

NESSA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP  
For the  
REBECCA HERRESHOFF TROPHY  
SUNDAY MAY 8, 2016  
~~ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY~~  
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the NESSA Procedural Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.3. ISSA PR 5.1 (Conduct) shall be in effect for the entire regatta.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the NESSA in conjunction with the hosts.
- 1.5. ISSA PR 2.5 (Pinnies) is in effect.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:**

- 2.1. Competing schools must be members of ISSA & NESSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, Part III 1, and 5.2 before completing the registration process.
- 2.2. See NESSA PR Article K, section 2(c) for more eligibility requirements

**3. ENTRY PROCEDURES:**

- 3.1. Schools wishing to compete must complete the on-line registration form in the registration window.
- 3.2. Registration window opens at 0900 on March 1, 2016
- 3.3. Registration window closes at 2359 on April 1, 2016
- 3.4. Schools may select their choice(s) for qualifying venues. Qualifying venues will be:
  - Tabor Academy (Z420s) on Sunday April 17, 2016
  - Duxbury Bay Maritime School (Z420s) on Saturday April 23, 2016
  - Indian Harbor Yacht Club (C420s) on Sunday May 1, 2016
- 3.5. Schools may register for more than one qualify site.
- 3.6. If there is a wait-list at one site, schools that have already qualified may be shifted out to make room for schools that have not qualified at the discretion of the NESSA Event Chair
- 3.7. NESSA PR Article L (failure to Compete) is in effect
- 3.8. Qualifying slots available at each site:
  - 3.8.1. Tabor Academy: Top 5
  - 3.8.2. Duxbury Bay Maritime School: Top 5
  - 3.8.3. Indian Harbor YC: Top 5. A 6<sup>th</sup> bid may be awarded by the event chair depending on number of competitors at the site.

4. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is \$20 per school/qualifying site payable upon registration. There will be no refunds

**5. BOATS:**

- 5.1 Qualifiers: C420s or Z420s provided by the hosts
- 5.2 Finals: FJs as provided by RWU, C420s as provided by MMA
- 5.3 Boats will be sailed as provided.

**6. SCHEDULE:**

**6.1. Sunday May 8, 2016**

0830 -Check in/registration/rigging of boats

0915- Sailor's meeting (First warning announced at Sailor's Meeting)

1600 -No first warning for any A Division race may start after this time, , except if the regatta is not "official" yet, in accordance with the ISSA PR in which case, racing can continue until the regatta is official. Trophy presentation shortly after last race

6.2. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board whose location will be announced at the sailors meeting.

**7. RACING AREA:** The racing area(s) will be described at the sailors meeting, but in general, will be the area directly in front of each facility.

**8. COURSES:** Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7.

**9. SCORING:** The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

**10. COACHING:**

10.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from the time they arrive at the regatta site until the regatta is done 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.

10.2. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

**11. PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> in the finals.

**12. 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.

**13. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:**

13.1. 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 4, Decision to Race.

13.2. 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 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.

**14. REGATTA CONTACTS:**

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