



# MASSA Spring Team Race Championship

\*\*\* Baker Qualifier \*\*\*

April 30 - May 1, 2016

The Organizing Authority is MASSA

Hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club

7001 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Va. 23505



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. RULES

1.1) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D, the Interscholastic Sailing Association Procedural Rules (ISSA PR), and the MASSA Procedural Rules. RRS D2.6 Limited Umpiring and RRS D2.5 (Two-Flag Rule) shall apply.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1) Competing schools must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules and adjusted by MASSA Procedural Rules.

2.2) A designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach or parent recognized by the school, must accompany each team.

2.3) Selection of competing schools will be by district elimination. The regatta has 10 berths. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA bylaws. Schools should contact their League Directors to find out details on League qualifiers.

2.4) Eligible schools and sailors must enter by submitting notice of qualification and entry by email to [rstones@stoneslg.com](mailto:rstones@stoneslg.com) by April 25, 2016. Notice from your league director will satisfy the requirement.

### 3. UMPIRING

3.1) Each team shall provide a coach or other individual to umpire its races. If unable to provide an umpire for the event, call the regatta contact as soon as possible.

### 4. FORMAT

4.1 A single round robin, followed by a championship round of the top 6 teams, then followed by a final round of the top 4 teams *will be attempted*. In addition, a double final 4 round *will be attempted* on a separate course for the bottom 4 teams.

4.2 After the first round, no incomplete final rounds will be scored, but races sailed in an incomplete round shall be used as tiebreakers where appropriate.

4.3 If the above format is not possible within the allotted time, the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire shall consult as to the best course of action, and the choice of format shall be made at the sole discretion of the Regatta Chair.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY April 30, 2016

REPORT TIME	0830 hrs *** Teams should rig boats <i>immediately after check-in</i> ***
COMPETITORS' MEETING	0900 hrs <i>Boats should be launched as soon as possible after competitors meeting</i>
FIRST WARNING	As soon as possible <i>after</i> competitors meeting
NO RACE AFTER	Not specified. Decision will be wind and weather dependent – Sunset is 1953 hrs

## **SUNDAY MAY 1, 2016**

REPORT TIME	0830 hrs *** <i>Teams should rig boats <u>immediately upon arrival</u> ***</i>
FIRST WARNING	As soon as possible <i>after</i> REPORT TIME
NO RACE AFTER	1400 hrs
AWARD PRESENTATION	<i>Immediately after boats and equipment is stowed</i>

### **6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1) NYCC FJs will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 6.2) Jib halyards tails shall be rigged *behind* the spreaders.
- 6.3) The penalty for infringing upon 6.1 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 6.4) Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the dock/boat committee immediately after arriving on shore or to the Race Committee Signal Boat on the water.
- 6.5) Breakdowns will be decided using the Breakdown guidelines of ISSA PR's, with the following additional clarification: Opening of threaded shackles (except at the head of the jib when not secured by the competitor and except if the threads are stripped) will not be considered a breakdown.

### **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & ROTATION**

- 5.1) Sailing instructions will be made available prior to the event.
- 5.2) The rotation will be posted online via TechScore at <http://scores.hssailing.org>

### **6. RACING AREA.**

- 6.1) The racing area will be the mouth of the Lafayette River as close as possible to the NYCC floating docks. Rotations will take place at the designated NYCC Floating Docks.

### **7. COURSES.**

- 7.1) Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7
- 7.2) The Digital N as outlined in ISSA PR Appendix 6 will be preferred.

### **9. PROTESTS.**

- 9.1) A competitor shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intention to protest in accordance with ISSA PR 8 (b).
- 9.2) Any protests not resolved on the water by the umpires, *must be filed immediately upon arriving on shore.*

### **10. SCORING.**

- 10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 12 and posted online via TechScore at <http://scores.hssailing.org>

## 11. SAFETY

11.1) Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted.

11.2) The race committee may require the use of wetsuits or dry-suits. This may be announced at the daily competitors' meeting, and need not be signaled. Sailors may use either wet- or dry-suits

11.3) Failure to comply with 11.1 and/or 11.2 will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

11.4) Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 11.1 and 11.2.

11.5) At its discretion, the Race Committee may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to his/her own or others' safety, *especially if hypothermia or concussion is suspected.*

## 12. COACHING

12.1) Coaching will be allowed in accordance with PR 8.

12.2) 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.

12.3) Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel may go afloat in the sailing area while serving as an umpire or assisting with race management.

12.4) Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, only while not racing and only while on the water near the docks, on the docks or ashore.

## 13. PRIZES

13.1) Trophy Plaque awards will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishing teams

## 14. QUALIFYING TEAMS

14.1) Teams finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place qualify to advance to the Baker National Championship in Anacortes, WA

14.2) Teams finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place qualify to advance to the NIT Regatta in Wayzata, MN

14.3) *Teams must confirm their intentions to advance to the Baker Nationals before leaving NYCC 5/1/16 and the NIT Regatta qualifying teams need to confirm no later than end of business Thursday 5/5/16*

## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

15.1) Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.

## 16. REGATTA CONTACT

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