

Spring 2026 NYS Champs

Hosted by Buffalo Yacht Club at 1 Porter Ave, Buffalo NY, 14201

May 16th, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mid-Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association in conjunction with the New York Interscholastic Sailing Association - Northwest and hosts Buffalo Yacht Club.

1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MASSA District Supplemental Rules and Code of Conduct, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

1.3 In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

2.1 Competing sailors must attend schools in New York State and be in grades 7th – 12th.

2.2 The regatta has 18 berths. Allocations are on a first come first serve basis.

3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

3.1 Eligible sailors must enter by submitting contact information on the google document commitment form and confirming registration with the regatta chairperson by 5:00 PM on the Monday before the regatta.

3.2 Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson and the OA and NYISA-NW Director as soon as possible.

4. ENTRY FEE & DAMAGE DEPOSIT:

4.1. There is no damage deposit or entry fee for this event.

5. BOATS:

5.1. 18 420's will be provided by the Buffalo Yacht Club Foundation. Boats will be sailed as provided.

5.2. Collisions causing damage will be dealt with by jury in accordance with RRS rules 14, 67, & 69.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday

8:30 - Report time/Rigging of Boats

9:00 – Competitors Meeting and Rigging of boats

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.

4:00 - No Warning Signal will be sounded after this time.

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

7. RACING AREA: All races will be sailed in the Black Rock Channel in front of the BYC.

8. COURSES: Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7. For Fleet Racing.

9. FORMAT: Format will be detailed in the SI.

10. SCORING: The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

11. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION: Teams must complete the online RP forms in Tech Score before the end of the protest period.

12. SAFETY/EQUIPMENT:

12.1 Competitors shall wear inherently buoyant personal flotation devices designated as USCG “wearable” in accordance with ISSA PR 2.2. Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted.

12.2 The race committee may require the use of drysuits or full-length wetsuits if the combined air and water temperature is below 120 degrees. This may be announced at the daily competitors’ meeting and need not be signaled.

12.3 Failure to comply with 12.1 or 12.2 above will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

12.4 ISSA PR 2.4 will not be enforced, team pinnies are recommended but not required.

12.5 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 12.1, 12.2, and 12.4 above.

12.6 At its discretion, the Race Committee or Organizing Authority may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others’ safety.

14. COACHING: Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, while on shore or any place clear of the start finish line, no coaching during the races.

15. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the schools placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the regatta.

16. OFFICIAL NOTICE: No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802, the possession of which is unlawful under U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine, and beer, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source, alleging such a breach a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors, and the chairperson of the protest committee, shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1(b). If a hearing under RRS 69 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practical, be removed from the regatta venues and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.2 may

be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team. This regulation is in effect during the entire event from the date and time of arrival through the date and time of departure from the regatta site.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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