

**NESSA FLEET RACING CHAMPIONSHIP**  
For the  
**GEORGE O'DAY TROPHY**  
Connecticut College (New London, CT)  
Saturday May 24- Sunday May 25, 2025

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**UPDATED 4/30/25**

**1. RULES:**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the [ISSA Procedural Rules](#) and the [ISSA National Championship General Conditions](#) and [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#).
- 1.2. In accordance with **RRS 70.3(b)**, decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New England Sailing Association (NESSA) in conjunction with Connecticut College
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) may be in effect at the discretion of the race committee.
- 1.5. ISSA PR 4.1(d) is modified so that rosters need to be declared "at the report time of the regatta."

**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.**

- 4.1. School qualify through the O'Day qualifying regattas
- 4.2. See NESSA PR Article K, section 2(c) for more eligibility requirements

**5. ENTRY PROCEDURES & FEES**

- 5.1. Schools qualified to attend through qualifying regattas held May 10th.
- 5.2. There is NO entry fee

**6. SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday:**

- 6.1. 1200 - Check in/rigging of boats
- 6.2. 1220- Sailor's meeting (First warning announced at Sailor's Meeting). Racing will continue throughout the day.

**Sunday:**

- 6.3. 0900 - Check in/registration/rigging of boats
- 6.4. 1000 - First warning
- 6.5. 1500 - No first warning for a 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"

Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

7. **RACING AREA:** All races will be sailed Thames River between the Gold Star bridge and US Sub Base in Groton, CT.
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. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the regatta.
  - 9.2. The top school will get the George O'Day trophy until next year's regatta under the provisions of NESSA PR Article M.
  - 9.3. Schools placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the regatta will also qualify to represent NESSA at the ISSA Fleet Racing National Championship for the Clifford Mallory Trophy.
  - 9.4. Schools placing 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> in the regatta will also qualify to represent NESSA at the Phebe King Memorial Regatta.
10. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE O'DAY FINALS:**
  - 10.1. In the event that the O'Day finals cannot be completed prior to Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>:
    - 10.1.1. The O'Day trophy will not be awarded.
    - 10.1.2. The three schools with the lowest 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.
    - 10.1.3. The next four schools with the lowest winning percentage from all the qualifying regattas shall be declared NESSA's representatives to the Phebe King Memorial Regatta.
    - 10.1.4. Winning Percentage:
      - o 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.
      - o If two or more schools are tied for a berth to the Mallory or the King 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 or the King 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:** ISSA PR 5 shall apply.
12. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** 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.

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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