

NESSA GIRL'S CHAMPIONSHIP
For the
Rebecca Herreshoff Trophy
May 16-17, 2025
MIT Sailing Pavilion
34 Memorial Dr, Cambridge, MA 02139

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 the hosts.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) may be in effect.
- 1.5. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”
- 1.6. A protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest. Failure to do so makes her protest invalid. This changes rule 60.4 and ISSA PR 15b.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1. Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Tech Score.
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the Chief Judge and the NESSA Representative and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and the ISSA Code of conduct (Appendix 1, ISSA PR)

4. SCHEDULE:

- 4.1. Report time is listed in NOR.
- 4.2. The number of races will be at the discretion of the regatta chair.
- 4.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score after the sailor's meeting.

5. FORMAT:

5.1. Qualifying Round (Ref Fleet/Green Fleet):

- 5.1.1. Schools were assigned to either the Red Fleet or the Green Fleet by the NESSA VP (Appendix A)
- 5.1.2. Red fleet will start & sail two races, A-Div in FJs, B-Div in 420s , before rotating.
- 5.1.3. Green fleet will then sail two races, A-Div in FJs, B-Div in 420s , before rotating.

- 5.1.4. The process will continue until 5 races have been sailed in each division, or the end of the day Saturday, whichever comes first, 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.

5.2. Championship/Silver rounds.

- 5.2.1. The top half of each fleet will qualify for the Championship Fleet. The others will sail the Silver Fleet.
 - 5.2.2. The championship Fleet will start & sail two races, A-Div in FJs, B-Div in 420s , before rotating.
 - 5.2.3. The Silver Fleet will then sail two races, A-Div in FJs, B-Div in 420s , before rotating.
 - 5.2.4. The process will continue until the end of the regatta.
- 5.3. Each fleet (Red, Green, Championship, Silver) is a separate regatta.

6. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 6.1. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8
- 6.2. The race committee may designate course selection orally.
- 6.3. All marks will be described at the sailor's meeting

7. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:

- 7.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.
- 7.2. The start/finish line will be between a flag on the race committee boat and a mark.

8. BREAKDOWNS:

- 8.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 8.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 5.

9. PROTESTS: Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI

10. SCORING: Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

11. SAFETY: A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

12. Prizes:

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in the Championship Fleet.
- 12.2. The top school will get the Rebecca Herreshoff trophy until next year's regatta under the provisions of NESSA PR Article M.
- 12.3. There are no prizes beyond pride and knowing you did a good job in the Silver Fleet.