

NESSA National Keelboat Invitational Qualifier

Sunday September 22, 2024

Hosted By: SailMaine

Location: 58 Fore St, Portland, ME 04101

NOTICE OF RACE

UPDATED: 9/17/2024

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the [ISSA Procedural Rules](#), the [NESSA District Procedural Rules](#) and [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#).
- 1.2. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) is NESSA in conjunction with the host.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c) will be in effect.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Competing schools must be 2023-2024 members of ISSA/NESSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, Part III 1, and 5.2.
- 2.2. Competitors must be full time students, in the 9th grade or higher, of the school they represent, and subject to the academic and disciplinary requirements of that school.
- 2.3. Regatta is limited to the 8 NESSA School teams on a first come, first served basis.
- 2.4. Schools that participate in this regatta are expected to represent NESSA at the National Keelboat Invitational Regatta if they qualify.

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES.

- 3.1. Schools wishing to compete must register on the NESSA website.
- 3.2. Registration window opens at 1200 on Thursday September 5, 2024.
- 3.3. Registration window closes at 23:59 on Friday September 18, 2024 or when all slots are filled.
- 3.4. If all slots are filled ~~(8)~~(10), a wait list will be started.

4. ENTRY FEE:

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$50 per school, payable at registration, through the [NESSA PayPal account](#).
- 4.2. A damage deposit check of \$500, made payable to SailMaine, should be hand delivered to the regatta site. Contact the Registrar for alternate accommodation if necessary.

5. BOATS & TEAM SIZE:

- 5.1 J/22 provided by the host.
- 5.2 Crew of 4 (including skipper) is required to sail for this event. At least one team member must identify as female unless the school is all male.

6. SCHEDULE:

- 6.1. 0900- Sailor's meeting (First warning announced at Sailor's Meeting)
- 6.2. 1600 -No first warning for any race may start after this time, except if the regatta is not "official" yet, in accordance with the ISSA PR in which case, racing can continue until the regatta is official.
- 6.3. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board location to be announced at registration.

7. **RACING AREA:** The race area will be in Portland Harbor off of SailMaine,.
8. **COURSES:** The Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7.
9. **SCORING:** The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.
10. **COACHING:**
 - 10.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from the time they arrive at the regatta site until the regatta is done unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chair. 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.
 - 10.2. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.
11. **PRIZES:**

The top school will qualify for the ISSA National Keelboat Invitational to be sailed in St Petersburg, FL: December 9-10, 2023.
12. **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.
13. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:**
 - 13.1 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.
 - 13.2 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.
14. **REGATTA CONTACTS/REGATTA CHAIRS:**

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