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Race To Honor Roxbury Race Champion Sandifer

ROXBURY -- The Roxbury Road Runners Club series will dedicate a race to the accomplishments of Ed Sandifer, who captured the season title 12 times and also completed the Boston Marathon 37 consecutive years 1973 through 2009.

Sandifer, a long-time Newtown resident who taught Math at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, began running in the weekly series in 1986. He served as assistant director and Web master.

The 3.9-mile race, which will include a trip along a jeep trail, will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 8:30 a.m. Another former Roxbury series season champion, Dave Harvey, who was a close friend of Sandifer's, is providing wooden medallions as prizes for the top finishers. A plaque will be presented to Sandifer's family following the race.

Runners can compete through the \$25 season membership. They also can participate by completing the weekly waiver form. If they have a timing chip, the fee is \$2. If they do not have a timing chip, the cost is \$5. Youth runners and current and former members of the military and first responders can compete for free after completing the weekly waiver form.

The race, which is sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, will start and finish near the Everett B. Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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