

2026 MDISA Team Race Qualifier

Hosted by

Severn Sailing Association

**311 First Street
Annapolis, MD 21403**

October 3-4, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Maryland Interscholastic Sailing Association (MDISA) in conjunction with Severn Sailing Association.

1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MASSA District Supplemental Rules (includes SI's) and Code of Conduct, this Notice of Race, and Addendum to the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions Addendum will take precedence.

1.3. RRS Appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).

1.4. In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted.

1.5. RRS D2.6 Limited Umpiring and RRS D2.2 (Single-Flag Rule) shall apply. Pending a Yellow Flag and a competitor notifying the finish boat of intentions to protest, a 3- minute justice hearing will be held immediately on an umpire's boat or on the dock.

1.6. The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 61.1(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2 and Appendix D is modified below as follows: RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase "display a red flag" with "display a raised open hand."

2. ELIGIBILITY:

2.1. 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.

2.2. 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.

2.3. Selection of competing schools will be by individual league qualifying rules. Allocations will be determined by the MDISA.

3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

3.1. Eligible schools must enter by submitting an email to the MDSA chair by Wednesday at 9pm.

3.2. Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson and the MDSA Director as soon as possible.

3.3. Any berth not filled by eligible schools by the deadline in 3.1, or thereafter vacated, will be reallocated by the MDSA chair. The first open allocation will go to the host.

4. ENTRY FEE & DAMAGE DEPOSIT:

4.1. There is no damage deposit or entry fee for this event.

5. BOATS:

5.1. FJ's will be provided by SSA. Boats will be sailed as provided.

5.2 Collisions causing damage will be dealt with by jury in accordance with RRS rules 14, 67, & 69.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday October 3, 2026

9:00 - Report time/Rigging of Boats

9:30 - Competitors Meeting

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.

There will be no cut off time for racing.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

9:00 - Rigging of boats

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.

3:00 - No Warning Signal will be made after this time aside from sail-off's to break a tie.

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

6.2 Plan A: 2 full Round Robins, followed by a final 4 (96 races)

Plan B: Two full round robins. (90 races)

Plan C: One full round robin with a top 6, bottom 4 and a final 4. (72 races)

Plan D: One full round robin with a top 6, and a final 4. (66 races)

Plan E: One full round robin and a final 4. (51 races)

Plan F: If only the Qualifying round has been completed, the results will stand as the championship. If any of the subsequent round robins (Championship, silver, or bronze) have been completed, the results of completed round robins will stand. Results from incomplete round robins may be used in tiebreakers.

7. RACING AREA: All races will be sailed in the mouth of Spa Creek as close as possible to Severn Sailing Association.

8. COURSES: A digital N course will be used as prescribed in ISSA PR Appendix 6.

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 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 Competitors shall wear inherently buoyant personal flotation devices designated as USCG “wearable” in accordance with ISSA PR 2.2. Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted.

12.2 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.

12.3 Failure to comply with 11.1 or 11.2 above will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

12.4 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.

12.5 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 12.1, 12.2, and 12.4 above.

12.6 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: Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area 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.

14. OFFICIAL NOTICE: No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802, the possession of which is unlawful under U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine, and beer, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source, alleging such a breach a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors, and the chairperson of the protest committee, shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1(b). If a hearing under RRS 69 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practical, be removed from the regatta venues and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.2 may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team. This regulation is in effect during the entire event from the date and time of arrival through the date and time of departure from the regatta site.

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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