

Special Notice on Water Bottles

Environmental scientists have projected that by the year 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish. High School and College sailors should, at a minimum, not contribute to the problem by participating in our sport. To this end, in 2010 The ICSA Board of Directors announced an initiative to eliminate single-use plastic bottles from all Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) regattas in an effort to reduce plastic waste from the landfills, the oceans, and the environment in general.

The directive issued includes a requirement for ICSA regatta hosts to provide a suitable water source to replace bottled water customarily purchased by each sailing team at each regatta throughout the sailing season. Collegiate sailors are required to bring reusable water bottles to events. Recycling bins will also be provided at each regatta site. The stated purpose of this initiative is to “eliminate the amount of single-use water bottles at ICSA events to the extent practicable.”

We ask that teams participating in the MASSA Fall Team Race please bring re-usable water bottles and take advantage of the water fountains at the St. Mary’s College Teddy Turner Waterfront.