

NESSA Annual Meeting
Sunday November 6, 2016
Moses Brown School
250 Lloyd Ave. Providence, RI 02906
Sinclair Room
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER – 1030

2. REPORTS:

A. SECRETARY’S REPORT – Rob Hurd (interim secretary)

Secretary’s Report

- a. Minutes from the November 2015 NESSA Annual Meeting have been displayed on the NESSA website since November 2015. Motion to approve.
- b. Based upon by-laws, any Regular Member school that has paid 2016-2017 dues and is in attendance has voting privileges for this meeting. (See attached list)
- c. A New Member School may request a change of status from New to Regular Member if they meet the requirements as listed in Section I; Article C: Membership of the By-Laws. The following schools have requested a change in status and the Secretary/Treasurer stipulates that they are in good standing and recommends a vote to affirm the change in status to Regular Member.
 - Falmouth HS (ME)
- d. Attendance was taken when you registered. If you did not sign in when you arrived, please make sure you do before departing.
- e. As of Thursday October 27th, NESSA membership stood as follows:
 - Active Members – 77
 - Pending Members - 7
 - Inactive Members – 42Dues payments are due by the Annual Meeting. Inactive schools that plan to participate in the Spring must pay their dues now or risk being ineligible for Spring regattas.
- f. Probations:
 1. The currently list of schools on probation because of violations to Article L of the By-Laws.
 - Staples HS until 4-25-17 (late withdrawal from O’Day Qualifier)
 - Boston Latin until 4-25-17 (late withdrawal from O’Day Qualifier)
 - Barrington HS until 4-25-17 (late withdrawal from O’Day Qualifier)
 - Nantucket HS until 5-9-2017 (No Show at Herreshoff Qualifier)
 - Portsmouth HS until 5-9-2017 (No Show at Herreshoff Qualifier)
 - Cheverus HS until 9-12-17 (No show at Great Oaks Qualifier)
 - Choate Rosemary Hall until 4-17-18 (No Show at Herreshoff Qualifier)
 - East Greenwich HS until 4-17-18 (No Show at Herreshoff Qualifier)
 - St MArys-Bayview until 4-23-18 (No Show at Herreshoff Qualifier)
 - Newton CDS until 4-23-18 (No Show at Herreshoff Qualifier)
 - Litchfield HS until 9-11-18 (No Show at Great Oaks Qualifier)

- St George until 9-18-2018 (Late withdrawal from NKBI qualifier)
 - Milton Academy until 9-24-2018 (No Show at Healy)
 - BC High until 9-24-2018 (No Show at Healy)
 - Litchfield HS until 10-8-2018 (late withdrawal from Gleekman)
2. The following schools have been removed from the probation list:
 - Swampscott HS on 4-26-2016
 3. There are no schools with a second violation of Article L while on probation:
 - Second violation while on probation means Litchfield HS many not register for NESSA regattas until 10-8-17.

Schools are reminded that they have an obligation to their competitors when registering for events, and are encouraged to review section L of the bylaws.

g. Housekeeping:

- All official correspondences are done via the website and the NESSA list-serves. Each school is responsible for checking the website and ensuring they are on the list-serves. Information for how to subscribe to the list-serves is on the website.
- In order for the scoring program to work best, schools are reminded to populate their team rosters prior to competition. Furthermore, updating your school's mascot and uploading a school burgee will enhance the presence of your team in the Tech Score results.

B. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Spent time with Bottom-line Bookkeeping this summer reviewing financial statement and setting protocols for this year.
- b. We have decided to change bank accounts b/c Bank of America charges us a monthly fee. Hold up right now is finding the Tax ID information. It is missing from the files.
- c. P/L sheets for Fiscal year 2015-2016 and 2016-2-017 are attached.
 - 2015-2016: Net income/losses: \$4457.67, which includes \$4500 in rolled over Baker-NIT ticket deposits, so over all our loss was -\$42.33
 - We think we can recoup this by changing back accounts (saving \$360/year) and b/c BLB expenses will be less now that they know our organization.
 - P/L (10/27/16) is -\$2129.98 will be reclaimed once more dues and Spring regatta fees come in. Given a membership of similar size (94 schools in 2016), we expect a balanced budget for 2017

C. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jonathan Harley

2016 REVIEW: Results posted on website - <http://nessa.hssailing.org/schedule/2015/2016/nessa-s>

SPRING 2016

1. NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy) - April 16-17, 2016

4 Qualifying Sites:

1. Tabor Academy	14 schools/ 8 races per div.	Z420
2. Greenwich/ IHYC	13 schools/ 8 races per div.	C420
3. SailMaine	13 schools/ 10 races per div.	C420
4. St. Georges/ Ida Lewis YC	12 Schools/3 races per div.	Z420

Championship Regatta, – Brown University (Providence, RI)

18 schools in Z420s

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: Overnight the breeze in Narragansett Bay dropped from 22-30kts to a 0-10 kts on Sunday. PRO John Mollicone wasted no time in getting the 16 teams racing and started at approximately 10am in 8-10kts from the NNE in Brown University's Z420 fleet. The breeze held up for most of the day and began to diminish around 2:30pm but still sailable. The fleet was postponed from 4-4:30 but the Northerly provided another gasp allowing the final B division race to start and finish. 7 races were completed in both divisions. It was a beautiful day with families joining us on the dock with the start finish line 100 yards off the docks at Edgewood Yacht Club. Thank you to judges Greg Kiely, John Pratt and Peter Johns. No protests were heard, however, numerous Rule 42 violations were penalized on the water. Congratulations to Tabor Academy for winning the O'Day Trophy and qualifying for the National Fleet Racing Championship to be held at College of Charleston May 13-15, 2016. Joining Tabor at Nationals are St George's School, Milton Academy and Brunswick School. Finisher's 5-12 have qualified for the new NESSA/MASSA Intersectional to be held May 14-15 at Sail Black Rock home of Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University Sailing. Congratulations to Cape Elizabeth, Moses Brown School, Falmouth HS, The Hotchkiss School, Cape Cod Academy, North Kingstown HS and Portsmouth Abbey.

2. NESSA Team Racing Championships (Mark & Terk Trophies) - May 21-22, 2016

Thirty-four schools competed for berths in either the Mark Trophy (1-8) or the Terk Trophy (9-16) based upon the format (50% computer rankings, and 50% executive committee rankings) approved by the membership.

Mark Trophy: MIT (FJs)

(1) St George's*, (2) Tabor Academy *, (3) Cape Cod Academy, (4) Milton Academy (5) Falmouth HS (ME)**, (6) The Hotchkiss School, (7) North Kingstown HS,, (8) Sharon HS**

Terk Trophy: MIT (FFs)

(1) Portsmouth Abbey, (2) Greenwich HS, (3) BC High, (4) Moses Brown, (5) BBN, (6) Barnstable HS, (7) Bishop Stang**, (8) Martha's Vineyard RHS

* = qualified for ISSA Baker trophy

** = qualified for ISSA Founders trophy

3. NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy) - May 8, 2016 Mass Maritime in C420s

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: 16 teams and a fair number of mother's showed up at the Mass Maritime facility on Great Herring Pond for the 29th running of the NESSA Rebecca Herreshoff Women's Championship. PRO Andrew Nugnes and Dave Fallon ran off 8 races in each division in a puffy, shifty 10-15 kt Southerly, allowing many lead changes and spectacular viewing from the 3rd floor porch on the boathouse. Mass Maritime Head Coach Dave Halberstadt not only hosted but acted as Chief Judge with Barnstable coach Mike Hersey, Bishop Stang's Jonathan Pope and BB&N coach Jeff Hodess acting as judges to hear 6 protests and 2 requests for redress. Congratulations to Portsmouth Abbey, North Kingstown, The Hotchkiss School and St Georges School.

FALL 2016

Results posted on website - <http://nessa.hssailing.org/schedule/2016/2017/nessa-s>

5. **2015 NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy) – Sept 24-25, 2016 at Norwalk YC**
REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: Saturday, September 24: Report time Saturday was 1400. When competitors arrived in the racing area south of Bell Island there was a light southerly sea breeze which allowed racing to start. After a race it was apparent that the northerly high pressure system would dominate. With the 180 degree shift racing was moved just south of Wilson Cove.

Sunday, September 25: With an earlier report time of 0900 for the sailors the northerly high pressure continued to dominate. Along with the northerly breeze came the usual oscillating shifts which proved to be challenging for both the sailors and the Race Committee. Both prevailed to get in some really fine racing. The top three finishers will represent NESSA in Galveston for the national championship, Cressy Trophy, in the Laser division.

5. Great Oaks Qualifiers

A. Polar Bear Open - Bowdoin College	September 4, 2016	Falmouth HS (ME)
B. Arnold Brown Regatta – Sail MV	September 10, 2016	Belmont Hill
C. Casco Bay Fall Open – SailMaine	September 17, 2016	Duxbury HS
D. NESSA Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)	October 9, 2016	Sharon HS

SPRING 2017

Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

Qualifying Regatta's - Saturday, April 22nd

1. Marion, MA (Z420) 2. Lakeville, CT (C420) 3. Newport, RI (Z420s) 4. Marblehead, MA (C420)

Finals – Sunday April 23rd Site: TBD

Team Racing Championships (Mark & Terk Trophies)

Saturday and Sunday – May 20-12 Site: TBD

Women's (Herreshoff Trophy)

Qualifiers Sunday April 30, 2017 at Tabor Academy and SailMaine*

Qualifier Sunday May 7, 2017 at St George's*

*Schools pick ONE qualifier this year.

Finals on Saturday May 13- Sunday May 14. Site: tentatively scheduled for Brown University (Z420s)

C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Chris Crane

NESSA had 94 active schools for the 2015-2016 season. The structure of our organization was refined by establishing a 7 member executive committee to assist the traditional president, vice president, sec/treasurer structure. The fall of 2015 ushered in a new format for Intersectional Qualification in the district. Four fall events: The Polar Bear Open at Bowdoin College, The Arnold Brown Regatta at Sail Martha's Vineyard, The Casco Bay Open at Sail Maine and the Gleekman Trophy on Lake Massopoag each produced an invitation to the winner to move on to the Atlantic Coast Championship Intersectional held at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. NESSA, MASSA, SAISA and MISSA were each represented, congratulations to NESSA teams Falmouth ME, North Kingstown HS, Fairfield Ludlowe and Cape Elizabeth on advancing to the ACC's. The Great Oaks Qualifier was reformatted into a single day qualifier held at Sacred Heart University/Fairfield University. Xavier, Fairfield Prep and Moses Brown advanced to the Great Oaks at Southern YC. The fall season also has the single handed qualifier, Nancy Healy Trophy at Wickford YC. Ridgefield HS, St George's School and Cape Elizabeth HS each advanced to the Full Rig Championship, Cressy Trophy at ODU. In Radials it was Milton Academy, Falmouth HS and Portsmouth Abbey advancing to the Cressy. The final Qualifier was for the National Keelboat Invite held at Fisher's Island Yacht Club in IOD's. Falmouth HS and North Kingstown HS advanced to the national event at St Petersburg YC in Sonar's. Spring time is team race focused in New England. Thank you to MIT for hosting both the Mark Trophy to qualify Baker Trophy teams and simultaneously hosting the Terk Trophy to qualify the NIT representatives. Sixteen teams in each fleet over two days qualified St George's School and Tabor Academy for the Baker. Falmouth HS, Bishop Stang and Sharon HS advanced to the NIT's. Two other major regattas in New England were also completed. The Rebecca Herreshoff Trophy is the women's only championship hosted this year at Mass Maritime School, congratulations to winner Portsmouth Abbey, North Kingstown and The Hotchkiss School. Finally, some fleet racing! Sixteen teams were qualified at four venues to compete for the O'Day Trophy hosted at Brown University. Tabor Academy, St George's School, Milton Academy and Brunswick School advanced to the Mallory Trophy at College of Charleston

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Report from the ISSA Annual Meeting - Rob Hurd

- Board meeting was at the Sea Scout Base in Galveston, TX. NESSA was represented by Rob Hurd, Jonathan Harley, & Roy Williams
- Items of interest discussed:
 - Increasing the size of the Baker from 12 to 16. This idea was rejected.
 - Adding a day of racing to the Baker, most likely starting Friday afternoon. This idea had support, but was tabled.
 - Changing the dues structure to decrease the cost for smaller (less than 3 students) teams. This idea was rejected.
 - Report on the new regatta registration website. PCISA is beta testing it right now. Not sure that it will have much of a positive effect on NESSA regatta registration, but we will have access to it when it is complete.
 - Safety and Concussion protocols.
 - Every coach should know and understand their school's Concussion protocols
 - Every coach/advisor/parent should take the CDC's on-line [Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports](#) initiative.
 - Every coach/race officer should know and understand the [ISSA Safety Practice: A Basis Guide](#) resources located on the ISSA website
 - 2018 Championships
 - 2018 Cressy (October 2017) in Tampa, FL
 - 2018 Mallory in SEISA, maybe back in Galveston, TX.
 - 2018 Baker in PCISA, most likely San Diego, CA
 - ISSA will be using the new RRS 2017-2020 starting January 1, 2017. To that end, new ISSA Procedural Rules will be coming out before that date. There will not be any major changes to what is presently policy.
 - Longer term ISSA projects
 - Consolidating district By-laws for consistency
 - Creating of seven different district LLCs under the umbrella of ISSA.

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed change to NESSA By-Law Article K: NESSA Regattas

Section 1. NESSA sponsors the following annual regattas:

- a. Fall funfest ~~Invite~~ *Invitational* Regatta (The Wally Gleekman Trophy)
- b. NESSA Women's ~~Invite~~ *Championship* Regatta (The Rebecca Herreshoff Trophy)
- c. NESSA Single-handed Championship (The Nancy Healy Trophy)
- d. NESSA Double-handed Championship (The George O'Day Trophy)
- e. NESSA Team Racing Championship (The Fritz Mark Trophy)
- f. NESSA Team Racing Tournament (Terk Trophy)*
- g. NESSA Great Oaks Regatta Qualifier Invitational*
- h. NESSA National Keelboat Invitational Qualifier Invitational*

2. Proposed change to NESSA By-Law Article K: NESSA Regattas

Section 2. Qualification. Schools shall be eligible for NESSA Championship regattas in the following way.

- a. All NESSA Dues must be paid.
- b. Schools may be active in either the Fall or Spring seasons, or both, and may use the same coaches in both seasons. *(Move from e to b and re-letter the following paragraphs)*

- c. **NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy):** Each NESSA member is entitled to one entry. Extra slots may be filled by resume to be submitted to the NESSA Vice-President. Decisions will be made by NESSA Officers.
- d. **NESSA Double-handed Championships (O'Day *and Herreshoff*):** Schools, which are NESSA Members, are eligible. If more schools register than the number of available slots, qualifying regatta(s) may be sailed. Schools must sail at least three scheduled meets or regattas prior to the championship between two or more schools in the season that the championship is being held (fall or spring). Results of those meets must be presented at the championship. A meet is at least a best of three (3) team races with three more boats per school. A regatta is a fleet race with at least three races sailed in each division scheduled. For the purposes of qualification, the following meets count: A second meet with the same school provided it is a regular second meet planned for a different date than the first. Any regular scheduled NESSA event.
- e. **NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark) *and NESSA Team Racing Tournament (Terk)*:** Qualifications for the Mark Trophy are by schedule and record review. Race schedules from eligible school are due to the NESSA Vice President by a date established by the NESSA Officers and published in the NOR. Such a date shall not be later than ten days prior to the regatta. Decisions, regarding qualification, will be made by the NESSA Officers.

Schools must sail at least seven scheduled meets prior to the Championship. One of every 7 meets must be an inter-league meet. Leagues are defined on the NESSA website. Independent teams are considered in a league with their fellow independent schools as listed on the NESSA website.

A team may sail an opponent two or more times and count the first two meets towards their qualifying record. The third and any subsequent meets will not count towards either team's qualifying record. Two meets against a single opponent must be sailed on different days, unless the first is cancelled due to weather or extreme circumstances.

3. Stephan Leslie Award Winner Announcement – Chris Crane

4. Elections for ExComm

- There are three new league appointments to the ExComm. These are not voted on by the membership
 - MBL: Beth Smith (Concord Academy) replaces Kieran O'Connell (MERHS)
 - FCSL: Sam Jones (Greenwich HS) replaces Andrew Scivan (Brunswick School)
 - RI: Joe Cooper (Prout School) replaces Kate Wilson.
- Election of the At-Large berth (term to end in 2018):
 - Nominee - Jonathan Harley

5. ADJORN
