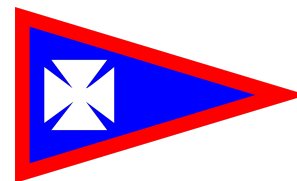




2026 NESSA Cressy Qualifier

To be held at
American Yacht Club
499 Stuyvesant Ave, Rye, NY 10580
Sept. 12-13, 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](#), the NESSA District Supplemental Rules and Code of Conduct, this NOR, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the NESSA District, in conjunction with American Yacht Club.

1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) will be in effect.

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

1.6. The US Sailing Prescriptions to the preamble for Part 5 Section B and RRS 63.1(b) shall not apply.

1.7 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

1.8. A protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest. The protest committee may find a protest invalid if the competitor fails to do so. This amends 60.2 and changes ISSA PR 15(b).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. 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 Tech Score.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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

4.2. This regatta is open to all eligible sailors within NESSA. The regatta has unlimited berths.

4.3. Eligible sailors must enter by submitting an official entry form via **ClubSpot no later than 5:00 PM Friday, September 4, 2026**. Registration Link: [ClubSpot NESSA Cressy Qualifier Registration](#)

4.4. Registered sailors unable to compete must notify the regatta chair and ISSA as soon as possible.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$25.00 per sailor.
- 5.2. The entry fee must be paid via the ClubSpot registration form. Ensure the fee is applied to the correct sailor before submitting.
- 5.3. Food will not be provided, with the exception of water and granola bars on the racecourse.

6. BOATS

- 6.1. This is a BYOB (Bring Your Own Boat) event; no boats will be provided.
- 6.2. There will be 3 divisions: ILCA 7 Open Division, ILCA 6 Boys Division, and ILCA 6 Girls Division.
- 6.3. Only class-legal ILCA dinghies will be permitted. Blades, sails, and spars must be class-legal. All boats must conform to the respective class rules for all sail handling systems.
- 6.4. Boats and/or PFDs may be inspected at any time.
- 6.5. ILCA Class-legal electronic or analog compasses are permitted per ISSA PR 7.11(a).
- 6.6. Breakdown parts will not be provided. Individual sailors must bring their own tools and spare parts. Breakdowns will not be grounds for redress (this changes ISSA PR 9(e)(ii)).
- 6.7. There will be no rotation of boats.
- 6.8. Sailors may not change their division after the registration deadline.
- 6.9. Charter boats may be arranged through The Boat Locker (Bridgeport, CT) or The Dinghy Shop (Amityville, NY).
- 6.10. All trailers and dollies brought to American Yacht Club for this event must be clearly marked with the sailor's name, sail number, and school.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12, 2026

- 1000 - 1200 Boat drop off
- 1200 – Check-in and rigging of boats
- 1230 – Competitors' meeting
- First Warning – As soon as reasonably possible after the competitors' meeting.
- * There will be no lunch break for sailors to return to shore on Saturday.
- * There will be no cutoff time for racing on Saturday.

Sunday, September 13, 2026

- 0830 – Rigging of boats
- 0900 – Competitors meeting
- First Warning – As soon as reasonably possible after launching.
- 1500 – No race will start after this time.
- Awards – Immediately after all gear is properly stowed.

Trophy presentation will be after racing

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

8. LAUNCHING AND RACING AREA

- 8.1. Launching will take place at the middle docks and/or the parking lot ramp, depending on wind direction.
- 8.2. All races will be sailed in the Long Island Sound area adjacent to the American Yacht Club.

8.3. The MASSA and NESSA regattas will both be hosted by AYC and will utilize separate race courses, Race Committees, and scoring.

8.4. The American Yacht Club will provide a boat on the water where sailors may leave a small kit bag, lunch, and/or water. All sailor gear must be clearly marked with name, school, class, and sail number.

9. RACES

9.1. Up to 12 races in each division will be run over the two days.

10. TRAVEL AND HOUSING

10.1. There are various hotel options in and around Rye, NY. The Courtyard Marriott is the closest major hotel (631 Midland Ave, Rye, NY 10580). Additional options are located a short drive away in Stamford, CT, White Plains, NY, and New Rochelle, NY.

10.2. For sailors traveling from distant corners of the NESSA district, the closest airport is Westchester County Airport (HPN), followed closely by LaGuardia Airport (LGA) and John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK).

11. COACHING

11.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors, and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from the start of registration time on Friday until the end of the regatta 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.

11.2. The ISSA National Championship Regatta Conditions – Rule 5 (Mishap/Rescue) applies.

12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes will be awarded to sailors placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division.

12.2. First and second places in the ILCA 7 Open, ILCA 6 Boys, and ILCA 6 Girls divisions will qualify to advance to the Cressy National Singlehanded Championship on October 31 - November 1, 2026, at American Yacht Club in Rye, NY.

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL)

13.1. ISSA PR 5.3 shall apply.

14. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

14.1. 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 3, Decision to Race.

14.2. 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 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.

15. REGATTA CONTACTS

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