2026 Fall MASSA Team Race Championship

Hosted by

Annapolis Yacht Club and Annapolis Sailing School

AYC Sailing Center - 510 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403

Annapolis Sailing School - 7001 Bembe Beach Rd., Annapolis, MD 21403

October 17-18th, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Amended 10/13/2026

Amended 10/16/2026

Amended 10/17/2026

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than DSQ. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

1. RULES:

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix D as modified by the ISSA Procedural Rules, the ISSA Procedural Rules, and the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules (ISSA PR Appendix 2), the MASSA District Supplemental Rules and Code of Conduct, this NOR, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mid-Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association (MASSA District), in conjunction with the Maryland Interscholastic Sailing Association, host venue Annapolis Yacht Club and on the water/rotation venue only Annapolis Sailing School.

1.3. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final, and US Sailing permission has been granted.

1.4. All races will be umpired.

1.5. D1.2(a)(2), D2.1(b), D2.1(c) and D5.2 are changed by replacing the phrase "a red flag" with "a raised open hand."

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The sailing instructions will be posted on Tech Score prior to the report time for the regatta.

3. COMMUNICATION:

3.1. The online official notice board will be on Tech Score.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. Competing schools and competitors must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.

4.2. Selection of competing schools within each district will be by league elimination. The regatta has 10 berths. Allocation of berths to leagues will be determined by the MASSA board. Schools should contact their league directors to find out details on league qualifiers.

4.3. Eligible schools and sailors must enter by completing the MASSA District Google Commitment Sheet/Registration form, and by confirming registration with the regatta chairperson by **5:00 PM on Monday, Oct. 12, 2026**.

4.4. Registration form can be found on the MASSA Website schedule page.

4.5. Registration is considered a firm commitment to attend the event. Teams unable to compete after registering must notify the regatta chair and MASSA Director as soon as possible. They will then forfeit the berth in the next MASSA event that they are eligible to compete in.

4.6. MASSA will reallocate vacant district quotas. The first open allocation will go to the host League. A berth becomes vacant when the qualifying League becomes unable to fill the berth.

5. FEES:

5.1. There will be no fee or damage deposit for this event.

6. BOATS:

6.1. 18 2020 Zim C420's will be provided by the host. Boats will be sailed as provided.

7. SCHEDULE:

Saturday

9:00 AM - Report time/Rigging of boats at Annapolis Yacht Club

9:30 AM - Competitors' Meeting at Annapolis Yacht Club

First warning - As soon as possible after the competitors' meeting.

There is no cutoff time for racing on Sat.

Sunday

8:30 AM - Report time/Coaches Meeting/Rigging of boats

9:00 AM – Harbor Start

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching

~~3:30~~ ~~2:00~~ ~~3:30 PM~~ **2:00 PM** - No Warning Signal will be made after this time aside from sail-off to break a tie.

Awards - immediately after all gear is properly stowed.

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

8. RACING/SAILING AREA: All races will be sailed on the Severn River in front of Annapolis Sailing School.

9. COACHING:

9.1. ISSA PR Appendix 3 5.1 and 5.2 apply except that National is changed to District, and ISSA representative is changed to MASSA representative. League regattas on the league's published schedule are previously considered MASSA events.

10. PRIZES:

10.1. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta.

11. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL): ISSA PR 5.3 shall apply.

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 3, Decision to Race and ISSA PR 1.3. Each team's Responsible Adult certifies by completing the event registration and attending the event that all team members (and their Parents or guardians), coaches, and all team personnel agree to the following statement:

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, parent, coach, and all team personnel 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 CONTACTS:

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