



2016 MASSA Fall Fleet Gold Championship

Hosted by Youth Sailing Virginia at
100 Stilwell Drive, Hampton, VA 23663
October 15-16, 2016



Notice of Race

1. RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the Prescriptions of US Sailing, the Mid-Atlantic Sailing Association (MASSA) Procedural Rules, the Inter-Scholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) Procedural Rules (PR), this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
2. The Organizing Authority is MASSA in conjunction with host Virginia High School Sailing Foundation.
3. RRS Appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).

2. ELIGIBILITY

1. Competing schools must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules as modified by the MASSA Procedural Rules.
2. Teams must be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach, or parent recognized by the school.
3. Selection of competing schools will be by League elimination. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA Procedural Rules. Schools should contact their League directors to find out details on League qualifiers.

3. REGISTRATION

1. Qualifying schools must register via the online registration link in MASSA and its leagues' schedule pages and regatta links on the right column of the district and league web pages.
2. Teams unable to compete must notify the Regatta Chairperson and their League Director as soon as possible. MASSA will reallocate vacant district quotas.

4. BOATS

1. **18 FJ's** provided by **YOUTH SAILING VIRGINIA**. Boats will be sailed as provided.
2. Collisions causing damage will be dealt with by jury with regard to RRS rules 14, 68 & 69.6

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday October 15 2016

8:30am Report Time

8:45am Competitors' Meeting

First Warning Signal to follow as soon as practicable after meeting

Sunday October 18, 2015

9:00am Report Time

9:15am Launch First Warning as soon as practicable after launching

2:00pm No Warning Signal will be sounded after this time.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

7. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be in Mill Creek.

8. EVENT SITE

8.1 Registration check-in will be in the Kayak Dock parking lot at Stilwell Dr., Hampton, VA 23663. Locker rooms with showers are available in the community center on Saturday. Following the competitors meeting sailors will be shuttled from the Kayak dock to the anchored floats holding the 18 FJs

10. TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING

Due to major events in the area no block of hotel rooms were available. We suggest the Coliseum Central and Power Plant areas of Hampton or the Oyster Point area of Newport News for hotels. The Norfolk International Airport (ORF) is 15 miles from Fort Monroe. Newport News Airport (PHF) is 16 miles from Fort Monroe.

11. COACHING

Coaching may only take place from a designated area or host provided boat.

12. 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.

13. 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, 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.

14. **REGATTA CONTACTS:** Kevin Eley email: president@youthsailingva.org 757-876-1878
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15. **Venue Website:** www.youthsailingva.org