

Recreation

Hyannis Yacht Club to host championship sailing event

The Hyannis Yacht Club (HYC) will be the site of a major championship sailing event this summer when it plays host to some of the best young sailors from around the country.

The United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU) has asked HYC to be the host club for the 1989 U.S. Youth Championships and the event will take place from June 23 to 30.

Last year's regatta was held at the Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego and the 1987 event was at the Rush Creek Yacht Club in Heath, Texas.

The Hyannis event will be assembled under one roof, involving about 150 young racers. Competitors are selected by the USYRU Youth Championship Committee from applications nationwide.

"We place high value on sportsmanship and manners at the Youths, and feel strongly that the positive reinforcement of those values is the most effective influence," said David Crawford, chairman of the event for the Hyannis Yacht Club.

All of the skippers and crew in

Hyannis for that week will be 19 years of age and younger, with the majority between 16 and 19. Most are juniors or seniors in high school and some have completed their first year of college. Some may be as young as 13 or 14.

In 1988 at Mission Bay, there were 23 female competitors.

The six winners from the Hyannis competition will join seven winners from the Junior Championships at Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich, Conn., and the Junior Women's championship from Gulfport, Miss., as the nucleus of the 1989 USYRU/Rolux Junior Sailing Team.

Past participants in these competitions have gone on to become collegiate. All-Americans, national- and world-title holders, Olympic representatives, offshore boat and America's Cup team members.

The Youth Championships were created by the U.S. Olympic Yachting Committee in the early 1970s as a vehicle for talent identification and development. The first event was in Wilmette, Ill., in 1973. The boardsailing division was added in 1982.

Joining with Crawford to organize this national regatta at HYC is a large committee numbering about 35 and a supporting staff that may reach another 100 HYC members.

Stan Moore is in charge of the race committees on the water, while his wife, Joyce, is arranging housing for all competitors. Transportation arrangements are being handled by Fred Scudder of Hyannis.

Entertaining the young sailors is the job of Dick and Jan Mohre of East Sandwich. Providing support power boats is under the guidance of Roger Newson of Hyannis. Food preparation is the responsibility of Leo Fein of Centerville and the sailing clinic plans are being formulated by Stephen Frostholt of Hyannis.

Some others involved include Figawi Race chairman Jacques Newson, as well as Dr. James Austin, Loren Charif, Marshall Farley, Jack Meehan, Patty Nurse, John Linehan and Monique Crawford.

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