

NESSA TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS
For the Fritz Mark Trophy and the Jim Terkelsen Trophy
To be held at MIT Sailing Pavilion,
Saturday May 21 – Sunday May 22 2016
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the NESSA Procedural Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions (available at Registration).
- 1.2. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.3. ISSA PR 5.1 (Conduct) shall be in effect for the entire regatta.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the NESSA.
- 1.5. ISSA PR 2.5 (Team Uniforms/Pinnies) shall be in effect for the entire regatta.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Competing schools must be members of ISSA & NESSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, Part III 1, and 5.2.
- 2.2. Competing schools must be active ISSA/NESSA members before completing the registration process.
- 2.3. See NESSA PR Article K, section 2(c) for more eligibility requirements

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES:

3.1. Schools wishing to compete must:

- 3.1.1. Complete the on-line registration form on the NESSA website.
 - 3.1.1.1 Registration opens at 0900 on March 1, 2016
 - 3.1.1.2 Registration window closes at 2359 on April 1, 2016
 - 3.1.2. Submit a copy of their Spring schedule. The template/official form can be found on the NESSA website (format instructions are on template/official form) and email to NESSAracing@GMail.com
 - 3.1.3. Schools wishing to be considered to represent NESSA at either the ISSA National Team Racing Championship (Baker Trophy) or the National Invitational Tournament (Founders Trophy) must submit a check for \$500 (made payable to NESSA) and postmarked to the NESSA by the close of registration. Checks will be used to purchase airline tickets for the qualifying teams to one or both events, when appropriate. If a team does not participate in an event where tickets were purchased, the money will be returned by June 1st. If a school does participate in an event where tickets have been purchased, the money will count as a deposit towards those airline tickets. Schools not submitting a deposit check are not eligible to represent NESSA at either national level event.
 - 3.1.4. Checks are made payable to: NESSA and can be mailed to: Rob Hurd 66 Spring Street Tabor Academy Marion, MA 02738
- 3.2. NESSA PR Article L (failure to Compete) is in effect

4. REGATTA SELECTION:

- 4.1 Schools wishing to be considered must send scores through rankings cutoff date, to Rob Hurd (RSHurd@Hotmail.com) for posting to their resume page.
- 4.2 Meets between NESSA schools posted through Sunday May 8, 2016 will count towards a school's resume. It is up to the school to make sure their posted resume is accurate
- 4.3 NESSA Team Racing Rankings are based 50% on computer rankings and 50% on the results of the coach's poll in accordance with NESSA Team Racing Guidelines
- 4.4 Schools ranked 1-8 according to the NESSA Team Racing Rankings will be invited to participate in the **Mark Trophy**. Schools ranked 9-16 will be invited to participate in the **Terk Trophy**.

5. REGATTA FEES:

- 5.1. Entry Fee: The entry fee is **\$35 per school**, to be paid at the event or prior.
- 5.2. National Consideration Deposit Fee: **see 3.1.3 above**
- 5.3. Airline Ticket Fee: Schools that represent NESSA at either the Baker or the NIT must purchase the NESSA airline ticket package for a fee that will be determined prior to the event. Checks must be presented upon registration at the championship.
- 5.4. Checks are made payable to: NESSA and can be mailed to: Rob Hurd 66 Spring Street Tabor Academy Marion, MA 02738

6. BOATS:

- 6.1 Mark Trophy: MIT FJ Fleet
- 6.2 Terk Trophy: MIT Firefly Fleet

7. SCHEDULE: Saturday May 21, 2016 and Sunday May 22, 2016

- 7.1. 0845 - Check in/registration/rigging of boats.
0930- Sailor's meeting – Mandatory
Starting time for the first race will be announced at the Sailors' meeting and racing will continue throughout the day at the discretion of the PRO.
Trophy Presentation after racing
- 7.2. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board location to be announced at the sailors meeting.

8. FORMAT: A double round-robin followed by a 4 team double championship round robin is planned for both regattas.

9. RACING AREA: Race area will be Charles River, adjacent to MIT Sailing Pavilion.

10. COURSES: Digital "N" course is expected, but based upon conditions. The Race Committee will determine the course as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7 Courses .

11. SCORING: The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

12. COACHING:

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

13. Helmets: MIT has recently started using helmets which are required for MIT students and team members. MIT is implementing a strategy to gradual phase in the use of helmets for all home, collegiate events in order to help facilitate helmet implantation. Helmets will NOT be required for the Mark or Terk, 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.

14. PRIZES:

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top four schools at the Mark trophy and the top two schools at the Terk Trophy.
- 14.2. The top school at the Mark will get the Fritz Mark trophy until next year's regatta under the provisions of NESSA PR Article M
- 14.3. The top two eligible schools at the Mark trophy will also earn the right to represent NESSA at the ISSA Team Racing Championship (Baker Trophy) in Anacortes, WA the following weekend.
- 14.4. The next two eligible schools at the Mark trophy will earn the right to represent NESSA at the National Invitational Tournament in Wayzata, MN the following weekend.
- 14.5. The first eligible school at the Terk trophy will earn the right to represent NESSA at the National Invitational Tournament in Wayzata, MN the following weekend.

15. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

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

16. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. 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.

17. DIRECTIONS: MIT Sailing Pavilion 3 Ames St Cambridge, MA 02142

The MIT Sailing Pavilion ([Building 51](#)) is located at [134 Memorial Drive](#), directly across from "Walker Memorial" (MIT Building 50). Parking is difficult to find on Memorial Drive.

18. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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