

**2018 MASSA Spring Fleet Race Championship
(Mallory Qualifier)
Christchurch School
April 14-15, 2018**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing (RRS), the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) Procedural Rules, the Mid-Atlantic Sailing Association (MASSA) Procedural Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.2. RRS appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mid-Atlantic Sailing Association (MASSA) in conjunction with hosts Virginia Interscholastic Sailing Association (VISA) and Christchurch School (CCS).

2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located at the Kelly Sailing Pavilion at the Christchurch School Waterfront. 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:

- 3.1. Report time for Saturday will be 8:00AM. Report time for Sunday is 8:30AM. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chairperson.
- 3.2. There is no cut-off time for racing on Saturday April 14, 2018. No race will start after 2:00PM on Sunday April 15, 2018, except for a sail-off if needed.
- 3.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score after the skipper's meeting.

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 4.1. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.7.
- 4.2. The race committee may designate course selection orally.
- 4.3. All marks will be yellow, orange or white balls.
- 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).
- 4.5. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(d), races will not be shortened; they may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee.

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 U4 and U5.
- 5.3. General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles. After a general recall, the round the ends provision of RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(b) (Changes RRS 30.1).
- 5.4. The start line will be between a yellow or orange ball at the port end of the flag and an orange flag on the start boat.
- 5.5. The finish line will be between a yellow or orange ball and an orange flag on the finish 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 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

7. PROTESTS:

- 7.1. Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.
- 7.2. Per Procedural Rule 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.
- 7.3. Protests forms will be available on a table near the notice board at the Kelly Sailing Pavilion.
- 7.4. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of reaching shore at the conclusion of the day's racing.

8. SCORING: Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

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 between sets ashore, on the floating dock, or in the coaching area afloat as designated by the regatta chair.

10. SAFETY:

- 10.1. Competitors shall wear USCG approved lifejackets as outlined in ISSA Procedural Rule 2.2.
- 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.
- 10.3. The race committee may ask a boat to retire from the race at any time should their safety be in question.

- 11. FORMAT:** The following format will be attempted: The race committee will attempt to complete a full rotation. A and B division will have staggered starts. A Division will start in FJ's, and B Division will start in 420's. Divisions will switch fleets after 10 races, or the completion of Saturday's racing, whichever comes first. Boat exchanges will occur near the start/finish, or on the floating dock, depending on the wind/sea state. Skipper/crew rotations will only occur between sets.

12. TROPHIES:

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta.
- 12.2. The first three highest placing schools will be awarded a berth at the ISSA Mallory Trophy Regatta. The next 5 highest placing schools will be awarded a berth at the Phebe King Memorial Regatta.