



MASSA Fall Team Race Championship

Hosted by

Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Virginia Interscholastic Sailing Association

7001 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23505

November 2-3, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D and the 2017-2020 ISSA Procedural Rules (PR), the MASSA District Rules, this Notice of Race (NOR), and the Sailing Instructions (SI's).

1.2 RRS Appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).

1.3 RRS D2.6 Limited Umpiring and RRS D2.2 (Single-Flag Rule) shall apply. Pending a Yellow Flag and a competitor notifying the finish boat of intentions to protest, a 3- minute justice hearing will be held immediately on an umpire's boat or on the dock.

1.4 The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 61.1(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2 and Appendix D is modified below as follows: RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase "display a red flag" with "display a raised open hand."

1.5 In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted.

1.6 The organizing Authority is the Mid-Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association (MASSA) in conjunction with the Virginia Interscholastic Sailing Association (VISA).

2. ELIGIBILITY:

2.1 Competing schools must be members of ISSA and MASSA, and meet ISSA and MASSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, and the District Rules.

2.2 In accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 1.3, teams must be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach or parent recognized by the school.

2.3 Teams must each provide at least one coach or adult team representative who is capable of serving as an on-the-water umpire if necessary. This may be the same person who satisfies the requirements of 2.2.

2.4 Selection of competing schools will be by individual league qualifying rules. The regatta has **12 berths**. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA bylaws. Schools should contact their League Directors to find out details on League qualifiers.

3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

3.1 The deadline for leagues reporting actual teams names is noon on October 28, 2019. Eligible schools and sailors must enter by submitting contact information on the district Google document commitment form by October 22, 2019, and confirming registration with the regatta chair by noon on **Monday, Oct. 28, 2019**.

3.2 Any berth not filled by eligible schools by noon on Monday Oct. 28, 2019, or thereafter vacated, will be reallocated by the MASSA director. The first open allocation will go to the host league.

4. ENTRY FEES & DAMAGE DEPOSIT:

4.1 There are no entry fees or damage deposits.

5. BOATS:

5.1 Racing will be sailed in Club FJ's provided by the host league. Boats will be sailed as provided.

5.2 Collisions causing damage will be dealt with by jury in accordance with RRS rules 14, 67 and 69.

5.3 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the dock/boat committee immediately after arriving on shore and to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water immediately after all boats in that race have finished.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

0830 - Report time

0900 - Competitors' Meeting

First Warning as soon as possible after competitors' meeting

No Warning Signal After: at RC's discretion based upon weather; no definitive end time

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019

Report time: 0830

Rigging of boats upon arrival

First Warning - As soon as possible after launching

Racing ends - the earlier of 1400 hrs or the completion of the NOR specified rounds. Final 4 may continue until completed (if agreed by all final 4 teams).

Awards - immediately following stowing of boats

6.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board located at the Dock House or on the floating dock where rotations occur.

7. RACING AREA: All races will be sailed on the Lafayette River, in the waters off of NYCC. Boat Rotations will occur from the NYCC floating docks in the vicinity of the start and finish lines.

8. COURSES: A digital N course will be used.

9. FORMAT

9.1 The fleet will be split into two groups (1& 2) (The split will be made by MASSA with input from each League Director in order to establish two evenly matched groups).

9.2 An initial qualifying round will be attempted by both groups or if the regatta chairman believes it in the best interests of the District (and provided that time and conditions allow), a full round of the teams from both groups will be attempted.

9.3 The top three schools from each group (or if a full round is completed, the top six teams) will advance to the gold round. The other six schools will advance to the silver round. If the initial qualifying round is not a full round, each of the teams within gold and each of the teams within silver will then sail against any team within it's gold or silver division that it has not yet competed against.

9.4 After completion of the initial qualifying round, and reseeded into silver and gold fleets, a silver and gold round robin will be attempted, followed by a final-4 championship round for the gold.

9.5 If 9.4 is not possible within the allotted time, then a single round robin for both gold and silver rounds.

9.6 No incomplete round will be scored unless eighty percent of the races in a given round are completed, but races sailed in incomplete rounds shall be used as tiebreakers or used as part of another round where appropriate.

9.7 If the above format is not possible within the allotted time, the Regatta Chairperson and Chief Umpire will announce the best course of action.

9.8 The choice of format shall be made at the discretion of the Regatta Chairperson and Chief Umpire.

9.9 The scores of the qualifying Rounds (9.2) will not carry over except as follows: The results of qualifying Round (9.2) races between boats moving into the same colored groups (ie: gold into gold) will be used in lieu of sailing the races between those boats in the first round of each of the groups. All other scores will be carried over.

10. SCORING:

10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D and ISSA PR 12.

10.2 The time limit for the protesting boat to notify the protested boat is no later than 30 minutes after the sailors from both boats are on shore. This modifies ISSA PR 16(b)1 which requires notification of the other competitor “at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing”.

10.3 Sailors should check the Notice Board for protests and other official announcements throughout the day. The Protest Deadline Time will be posted on the Office Notice Board located at the Dock House or on the floating dock where rotations occur.

11. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION: Teams must complete the online RP forms in Tech Score before noon Monday, Nov. 4, 2019. Failure to comply will result in a 2 losses added and two wins deducted from their team score. This modifies the deadline time in ISSA PR 4.3(a).

12. SAFETY:

12.1 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted.

12.2 The race committee may require the use of drysuits or full-length wetsuits if the combined air and water temperature is below 120 degrees. This may be announced at the daily competitors' meeting, and need not be signaled.

12.3 Failure to comply with 12.1 or 12.2 above will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

12.4 Team pinnies must be worn per ISSA PR 2.5. A 20-point penalty will be applied to the division in which the sailors did not comply. No hearing is required.

12.5 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 12.1, 12.2, and 12.3 above.

12.6 At its discretion, the Race Committee or Organizing Authority may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others' safety.

13. COACHING:

13.1 Will be in accordance with PR 8.

13.2 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors, and teams associated with the infringing personnel.

13.3 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel may go afloat in the sailing area while serving as an umpire or assisting with race management.

13.4 Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, only on the docks or while ashore.

14. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

15. TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING:

15.1 Housing is not provided. A list of hotels is included with this notice.

15.2 Competitors should use Norfolk International Airport (ORF - 7.5 miles to NYCC), or Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport (PHF - 27 miles from NYCC).

16. OFFICIAL NOTICE: No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802, the possession of which is unlawful under U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine, and beer, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source, alleging such a breach a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors, and the chairperson of the protest committee, shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1(b). If a hearing under RRS 69 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practical, be removed from the regatta venues and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.2 may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team. This regulation is in effect during the entire event from the date and time of arrival through the date and time of departure from the regatta site.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS: By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

18. WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Sailing is an activity that has inherent risks of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host clubs, sponsors or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By

participating in the event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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