

Arnold Brown Regatta 2016
Hosted by the
Martha's Vineyard High School Sailing Team
Sail Martha's Vineyard
Vineyard Haven Yacht Club
SATURDAY September 10th, 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, and the NESSA Procedural & District Rules.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is Sail MV, the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Sailing Team, and the Vineyard Haven YC in conjunction with the New England Schools Sailing Association (NESSA).
- 1.3 ISSA PR 5 is in effect from the moment a competitor reports to the venue until they have left the site at the end of the regatta.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 The regatta is open to both NESSA and non-NESSA teams.
- 2.2 ISSA PR 1.3 is in effect. Teams must be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach or parent recognized by the school.
- 2.3 **Article K, section 3 Qualification** is in effect, as this is a qualifier for the ACC Regatta in November. Schools shall be eligible for NESSA Invitational Regattas in the following way.
 1. All NESSA dues must be paid
 2. Each NESSA Member school is entitled to one entry on a first come, first served basis until the regatta is filled.
 3. Non-NESSA teams (conglomerate teams or out of district school teams) are entitled to sign up when the registration opens for a NESSA Invitational Regatta. Entry in the said regatta will be granted to a Non-NESSA team after 10 days from when registration opens, only if space is available, at a first come first serve basis.

3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 3.1 **Eligible** schools wishing to register for this event should email Andrewmeijaburr@gmail.com
- 3.2 12 berths are available on a first come-first served basis.
- 3.3 The event chair reserves the right to increase the number of berths at his discretion.
- 3.4 Registration will begin at 8am on August 15th and be open until Wednesday September 7th.
- 3.5 All teams still wishing to compete after registration is filled will be added to a waitlist.
- 3.6 Teams that have registered and are unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson as soon as possible. Any cancellation later than Thursday, September 8th at 12 hours, or failure to field a registered team that results in another team being denied a berth, will result in applicable sanctions prescribed by NESSA By-Laws Article L.

4. ENTRY FEE: The entry is **\$20 per team, cash or check**. Make checks payable to: **Sail Martha's Vineyard**.

5. BOATS: C420s

6. SCHEDULE:

0815	Ferry departs from Woods Hole
0915	Arrival at Boathouse or VHYC
0945	Competitors meeting
1600	No A Division races will be started after this time

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

7. FORMAT: A and B fleet racing.

8. RACING AREA:

8.1 All races will be sailed in the Lagoon off of the Sail MV boathouse or the Vineyard Haven outer harbor off of the Vineyard Haven YC.

8.2 All registrants will be notified prior to event and transportation will be provided to both venues

9. COURSES: Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.7

10. SCORING: The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 11.

11. COACHING:

11.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from the time they arrive at the regatta site until the regatta is done unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chair. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors and teams associated with the infringing support personnel.

11.2. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

12. Helmets and Pinnies:

12.1 **Helmets:** Helmets will not be required, and helmet use is at the discretion of each qualifying team. That being said, there will be no penalty for not using helmets, but the use of helmets is encouraged.

12.2 **Pinnies:** Pinnies are required for all teams as a means of identification on the water. Teams that use special PFD's which clearly display (able to see markings from a reasonable distance) the schools identification will meet this requirement and are not required to wear pinnies

13. PRIZES:

The Arnold Brown trophy will be awarded to the winning team and they will also receive a NESSA berth the 2016 ACCS

14. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority 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.

15. 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.

16. REGATTA CONTACT:

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