

NESSA FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIP
for the
GEORGE O'DAY TROPHY

QUALIFIERS: SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022

FINAL: SUNDAY MAY 8, 2022

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 [ISSA National Championship General Conditions](#), 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. The Organizing Authority (OA) is NESSA in conjunction with the host site(s).
- 1.4. Per ISSA Procedural Rules Part II – District Championship, ISSA PR 4.1 applies to this regatta. A Team attending the NESSA O'Day is limited to eight (8) sailors." A student is considered a sailor, when they have competed in a race.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The sailing instructions will be posted on Tech Score prior to the report time for the regatta.

3. COMMUNICATION: The online official notice board will be Tech Score.

4. ELIGIBILITY: 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 and NESSA PR Article K, section 2(d).

5. ENTRY PROCEDURES & FEES:

- 5.1. Schools wishing to compete in the qualifying regatta must complete the online registration form in the registration window.
- 5.2. Registration window opens at 0900 on March 1st.
- 5.3. Registration window closes at 2359 on April 1st.
- 5.4. Schools shall select their first, second, or third choices for qualifying venues. Choices are:
 - The Hotchkiss School (Lakeville, CT) in FJs
 - UConn Avery Point (Groton, CT) in FJs
 - Milton Academy/BC High (Quincy, MA) in C420s
 - Portsmouth Abbey/Bristol YC (Bristol, RI) in C420s
 - Barnstable HS/Hyannis YC (Hyannis, MA) in C420s
- 5.5. The NESSA VPs will make the final venue allocations assignments by April 7th.
- 5.6. The entry fee is \$25 per school, payable at registration. The fee is non-refundable.
- 5.7. O'Day finals will be held at MIT (Cambridge, MA) in FJs.

6. SCHEDULE - ALL DAYS

- 6.1. 0900 -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.
- 6.2. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board location on Tech Score.

7. RACING AREA: The Race area will be defined at the Sailor's Meeting.

8. COACHING:

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. A coach who is also acting as a Race Committee is exempt from 8.1 between sets of races.
- 8.3. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

9. PRIZES:

- 9.1 **Qualifying Regattas:** The top finishers (schools) at each site will qualify for the NESSA Fleet Racing Championship for the George O'Day Trophy. The NESSA VPs will determine the number of berths available at each site by the morning of the Qualifying regattas.
- 9.2 **Finals:**
 - 9.2.1 Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in the regatta.
 - 9.2.2 The top school will get the George O'Day Trophy until next year's regatta under the provisions of NESSA PR Article M.
 - 9.2.3 Schools placing 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in the regatta will also qualify to represent NESSA at the ISSA Fleet Racing National Championship for the Clifford Mallory Trophy.

10. FAILURE TO COMPLETE REGATTAS:

- 10.1 In the event that a qualifying regatta is not "official" by the end of the day, the regattas shall be suspended and the schools shall return to the venue at another date - time and date to be determined by the host and the NESSA VPs. The competing schools will be informed via email when and where they shall report in order to continue the regatta.
 - 10.2 In the event that the O'Day finals cannot be sailed or completed on the announced day, the regatta will be suspended and continued the following weekend. Information on report time, location, and boats shall be publicized through the NESSA email list and the NESSA website.
- 10.3 In the event that the O'Day finals cannot be completed prior to Monday May 23th:
 - 10.3.1 The O'Day Trophy will not be awarded.
 - 10.3.2 The three schools with the highest winning percentage from all the qualifying regattas shall be declared NESSA's representatives to the ISSA Fleet Racing National Championship for the Clifford Mallory Trophy.
 - Winning percentage is calculated by taking the total points earned divided by the number of races sailed. It is possible that two or more qualifiers can come from the same venue.
 - If two or more schools are tied for a berth to the Mallory and the tie needs to be broken,

- ✓ Each school's scores shall be listed in order of best to worse and at the first point(s) where there is a difference that tie shall be broken in favor of the school(s) with the best score.
- ✓ The process is then continued with the remaining tied schools.
- If the process above does not break the tie, the school that has been to the Mallory most recently, will be excluded.
- If the above processes do not break the tie, the berth(s) shall be decided by a game of chance.

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. REGATTA CONTACTS/REGATTA CHAIRS:

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