

NESSA GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP
For the
REBECCA HERRESHOFF TROPHY
And
NESSA GIRLS SHOWCASE REGATTA
To be held at
MIT (Cambridge, MA)
Saturday May 16 - Sunday May 17, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

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.
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. 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.
 - 4.2. See NESSA PR Article K, section 2(c) for more eligibility requirements
5. **ENTRY PROCEDURES & FEES**
 - 5.1. Schools wishing to compete must complete the on-line registration form in the registration window.
 - 5.2. The registration window opens at 1000 on March 1st.
 - 5.3. The registration window closes at 2359 on April 1st.
 - 5.4. The NESSA VPs will make the final venue allocations assignments by April 7th
 - 5.5. The entry fee is \$50 per school, payable at registration. The fee is non-refundable
6. **SCHEDULE:**

Saturday:

 - 6.1. 1000 Report time/rigging of boats
 - 6.2. 1020 Sailor's meeting (First warning announced at Sailor's Meeting)
 - 6.3. 1700 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 racing can continue until the regatta is official.

Sunday:

- 6.4. 0830 Report time/rigging of boats
- 6.5. 0845 Sailor's meeting (First warning announced at Sailor's Meeting)
- 6.6. 1500 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 racing can continue until the regatta is official.

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

7. FORMAT:

- 7.1. Schools in the Herreshoff will race on day 1 in their groups , assigned by the NESSA VP, alternating A-Div and B-Div. After day 1, the top of each group will move on to the Herreshoff finals and the others will sail in the Herreshoff silver fleet on day 2. Scores will re-set for day 2

8. RACING AREA: The Race area will be the Charles River.

9. COACHING:

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. A coach who is also acting as a Race Committee is exempt from 9.1 between sets of races.
- 9.3. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

10. PRIZES:

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in the Herreshoff finals.
- 10.2. The top school will get the Rebecca Herreshoff trophy until next year's regatta under the provisions of NESSA PR Article M.
- 10.3. There are no prizes for the Herreshoff silver

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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