

## 2026 Arnold Brown Regatta

Hosted by

Martha's Vineyard RHS Sailing Team & Sail Martha's Vineyard

Martha's Vineyard, MA

Saturday, September 12th, 2026

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the [ISSA Procedural Rules](#) and the [ISSA National Championship General Conditions](#) 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 the Martha's Vineyard RHS Sailing Team.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c) will be in effect.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1. Eligible schools wishing to register for this event may register by completing the Google docs Fall Regatta Registration Form located on the NESSA Website.
- 2.2. **Article K, section 3 Qualification** is in effect, as this is a pre-qualifier for the ACC Qualifier Regatta in October. Schools shall be eligible for NESSA Invitational Regattas in the following way.
  - 2.2.1. All NESSA dues must be paid.
  - 2.2.2. Each NESSA Member school is entitled to one entry on a first come, first served basis until the regatta is filled.
  - 2.2.3. Non-NESSA teams (conglomerate teams or out of district school teams) are entitled to sign up when the registration opens for a NESSA Invitational Regatta. Entry in the said regatta will be granted to a Non-NESSA team after 10 days from when registration opens, only if space is available, at a first come first serve basis.
- 2.3. Registration opens at 0800, August 26th, and closes 0800 August 28th. Registrations after closes but no later than 96hrs prior to the event will be placed on a waiting list first come first serve basis.
- 2.4. Twelve (12) berths are available
- 2.5. The event chair reserves the right to increase the number of berths at his discretion.
- 2.6. All teams still wishing to compete after registration is filled will be added to a waitlist.
- 2.7. Teams that have registered and are unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson as soon as possible. Any withdrawal later than 72 hours before the report time for the event will result in that team losing the right to compete in the Roy Williams Regatta and to register for any events hosted by Martha's Vineyard RHS Sailing Team for 1 year.

3. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry is \$30 per team. Cash or Check — Make checks payable to: Sail Martha's Vineyard
4. **SCHEDULE:**
  - 4.1. 0815 Ferry Departs from Woods Hole (arrives 9am in Vineyard Haven)
  - 4.2. 0930 Check-In
  - 4.3. 1000 Competitors meeting
  - 4.4. 1600 No first signal for an A Division races will be made after this time
    - Return Ferry Schedule: **1700, 1720, 1815**, 1830, 1930, 2030, 2045, 2130 (Bold indicates most likely return ferries)
    - Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official Techscore page
    - ***Additional transportation information will be sent to all registered teams***
5. **FORMAT:** A and B fleet racing in Zim 420E's.
6. **RACING AREA:** All races will be sailed in the Lagoon off of the Sail MV boathouse or the Vineyard Haven Outer Harbor off of the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club.
7. **COURSES:** The Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7.
8. **SCORING:** The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.
9. **COACHING:**
  - 9.1. 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.
  - 9.2. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.
10. **PRIZES:** The Arnold Brown Trophy will be awarded to the winning team and the top two (2) teams will qualify for the Roy Williams Invitational (NESSA's ACC Qualifier)
11. **RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:** By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority 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.
12. **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.

13. **REGATTA CONTACT:**

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