



# ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB

## 2023 Fall MASSA Keelboat Qualifier Championship

Hosted by  
Annapolis Yacht Club  
Sailing Center  
510 Severn Avenue  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

### 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 ISSA Procedural Rules, the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules, the MASSA District Supplemental Rules, and the MASSA Code of Conduct, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.3 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 that are not an all-boys or all-girls school, must have at least one of each gender on board at all times.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 The regatta has 12 berths. Selection of competing schools will be by individual league qualifying rules. The regatta has 12 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 register by submitting contact data to their League Director.
- 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 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 [juniorfleet@annapolisyc.org](mailto:juniorfleet@annapolisyc.org) to complete the registration process.

3.5 Teams shall be comprised of a crew of four (4). The maximum weight for each team shall be 650 pounds without gear. At a minimum sailors may wear shirts and shorts. Teams will be weighed in at regatta check-in in shorts and T-shirts. No substitutions will be allowed during the regatta.

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

4.1. There will be an \$85 entry fee per Team for the regatta paid by MASSA.

4.2 All teams will be required to provide a \$500 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing a check, or AYC member number at registration. 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 MASSA.

#### **5. BOATS:**

5.1 (7) J22's will be provided by Annapolis Yacht Club, (1) Boat from SSA, and (4) Boats from EYC. Boats will be sailed as provided.

5.2 All boats are similar, 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:**

##### **Sunday (October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023):**

9:30 AM - Report time/Rigging of Boats/Weigh-In

10:30 AM - Competitors Meeting

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.

4:00 PM - No warning signal after

After Racing – Trophies/Awards for Competitors (Top 3 Finishers)

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

7. **RACING AREA:** All races will be sailed on the Severn River or Chesapeake Bay.
8. **COURSES:** Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.8. W-4 will be preferred.
9. **FORMAT:** No rotations. Format will be detailed in the Competitors meeting.
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 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 Failure to comply with 12.1-above will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
  - 12.3 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.
  - 12.4 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 12.1, 12.2, and 12.4 above.
  - 12.5 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 Coaches will be provided with some AYC RIBs to watch racing, Kill cords and Life Jackets must be worn at all times.
  - 13.2 Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, only between races.
  - 13.3 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. VHF

Communications will not be grounds for redress. Each boat will be responsible for bringing their own VHF Radio.

**16. Awards:** Awards will be presented at the conclusion of racing.

**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 3, 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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