

Dear NESSA –

The Hotchkiss School is excited to host the 2019 New England Championship for the George O'Day trophy.

Competitors' meeting is scheduled for 0930 at The Hotchkiss School Boathouse. That address, for GPS is 50 Lake Road, Lakeville, CT 06039. We will have security personnel assisting with parking – we need to keep the turn-around space clear so any buses are able to make the turn back up the road. My cell is 860-671-1252 and the school main number is 860-435-2591, ask for the boathouse.

Lake Wononscopomuc is very cold. We have already had one case of hypothermia this season. Drysuits are highly recommended. Wetsuits are not recommended and do not work well. Our race committee and safety boat personnel are instructed to remove a competitor from the competition at the first sign of hypothermia. I urge all coaches to become aware of the symptoms and quiz your sailors at each rotation.

We are providing breakfast and lunch for all competitors, coaches, and spectators. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available. We will also have hot beverages and water. Please remember the NESSA plastic water bottle ban. Breakfast will be ready around 0830.

Coaches will not be allowed on the water and I request that competitors not sail close to the boathouse dock as it shallows quickly. Sailboats may *never* dock at the boathouse dock.

The 'A' division will be sailing ZIM FJ's – brand new this season. The 'B' division will be sailing Vanguard 420's – circa 2008. Courses will depend on wind direction.

Good luck this Saturday.

Roger