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Merrick, Masopust Prevail Over Hilly 7.25-mile Roxbury Loop

ROXBURY – Ken Merrick and Alison Masopust mastered a challenging 7.25-mile course Saturday, August 27, at the Roxbury Road Race Series that went up the steep hills on Mallory Road.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield tallied his eighth triumph of the season with a clocking of 49-minutes, 20-seconds – a 6:48-per-mile pace – over the layout, which also included the long downhill on Flag Swamp Road.

He has won the season title at Roxbury the last four years and is leading the point standings again in the 2016 campaign.

Chris Deming, 49, of Danbury took second in 53:28.

Masopust, 32, of Morris scored her 16th win in the female division this year, taking third overall in 53:42

The series will resume Saturday, September 3, at 8:30 a.m. with the Roxbury Mile II, which will travel from the near the end of Apple Lane to the parking lot at the Booth Free School on South Street. There will be no entry fee.

The eighth annual 3.0-mile Roxbury Land Trust Race is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, at 8:30 a.m. at the preserve on River Road. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20 a.m. Proceeds will go to the land trust.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, typically start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

Registration is currently open for the Roxbury Half Marathon, slated for November 12, and the Roxbury Marathon, scheduled for December 10. Entrants can enter the race by accessing www.roxburyraces.net.

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