

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS SERIES

Sail Newport
72 Fort Adams Drive
Newport, RI 02840

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 (available one week prior to each event date).
- 1.2. In accordance with RRS rule 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. Compliance with ISSA PR 2.5 (Team Uniforms/Pinnies) is requested, but no penalty will accrue for schools not in compliance.
- 1.5. The Prout School, Rogers HS and Sail Newport are the Organizing Authority for this event
- 1.6. The regatta will be sailed in two divisions (A / B).
- 1.7. All participants shall comply with COVID Safety Protocols provided in Paragraph 14. Participant is defined as a sailor and coach per the team size allocation in 3.6.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Competing schools must be members of NESSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in Procedural Rules, Part III 1. Waivers must be submitted prior to registration.
- 2.2. Registration is open to all NESSA member schools. Any non-RI school interested in competing may be registered only after all RI schools have had the opportunity to register and all COVID Inter-state competition requirements have been met.
- 2.3. Friday Night Lights is a promotional regatta series intended as scrimmages or friendlies to increase competition opportunities, develop sailors individually and as teams, and promote high school sailing as a fun and educational way to enjoy competition. It is not intended for NESSA ranking purposes.

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES & TEAM RESTRICTIONS:

- 3.1. Registration opens on March 12th via email notification. Registration for final event of series closes at 1000, Friday May 28th.
- 3.2. Schools wishing to compete must email Brad Donnelly at braddonnelly13@gmail.com and will receive a confirmation email in reply.
- 3.3. Each Promotional Regatta listed in 6.1 is limited to the first 10 schools to register. All others will be added to a wait-list. A wait list of up to 3 schools will be maintained. Should a team have to withdraw, notification NLT 3 days prior to the event is required. Reminder emails will be sent the Monday prior to each event.
- 3.4. NESSA PR Article L (failure to compete) is not in effect. However, if a team is going to withdraw, a host POC must be notified IAW 3.3.
- 3.5. A Google Docs spreadsheet will track who has registered for each event. The link for the spreadsheet is: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1x8et-us0ReZO8L2kjt17iNEIAfsnJzSc2_zGTg-vkE/edit?usp=sharing
- 3.6. Team sizes are limited to 8 sailors and one coach at the competition site.

4. ENTRY FEE:

- 4.1. No Entry Fee for the FNL Series.

5. BOATS:

- 5.1 Both divisions will sail C420s provided by the host schools and Sail Newport.
- 5.2 There will be no rotation of boats. Boats will be sailed as provided. Boat assignments will be entered into TechScore NLT 24 hours prior to each event.

6. SCHEDULE:

- 6.1. There will be 5 regattas in the FNL promotional series.
 - FNL #1: Friday, April 30th
 - FNL #2: Friday, May 7th
 - FNL #3: Friday, May 14th
 - FNL #4: Friday, May 21st
 - FNL #5: Friday, May 28th
- 6.2. 1530 – Report time
- 6.3. TBD – Competitor’s meeting
- 6.4. 1600 - First Warning
- 6.5. 1730 – No first warning for any race may start after this time, except if the regatta is not “official” yet, in accordance with the ISSA PR in which case the regatta can continue until the regatta is official.
- 6.6. Final results to be announced and placed in TECHSCORE once all protest procedures are complete.
- 6.7. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board on TECHSCORE and emailed to all coaches.

7. **RACING AREA:** The Racing Area will be located in Brenton Cove, off of the Admiral Pier, adjacent to the Sail Newport Facility.

8. **COURSES:** Based on conditions, the RC 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.
- 10.2. Furthermore, schools will be assigned a “team area” on shore by regatta chair.
- 10.3. Coaches are responsible for meeting COVID Screening requirements per RI guidelines. A list of all participants shall be submitted to event organizers for tracing purposes. Entry of RP forms in TECHSCORE can meet this requirement.
- 10.4. Sail Newport Staff will serve as Race Committee and On the Water Support to free up coaches to manage their teams/pods. Should a coach act as Race Committee by request of Sail Newport, they are exempt from 10.1 between sets of races.
- 10.5. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

11. **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.

12. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

- 12.1. 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.

12.2. 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.

13. WATER AND WATER BOTTLES

Disposable (single use) are not allowed. Competitors shall bring their own reusable water bottles. A water bottle refill station is located in the ground floor lobby of the main Sail Newport building.

14. COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

14.1 Sail Newport building and piers are off limits to non-participants. A Participant is defined in 1.7.

14.2 Masks and 6 foot social distancing are required by all participants while on shore.

14.3 Only 4 sailors from each team will be allowed on the C420 dock at a time.

14.4 Spectators are not authorized on Sail Newport facilities, to include porches, decks and docks. Those wishing to observe competitions are urged to comply with RI State Guidelines and respect Ft Adams State Park requirements established by the Dept of Environmental Management.

14.5 No changing areas/locker rooms are available on site. Recommend sailors arrive dressed in a manner that a changing room is not required.

14.6 Public Restrooms are available on the ground floor back side of the Sail Newport building as well as the Ft Adams Visitors Center.

14.7 Socials/cookouts are not authorized this year do to the COVID Pandemic protocols. We look forward to bringing them back in future years.

15. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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*****ALL TEAMS AND VISITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PACKING THEIR TRASH AND ANY OTHER ITEMS THEY MAY BRING. ABSOLUTELY NO SINGLE USE CONTAINERS OR PLASTIC BAGS. BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES, NO FOAM*****