

## Nantasket Beach Lecture Series

### **An Evening with MIT Sailing Master, Fran Charles**

Thursday, January 14, 2016, 7 pm

Free, Donations Welcome

Hull Nantasket Resort, 45 Hull Shore Drive, Hull MA

Join us for a delightful evening with MIT Sailing Master Fran Charles. Fran grew up sailing in Hull waters, setting the stage for an outstanding career. Before joining MIT, Charles served as co-director of the Courageous Sailing Center in Boston, which teaches sailing to city children. He has managed the sailing competition for the Massachusetts Special Olympics as well as sponsored multiple clinics, seminars, and competitions for local junior sailors.



Fran Charles joined the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1992 as a varsity sailing coach and assistant to former sailing master, Hatch Brown. Now, as the fourth Sailing Master since 1935, Charles is responsible for the entire recreational sailing program with over 2,000 members annually developing sailing skills and using the fleet of over 100 boats.

In 1999, Charles was honored by Mass Bay Sailing with its "Distinguished Service to Yachting" Award. In 2007, Charles was inducted into the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) Hall of Fame and received the Graham Hall Award for Distinguished Service to College Sailing by a Professional. He is a certified umpire for team racing and is often volunteering to officiate at US National and World Championships. Charles's race management skills are sought for junior, national and world level events year in and year out. Charles and his wife, Sue, continue to race competitively together on the winter "frostbite circuits" in New England. Occasionally he competes in the Olympic Star Class and IOD Fleets in Marblehead and Northeast Harbor.

*The Nantasket Beach Lecture Series is co-presented monthly by the Hull Lifesaving Museum, the Friends of Hull Public Library and the Department of Conservation and Recreation in partnership with the Nantasket Beach Resort.*