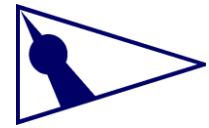




MASSA Spring Team Race Championship
MASSA is the Organizing Authority
Hosted by
Annapolis Yacht Club & Severn Sailing Association
October 29-30, 2016
NOTICE OF RACE



1 **RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D.
- 1.2 RRS D2.6 Limited Umpiring and RRS D2.2 (Single-Flag Rule) shall apply.
- a) Pending a Yellow Flag and a competitor notifying the finish boat of intentions to protest, a 3-minute justice hearing will be held immediately on an umpire's boat or on the dock.
- 1.3 The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 61.1(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2 and Appendix D is modified below as follows:
RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase "*display a red flag*" with "*display a raised open hand.*"

2 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 Competing schools must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 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 Teams must each provide at least one coach or adult team representative who is capable of serving as an on-the-water umpire if necessary. This may be the same person who satisfies the requirements of 2.2.
- 2.3 Selection of competing schools will be by district elimination. The regatta has 16 berths. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA bylaws. Schools should contact their League Directors to find out details on League qualifiers.
- 2.4 Eligible schools and sailors must enter by submitting notice of qualification and entry by email to ksertl@annapolisyc.org before October 24, 2016. Notice from your league director will satisfy the requirement.

3 **REGISTRATION AND FEES**

None.

4 **FORMAT**

- 4.1 A double round robin with a final four will be attempted.
- 4.2 No incomplete rounds will be scored, but races sailed in an incomplete round shall be used as tiebreakers or used as part of another round (championship/consolation) where appropriate.
- 4.3 If the above format is not possible within the allotted time, the Regatta Chair will announce the best course of action.

5 **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday (10/29)

Report time	0900
Competitors' Meeting at SSA	0900
First Warning (approximate)	1000

Sunday (11/1)

First Warning (approximate)	0930
No Warning Signal After	1400
Awards	Immediately after all equipment is stored.

6 BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 AYC 420s and SSA 420s will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Jib halyards tails shall remain rigged behind the spreaders. If boat is equipped with an autobailer it shall remain closed at all times while afloat.
- 6.2 The penalty for infringing upon 6.1 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 6.3 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the dock/boat committee immediately after arriving on shore or to the Race Committee Signal Boat on the water.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & ROTATION

Sailing instructions will be made available at check-in on 10/29. The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the provided rotation sheet available at the competitors' meeting.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the mouth of Spa Creek as close as possible to the Severn Sailing Association (SSA). Rotations will take place in the outer basin at SSA.

9 COURSES

The Digital N will be used.

10 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D and ISSA PR 12.

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.
- 11.5 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.

12 COACHING

- 12.1 Will be in accordance with PR 8.
- 12.2 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors, and teams associated with the infringing personnel.
- 12.3 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel may go afloat in the sailing area while serving as an umpire or assisting with race management.

12.4 Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, only on the water near the docks or while ashore.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

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