# 46th Massachusetts State High School Championship

# **Notice of Race**

# Description

The MA State Open High School Sailing Champs will be held in one division of FJs and one division of Fireflies at the MIT Sailing Pavilion on Wednesday and Thursday, May 22-23, 2019.

# Eligibility

Any Massachusetts High School group of students may compete in this championship whether or not they have received prior permission or recognition from their school. The school's entry doesn't have to be a member of any league and the competitors are not required to have been granted official permission from their high school in order to participate. Minimum requirements are 2 skippers and 2 crews who know how to swim and will bring their own lifejackets, helmets, telltales, and bailing buckets. Registration before the deadline shall not be limited. However electronic registration must be completed prior to midnight, Tuesday, May 21.

# Format and Schedule

Racing will be held in FJs for A Division and Fireflies for B Division at the MIT Sailing Pavilion on Wednesday, May, 22. Report time is 1 pm. This is the time to show up. It is NOT the time of the first race.

The format will be decided at the close of registration on the Tuesday preceding.

If more than 22 teams register, the competitors shall be divided into a north semi final and a south semi final by the Race Organizers. A three race series for the north and south semi final will be held on Wednesday. The top ten teams of each semi-final regatta shall qualify to race in the finals on Thursday. There will be no consolation regatta for teams which do not qualify for the final competition. Scores will not carry forward from the semi finals to the finals. The finals on Thursday will be a scheduled five race series in both divisions. No races will start after 1700 and three races in both divisions must be completed in order for the event to become an offical regatta.

# If 22 or less teams register, the competitors shall race until 1700 on both days and all races shall count for the High School Championship of Massachusetts.

# **Entry Fees**

Entry fee is \$65 per team. Online payments in advance (available after registration) are preferred. Payments at the Pavilion are possible by checks (payable to "MIT Sailing Pavilion") or credit card. Receipts will be available for those who need them. No electronic charges will be fulfilled until the day of the event. Pre-registration is required.

# Parking and Transportation

# All sailors are encouraged to take the Red Line to Kendall Square and walk two blocks to the River.

If car pooling, be ready to drop your squad off at the pavilion and then go hunting for a spot on westbound Mem Drive, Ames St or along the meters (bring quarters) on Mass Ave. Parking is horrendous before 2:30 pm on any weekday along Memorial Drive. After 3 pm all of the MIT lots are available for no charge. Despite the signage you will not be ticketed or towed from an MIT lot after 3pm. You will not be allowed into one before that time, however. There is the E51 lot next to the Sloan School and accessed by Wadsworth St to Amherst St as well as a medical lot accessed from Hayward St. Check out this link <u>http://whereis.mit.edu/</u> There is a pay garage called the Yellow Garage at Kendall Center which is also available.

# Practice

No team shall practice at MIT Sailing Pavilion except the Winsor School and Brookline High School which uses the MIT Sailing Pavilion as their home facility.

Questions or concerns contact: Franny Charles 617-253-4884 or via e-mail.

Marty O'Brien will organize the event.

Joe Zambella shall be the PRO and manage racing

Gary Werden shall be in charge of recording finishes, scoring, and dissemination of same.