



MASSA 2016 Keelboat Championship
Hosted by
Rochester Yacht Club
The Organizing Authority is MASSA
Saturday November 5-6, 2016
Notice of Race



1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ISSA Procedural Rules (including MASSA), this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 The J/22 class rules shall *not* apply.

1.3 RRS 63.7 is replaced with” “If there is any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall apply.”

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 Competing schools must be members of MASSA/ISSA, must meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules and must qualify or be selected to represent its league (NWISA-NW -2 , 1- NYISA-SE -1, NJISA -1, VISA -1 ;MDISA -1) Unfilled allocations will be awarded at MASSA’s discretion.

2.2 Teams must be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach or parent recognized by the school.

2.3 Eligible schools must enter by using the online Google Docs MASSA KEELBOAT CHAMPIONSHIP SIGN UP SHEET (*by clicking on the “Reg” link in the MASSA & League Schedule pages*) before noon (12:00pm) **October 28, 2016**.

2.4 The RYC Sonar Waiver of Liability (last page of NOR) must be printed, scanned, signed and emailed to MASSADistrict@gmail.com to complete the registration process.

2.5 Teams shall be comprised of crew of four (4). The maximum weight for each team shall be 600 pounds. Teams will be weighed in at regatta check-in. No substitutions will be allowed during the regatta.

2.6 This regatta will serve as the MASSA qualifier for the High School Keelboat Regatta ISSA Invitational Regatta in ST. Petersburg, Florida the weekend of November 18-20, 2016.

3 ENTRY FEE

3.1 There will be no entry fee.

4 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

4.1 All teams will be required to provide an \$800 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing a check, credit card information or RYC member number at registration. The deposit is a per incident maximum. If a team has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$800 for each individual incident. Teams should be aware that while the RYC Staff will attempt to identify

all damage at the post-regatta inspection, often this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The team is responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered only after the post-regatta inspection. In the event that there is material damage not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility, the cost of repairs will be charged to all the designated skippers on a prorated basis.

5 BOATS

5.1. Six (6) Sonars(s) as provided by RYC and Rochester Community Boating

5.2 There will be no rotation of boats.

5.3 Boats will be selected by drawing numbers from a hat at the skippers meeting (or prior thereto if all competitors are present).

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday

Report time (RJYC)	0900
Competitors' Meeting	0915
First Warning (approximate)	1030

Sunday

Report time (RJYC)	0830
First Warning (approximate)	1000
No start sequences to begin after	1400

Awards Immediately after all boats and equipment are stored.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing instructions will be made available at check-in on 11/5.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area shall be either the east or west side of the pier dependent on weather.

9 COURSES

9.1 W4 will be preferred.

10 SCORING

10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9. Scores will be posted on TechScore at scores.hsssailig.org

11 SAFETY

11.1 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted.

11.2 The race committee may require the use of drysuits or full-length wetsuits. This may be announced at the daily competitors' meeting, and need not be signaled.

11.3 Failure to comply with 11.1 and/or 11.2 will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

11.4 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 11.1 and 11.2.

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12 COACHING

12.1 Will be in accordance with ISSA PR 8.

12.2 Coaches will be provided with RIBs to watch racing.

12.3 Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, only between races.

12.4 Except in an emergency, coaches cannot communicate with their teams by VHF.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 The race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

14.2 Competitors must provide their own handheld VHF to carry aboard if they intend to listen to courtesy broadcasts.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

17 REGATTA CONTACTS

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Waiver of Liability for Sonars

Name: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Cell _____ Ok to text? _____

Alternate / Emergency Contact Name: _____

Alternate / Emergency Contact Cell #: _____

1. **AGREEMENT.** RYC agrees to the use by the above signed, and when applicable, their represented sailor(s), of Club assets including: sailboats; RYC buildings and grounds, and with the expressed or written permission of RYC staff, use of powerboats to facilitate management of regattas, coaching, and/or safety.
2. **OBLIGATIONS:** The representative and, when applicable, the sailor(s) and team(s) they represent hereby agree to:
 - A. Competently operate the vessels.
 - B. Have previously undergone appropriate training
 - C. Wear a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved PFD at all times while operating the vessels.
 - D. Survey equipment prior to use and ensure that it is in complete and working order.
 - E. Protect and preserve the vessels, the vessels' equipment, the RYC grounds and equipment, and other vessels and persons on the water.
 - F. Immediately notify RYC of any damage to or repair needed to the vessel(s).
 - G. Indemnify and hold RYC harmless from any and all claims of third parties, including crew or guests, arising from the above signed and/or their representative(s) usage of the vessels, regardless of fault.
 - H. Clean the vessels at the end of each usage such that they are in the same condition as at the beginning of that particular usage.
 - I. Properly secure the vessels at the end of each usage.
3. **MISCELLANEOUS:**
 - A. Competitors participate in RYC regattas or representing RYC at a regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
 - B. RYC does not insure or provide insurance for the above signed and/or their representative(s).
 - C. RYC reserves the right to refuse or rescind the right to use the vessel.
 - D. The vessels are required to be returned to RYC in the same condition in which they were received.
 - E. The cost of missing or damaged equipment shall be determined promptly by RYC and assessed to the above signed and, when applicable, their sailor(s), up to the full replacement value of the vessel(s).

Signature

Printed Name

Date