



Spring 2019 New England Regional Symposium

Agenda

Friday March 29, 2019

10:00am—4:00pm

Hosted By

Tiverton Yacht Club

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Schedule of Events

10:00-10:30 Welcome and Introductions

US Sailing's Youth Director John Pearce will lead a welcome and provide updates on US Sailing initiatives.

10:30-11:00 Topic #1: SafeSport

US Sailing will lead a discussion on how to implement the latest SafeSport requirements and what organizations should be doing to ensure their youth sailors are protected.

11:00-12:00 Topic #2: Regionally-Specific Issues and Small Group Discussions

Attendees come prepared to discuss the major topics facing the region—program organization, inter-club communication, the sailing calendar, etc. The topics presented here will help establish goals for the rest of the day.

12:00-1:00 Networking Lunch

Provided by US Sailing

1:00-2:00 Topic #3: Using Technology to Facilitate Parent, Member, and Sailor Communication

John Pearce and members of the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association Jr. Program Committee will lead a conversation on tools and strategies for communicating with sailors, junior program parents, and overall membership. Topics will include off-season conversations and handling miscommunications/conflict.

2:00-2:30 Topic #4: Top Ten Ways to Make Your Sailing Programs Safer

Steve Schram from Gowrie Group will lead an open discussion on safety issues facing sailing. Topics include drones, emergency action plans, VHF radio usage, docks and floats, boat racks, electric shock

drowning, electrical cords, electrocution, fire extinguishers, flammables and gas storage, prop guards, and safety tools/templates.

Travel to Zim Sailing in Bristol, RI for remainder of the afternoon

3:00-4:00 Topic #5: Ask Kids What They Want

John Pearce will moderate a panel of local youth sailors—take the opportunity to hear directly from the future of the sport.

4:00-6:00 Social Networking Opportunity

Please remain at Zim to join US Sailing staff and board members for a tour of their manufacturing facility and continued conversation.

Please register in advance at: <https://www.ussailing.org/events/regional-symposiums/>