

NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT
for
The FOUNDERS TROPHY
ROCHESTER YC
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, including Appendix D, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the NESSA Procedural Rules and District Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the MASSA, MISSA, & NESSA in conjunction with host Rochester YC & Mercy/McQuaid HS.
- 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.

- 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located at Rochester YC and also posted on Tech Score. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the protest committee and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3. SCHEDULE & FORMAT:

- 3.1. Report time for Saturday and Sunday will be 0900.
- 3.2. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chair.
- 3.3. A triple round-robin is planned.

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 4.1. Courses will be the Digital N in accordance with Appendix 6 of the ISSA PR.
- 4.2. The race committee may designate course selection orally.
- 4.3. All marks will be varying color hippity hop marks.
- 4.4. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(c) after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required (changes RRS 33).

5. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:

- 5.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(a).
- 5.2. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix S6.
- 5.3. After a general recall, ISSA PR 7.8(b) shall not apply.
- 5.4. The start line & finish line will be between a mark and an orange flag on the RC boat.

6. BREAKDOWNS:

- 6.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 6.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 12.2. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

- 7. PROTESTS:** Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI, RRS Appendix D2.5, & RRS Appendix D2.6.

8. SCORING:

- 8.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 12.
- 8.2 New ISSA PR 12.1 addresses TIES: Ties in a completed round-robin series shall be broken using only the results in the series, in order:
 - a) If the tied teams have raced more than once, the highest number of wins in all races between the tied teams.
 - (b) When conditions and time permit, as determined by the regatta chair, the chief umpire, and the NESSA representative, ties shall be broken by a sail-off between tied teams. In non-qualifying events, the sail-off requirement may be eliminated.
 - (c) If a sail-off cannot be completed, the highest number of race wins in all races between the tied teams.
 - (d) Then, the lowest total points scored in all races between the tied teams.
 - (e) If two teams remain tied, the winner of the last race between them.
 - (f) Then, the lowest average points scored in all races against common opponents.
 - (e) Finally via a game of chance.

9. COACHING:

- 9.1. Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, 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 personnel.
- 9.2. Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only while on shore.
- 9.3. A coach who is also acting as a Race Committee is exempt from 9.2 between races.

10. SAFETY:

- 10.1. Per Procedural Rule 2.2, competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III or V lifejackets. Inflatable type lifejackets are not permitted.
- 10.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

11. TROPHIES:

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three schools.
- 11.2 The top school will get the Founders trophy until next year's regatta

- 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.