



## 2023 Fall Atlantic Coast Championship

United States Merchant Marine Academy  
300 Steamboat Rd Kings Point, NY 11024

4-5 November 2023

### NOTICE of RACE

#### 1. RULES:

**1.1.** The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mid-Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association (MASSA) in conjunction with and host venue, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

**1.2.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ISSA Procedural Rules, the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules, the MASSA District Supplemental Rules, the MASSA Code of Conduct, and Code of Conduct, this NOR, and the Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the event of a conflict, the SIs will take precedence.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY:

**2.1.** Competing schools must be members of ISSA, and the home district in which the attending school sails, and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.

**2.2.** The regatta has 18 berths. Selection of competing schools will be by District elimination or other selection methods designed to select the top teams from each District. Schools should contact their district directors to find out details on district qualifiers. District allocations: MASSA - 6; MISSA - 4; NESSA - 4; At-large - 4 berths.

**2.3.** At-large berths - Any team may apply to the MASSA Director for an at-large berth. Additional at-large berths will be awarded if any District does not fill all of its allocated berths by Monday, Oct. 25, 2023. The open berths will be filled from the list of teams waiting on the "at-large" list, unless a District makes special arrangements for qualifiers scheduled after the deadline. Any berths not filled by the at-large method shall be allocated to the host District.

#### 3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

**3.1.** Eligible schools must enter by submitting contact information on the district Google document commitment form, and by confirming registration with the regatta chairperson by **5:00 PM on Monday, Oct. 25, 2023**. If the elimination for your district is to be held after this date, please contact the MASSA Director immediately so special arrangements can be made.

**3.2.** Registration for MASSA, MISSA and NESSA teams that have qualified at their district must use the Google Registration Form at <https://forms.gle/UrJVDYmRh3S1WmY49>

**3.3.** At-Large Berth Requests can be made using the Google At-Large Request form at <https://forms.gle/dvnMZgFF99DK7buk9>

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

**3.5.** 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.

**4. ENTRY FEE & DAMAGE DEPOSIT:**

**4.1.** There is no damage deposit for this event.

**4.2.** The entry fee for this event is \$200/team. MASSA teams entry fees are included in their district dues. Upon acceptance of entry, teams will be invoiced for the \$200.00 to make an online payment via paypal.

**5. BOATS:**

**5.1.** 20 FJ's and 20 420e's will be provided by USMMA. Boats will be sailed as provided.

**5.2** Collisions causing damage will be dealt with by jury in accordance with RRS.

**6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**Saturday**

8:30 - Report time/Rigging of Boats

9:00 - Competitors meetings

9:30 - Launching of boats

First Warning - Not later than 10:00. There will be no cut off time for racing.

**Sunday**

8:30 - Rigging of boats

9:00- Launching of boats

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.

2:00 - Racing ends at the earlier of this time or completion of specified rounds, whichever comes first, with the exception of any sail-off.

Awards - immediately after all gear is properly stowed.

**6.1** Changes to the official schedule will be posted on the official notice board no later than 9:00am on Saturday. Changes to the official schedule on Sunday will be posted to the official notice board no later than 8:00pm Saturday night.

**7. RACING AREA:** The Racing Area will be the Western Long Island Sound, including Little Neck Bay, east of the Throgs Neck Bridge, south of Eastchester Bay.

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

**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 in accordance with ISSA PR 4.3. Failure to comply will result in penalties as outlined therein.

**12. SAFETY/EQUIPMENT:**

**12.1** 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.

**12.2** 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.

**12.3** Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 12.1, 12.2, and 12.4.

**13. COACHING:**

**13.1** Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat from 0600 Saturday to after racing has ended on Sunday 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 support personnel.

**13.2** Once a team has qualified for this Invitational Championship, members of that team shall not sail at the site to be used for the event, unless that site is their School's home waters or there is a previously scheduled ISSA regatta. Violation of this condition may be cause for disqualification of the team from the event.

**13.3** If the Organizing Authority allows support persons on the water they shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times. The host will NOT provide PFDs.

**14. PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to the schools placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the regatta. Prizes may be mailed to winners after the event.

**15. 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.

**16. 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.

## **17. Regatta Contacts:**

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## APPENDIX A

Once sails are removed and rolled, competitors must do the following in order:

- 1) Attach the jib halyard to the loop in the bowline and rake the mast forward (just as you would when you raise your jib in heavy air). Sidestays should be completely tight.
- 2) Remove tennis ball(s) and loop the elastic of the tennis ball(s) over the rudder pintle(s) so the balls do not dangle in the water.



- 3) Lay rudder parallel to the stern inside the back of the boat, with rudder head on the bottom of the boat and rudder blade pointing towards the sailing center.



- 4) Tie the boat down. For 420s, slide cradle strap through the jib lead and secure through jib cleat (just as you would with the jib sheet while sailing upwind). For FJs, slide the cradle strap through the eye below the chainplate, tighten, and secure with a double hitch.



