



2021 Fall MDISA Keelboat Qualifier Championship

**Hosted by
Annapolis Yacht Club
Sailing Center
510 Severn Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21403
November 11, 2021**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mid-Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association in conjunction with the Maryland Interscholastic Sailing Association (MDISA) and Annapolis Yacht Club.

1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MASSA District Supplemental Rules (includes SI's) and Code of Conduct, this Notice of Race, and Addendum to the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions Addendum will take precedence.

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

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

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 PR 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. Selection of competing schools will be by individual league qualifying rules. The regatta has 8 berths. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA Board. Schools should contact their league directors to find out details regarding League qualifiers.

3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

3.1. Eligible schools must enter by submitting contact information on the district google document commitment form, and confirming registration with the regatta chairperson by 5:00 PM on the Monday before the regatta.

3.2. Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson and the MASSA Director as soon as possible.

3.3. Any berth not filled by eligible schools by the deadline in 3.1, or thereafter vacated, will be reallocated by the MASSA director. The first open allocation will go to the host league.

3.4 The AYC Waiver of Liability (last page of NOR) must be printed, scanned, signed (one per sailor) and emailed to aycjsailing@gmail.com to complete the registration process.

3.5 Teams shall be comprised a crew of four (4). The maximum weight for each team shall be 650 pounds. Teams will be weighed in at regatta check-in. No substitutions will be allowed during the regatta.

4. ENTRY FEE & DAMAGE DEPOSIT:

4.1. There will be no entry fee for the regatta.

4.2 All teams will be required to provide an \$500 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing a check, credit card information or AYC member number at registration. The deposit is a per incident maximum. If a team has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$500 for each individual incident. Teams should be aware that while the AYC Staff will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The team is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta inspection. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility, the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a prorated basis.

5. BOATS:

5.1. (8) J22's will be provided by Annapolis Yacht Club. Boats will be sailed as provided.

5.2 AYC boats are equalized and no equipment, settings, or sails should be adjusted by sailors at any time before, during, or after the regatta.

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

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday (11/11/2021):

1:00 PM - Report time/Rigging of Boats/Weigh-In

1:30 PM - Competitors Meeting

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.

4:30 PM - No warning signal after

5:15 PM – Trophies/Awards for Competitors (Top 3 Finishers)

6.1 Changes to the official schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

7. **RACING AREA:** All races will be sailed on the Severn River or the Chesapeake Bay.

8. **COURSES:** Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7. W-4 will be preferred.

9. **FORMAT:** Format will be detailed in the SI Addenda.

10. **SCORING:** The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

11. **RECORD OF PARTICIPATION:** Teams must complete the online RP forms in Tech Score before noon on the Monday, after the regatta. Failure to comply will result in penalties as outlined in ISSA Procedural Rule 4.3 (20 pts/division in fleet racing or + 2 losses and -2 wins in team racing). This modifies the deadline time in ISSA PR 4.3(b).

12. SAFETY/EQUIPMENT:

12.1 Competitors shall wear inherently buoyant personal flotation devices designated as USCG “wearable” in accordance with ISSA PR 2.2. 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 11.1 or 11.2 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 2.4. 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 11.1, 11.2, and 11.4 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.

12.7 The current MASSA COVID Protocols will be in effect.

13. COACHING:

13.1 Will be in accordance with ISSA PR 8.

13.2 Coaches will be provided with RIBs to watch racing.

13.3 Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, only between races.

13.4 Except in an emergency, coaches cannot communicate with their teams by VHF.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS: Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION: The race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

16. PRIZES: Trophies. Prizes will be awarded to the schools placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the regatta. Prizes may be mailed to winners after the event. This regatta will serve as the MASSA qualifier for the High School Keelboat Regatta ISSA Invitational Regatta in ST. Petersburg, Florida the weekend of December 10-12, 2021.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk 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 club, 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 this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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