Minuteman Model Yacht Club won in 1999 and 2000, and Martha's Vineyard MYC was the 2001 Champion. This year six Region One Clubs will be

no throw-out, and the scores will be multiplied by  $11/n$ , where  $n$  is the number of heats sailed. If the race is longer than 12 heats (if part of another event, for instance), only the first 12 heats of the event shall be used for Interclub scoring purposes and only the 11 best scores of those 12 shall be counted.

- The top 3 skippers from each club are scored for each event. Their scores are summed to determine the team score. If a skipper to be scored has an actual score that is greater than

May 18	026	Interclub 1	(Sat)	Camden, ME
Jun 23	130	IC 2/Visser Memorial	(Sun)	Laconia, NH
Jul 13	159	IC 3/ Bacardi Cup	(Sat)	Stowe, VT
Sep 8	040	Interclub 4	(Sun)	Portsmouth, NH
Sep 29	215	Interclub 5	(Sun)	Martha's Vineyard
Nov 3	025	Interclub 6	(Sun)	Lake Rosemary

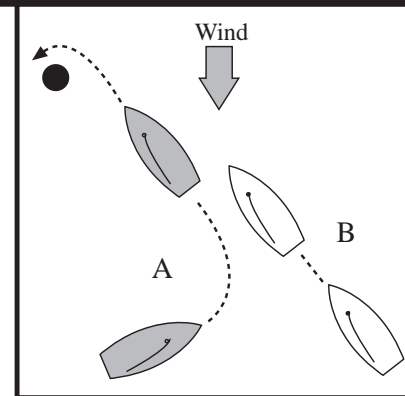
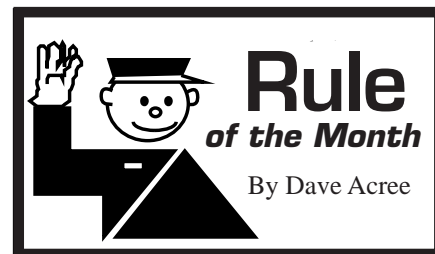
vying for this coveted title. There will be one less race this year due to the withdrawal of the Greater Hartford Model Yacht Club from active participation in the series. Remember to contact the sponsoring clubs ahead of time to let the pertinent club contact know you are coming and avoid frequency problems. For your convenience I have provided a list of the series dates and sponsoring clubs and the Interclub Series Rules. Good luck to all the sailors and clubs participating.

## Interclub Series Rules

- A skipper must declare, prior to the start of the first heat of the event they attend, which club they are racing for. This club will receive their points throughout the remainder of the season.
- Each club shall host one event in the Interclub Series per year.
- Each race shall consist of 12 heats, with one throw-out (11 scores being used). If the race must be shortened to fewer than 12 heats, there shall be

180, 180 shall be scored for that skipper (NOTE: this provision is for scoring of the interclub race only. If the interclub race is held as part of another event this provision does not apply to the scoring of the event).

- If a team does not field at least 3 skippers, they are given "ghost skipper" scores as determined below for each skipper fewer than 3.
- A "ghost skipper's" score is 200 points.
- At the end of the season, the team with the lowest total score wins the championship. Each team may discard its worst showing in any one event before the final totals are calculated.
- Team Racing is prohibited. In particular, sacrificing position to disadvantage an opponent is strictly forbidden.
- All teams are scored, even if no members attended an event. Absent teams will receive 3 "ghost skipper" scores.



Boat A completes its tack to starboard ahead or leeward of boat B and within four boat lengths of the mark.

### If you are boat A:

- When you approach on port tack, you are the give-way boat and must keep clear, (Rule 10).
- While you are tacking you are the give-way boat and must keep clear, (Rule 13).
- Once you complete the tack within four boat lengths of the mark you are in the right-of-way position. Boat B, however, is not required to anticipate you becoming the right-of-way boat. You must give Boat B room to keep clear without having to change course until after you have finished your tack (Rule 15).
- Here is your problem, even after your tack is done, you must not force Boat B (which is sailing faster than you) to luff above close-hauled in order to avoid you, (Rule 18.1a).

### If you are boat B:

- While boat A is approaching on port tack and while it is tacking you must not change course to prevent Boat A from keeping clear or make it hard for Boat A to keep clear. This will not stop you from bearing away early to force Boat A to tack earlier in order to avoid you, pro-

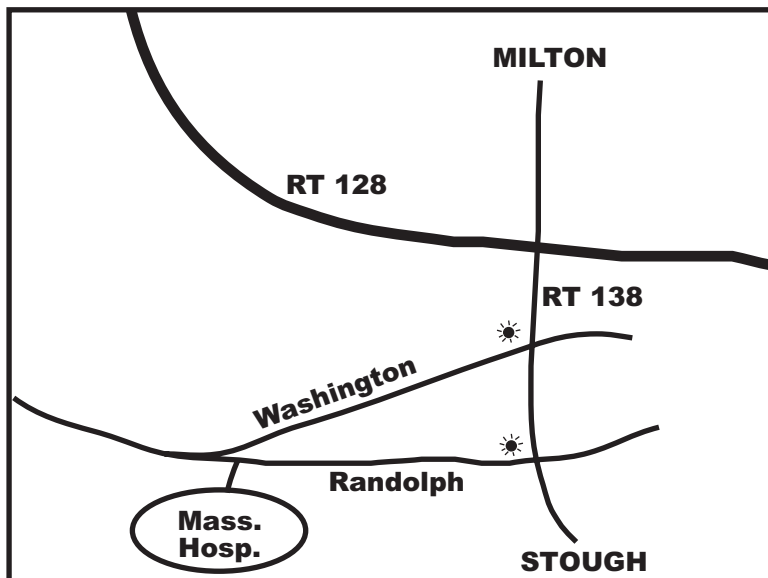
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## One Last Thing — Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 10, 2002 at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton, MA. The school is relatively easy to get to. Finding the meeting room once you get to the school is a little harder. From Route 128 take Route 138 South ("Stoughton"). Take a right on Randolph Street (second traffic light). Follow Randolph Street for approximately 3/4 of a mile. The school is on the left. Enter past the guard house. This is a state institution, so please remember September 11 and have patience if they decide to check your vehicle. Drive all the way around the campus to the very last parking lot before the exit gate (which is usually closed). You should see the Minuteman MYC sailboat sign or some other clue there. We meet in the "recreation conference room" which is located in the gymnasium. Enter using the elevator to the left of the parking lot. Doors open at 12:00 noon and you are welcome to come early and stay late.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Plan to come early and stay late.



## Getting to the Massachusetts Hospital School



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