

Merrick Scores Ninth Win Of 2016, Masopust Makes It 18 Victories

ROXBURY – Four-time defending season champion Ken Merrick captured his ninth overall victory of the 2016 campaign and Alison Masopust posted her 18th triumph in the women's division Saturday, September 10, at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Merrick, 47, of New Fairfield was clocked in 23-minutes, 15-seconds – a 6:17-per-mile pace – on the 3.7-mile loop, which included a trip down the long incline on Ranney Hill Road and up the steep hill on Chalybes Road.

Masopust, 32, of Morris was second overall in 24:58.

The series will resume Saturday, September 17, at 8:30 a.m. with the eighth annual Roxbury Land Trust Run, which will start and finish near the land preserve on River Road. There will be a \$5 entry fee that can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20 at the preserve. Proceeds will go to the Roxbury Land Trust.

Runners may want to arrive at the Everett Hurlburt Community Park, the usual site for the weekly races, and car pool to the land preserve to reduce traffic congestion in the parking area.

The Ed Sandifer Staggered-Start Race is slated for Saturday, September 24, at 8:30 a.m. at the Hurlburt Community Park. The race honors Sandifer of Newtown, who was a 12-time season champion in the series.

There will be a \$5 entry fee than can be paid that morning from 7 to 8:20 a.m. at the community park. Proceeds will go to Sandifer.

The races are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission.

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