

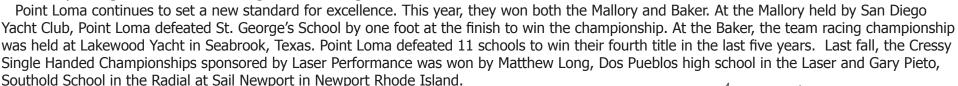
High School Sailing
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# **ISSA Continues to Grow**

We are now at 475 schools with approximately 5,000 sailors. ISSA runs over 300 regattas every year in just about every area in the US and the Caribbean. Our main objective is to provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in the sport of sailing. Learning how to sail and having fun in a safe environment is very important to ISSA.

As an organization we are continually trying to improve itself. We have just completed our new scoring program that will be available for all regattas starting the fall of 2014. This will help all our volunteers, yacht clubs and community sailing centers that assist high school sailing.



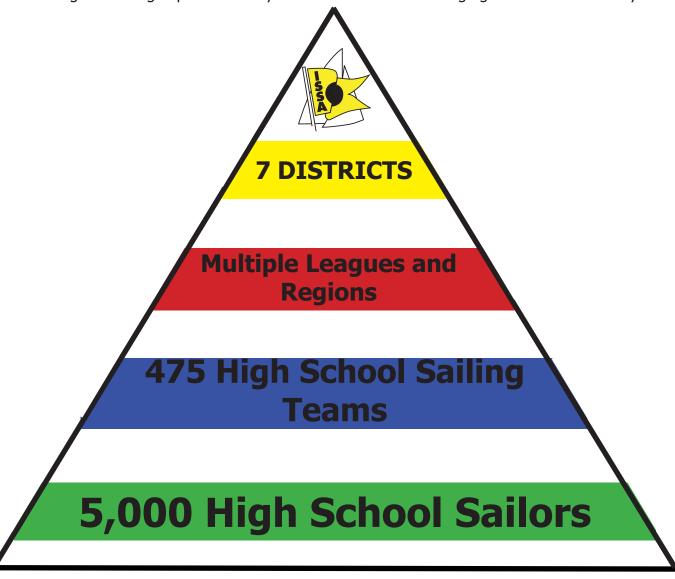
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# **ISSA**

ISSA (Interscholastic Sailing Association) is administered by a Board of Directors who oversee the operations of the Association including the 3 major championships, finances, archives, rules and procedures and regatta guidelines. The all volunteer Board is dedicated to enhancing the sailing experience for youth sailors while encouraging further eduation beyond their high school years.



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# **ISSA Districts**

Number of Registered Schools as of June 1, 2014

Mid-Atlantic 102 teams

Midwest 48 teams

New England 87 teams

Northwest 37 teams

Pacific Coast 97 teams

South Atlantic 86 teams

South East 18 teams

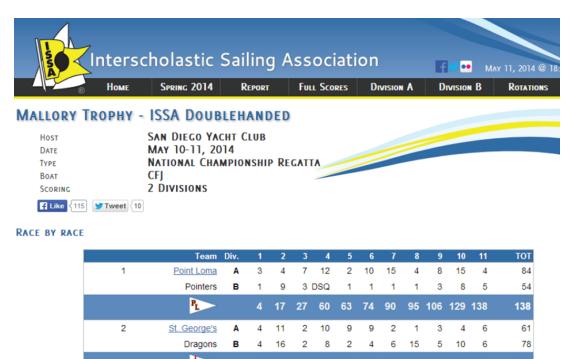
475 total

# Accomplishments & Future Goals

Scoring Program - ISSA has been testing a new scoring program with great results. It will be rolled out for all ISSA use in the fall of 2014. The program is a modified version of the Intercollegiate Sailing Association's Techscore which will allow for real time scoring of all ISSA events. A few modifications have been made to meet the needs of our developing team including the ability to include sailors from more than one school in a team's record of participation. ISSA is excited to release the program for the general membership's use and hope that it will continue to encourage the growth of high school sailing.

**Social Media** - ISSA continues to reach out to the sailors, parents, alumni and supporters through the various social media sites including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

**Focus on Districts** - ISSA has continued to reach out to our smaller Districts to help in reorganization and introduction to new areas.

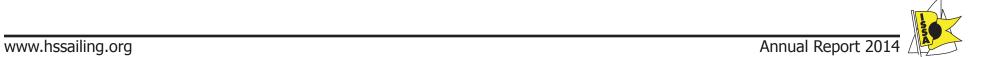


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# Cressy Trophy Sponsored by LaserPerformance



## Singlehanded Championship

Morton Starr Cressy, Jr. was a 1927 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and an avid sailor. The Cressy Trophy was presented to the Naval Academy by his wife in his memory. The Cressy Trophy Regatta was originally a multi-division invitational high school regatta. The Deed of Gift was changed in 1985 to re-dedicate the Cressy Trophy as the National High School Singlehanded Championship trophy, sailed in Lasers.

Unseasonably warm temperatures and light & shifty breezes followed by the temperature plummeting (highs in the 40s), and 18-20 kts from the north, dying to around 12 -15kts by the end of the regatta, all making for a challenging weekend of sailing.

In the laser fleet, Matt Long (Dos Pueblos HS, PCISA) had a strong final day with 3 first places and a second in six races to win by three points over Richard Didham (Point Loma HS, PCISA). Malcolm Lamphere (Lake Forest HS, MISSA) also liked the blustery conditions, posting three first, a second, a third, and a fourth to move up into third place.

The new conditions broke up the log jam at the top of the radial fleet too. Gary Prieto (Southold HS, MASSA) had all top six finishes on the day including three first to move into a tie with Andrew Puopolo (Stuyvesant HS, MASSA), one of the co-leaders after Saturday. Prieto won the regatta on the second tie-breaker (three 1st places to two) with Puopolo taking the silver. William Marshall (Buckingham, Browne, & Nichols, NESSA) also climbed the ladder today with two first, three seconds, and a third to move into third place overall.

Much thanks is owed to Event Chair Roy Williams, PRO Ron Hopkins, Chief Judge Peter Johns and their team of volunteers. Also thanks to our hosts (St George's School, Sail Newport, and Salve Regina University), and to Team One Rep Martha Pitt, who organized the food. An extra special thanks to Laser Performance and their rep Nick Ewenson who organized the boats and made several repairs on the fly today that kept people racing, Laser Performance has always been a big supported or high school sailing and their continued willingness to provide boats for this event and the college nationals demonstrates their commitment to the next generation of sailors.

The next Cressy will be sailed in Bellingham, WA November 1-2, 2014. Safe travels home to all the participants. We hope you enjoyed your time in Newport!



### Full Rig - top 5

- 1. Matt Long
- 2. Richard Didham
- 3. Malcolm Lamphere
- 4. Erik Weis
- 5. Patrick Shanahan

### Radial Rig - top 5

- 1. Gary Prieto
- 2. Andrew Puopolo
- 3. William Marshall
- 4. Cooper Weitz
- 5. Nic Baird

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**Baker Trophy** 

In 1990 the Board of Directors established the ISSA national Team Racing Championship for the Baker Trophy, named for Toby Baker, Tabor Academy's then long time head sailing coach, in recognition of his commitment to high school sailing and to team racing in particular. Toby served as President and Treasurer of ISSA and as President of the New England School Sailing Association (NESSA). His influence helped interscholastic sailing evolve into a national organization.

The Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) held the final High School Championship of the sailing season with the Baker Team Race Championship in Seabrook, TX. Qualifiers among the seven ISSA districts advanced 12 schools to compete for the title at Lakewood Yacht Club on May 24-25.

Weather was fantastic both Saturday and Sunday with breeze in the 7-12 knot range, sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-80's.

On Saturday, all 66 races of the Qualifying Round were completed, which had Point Loma High School (San Diego, CA) finishing the round in first with an unbeaten record of 11-0. The next 4 teams finished in a 4-way tie for 2nd place with a win-loss record of 8-3.

After the tie-break, it would be Annapolis High School (Annapolis, MD), St. George's School (Middletown, RI), and Shorecrest Preparatory School (St. Petersburg, FL) joining Point Loma in the Gold fleet. Corona del Mar High School (Newport Beach, CA) would have to settle for the Silver fleet.

Point Loma started Sunday with 2 losses, putting their lead within reach of the other teams, but held on during the double round to win at 14-3, with Annapolis close behind at 13-4. St. George's rounded out the top three at 11-6, and Shorecrest finished 4th at 9-8.

The racing moved quickly on Sunday, allowing the regatta organizers to add a second round for the Silver and Bronze fleets. In Silver, Corona del Mar won handily at 13-4 and the Bronze Fleet

winner was the Loyola Academy (Wilmette, IL) at 8-9.

The winning Point Loma team was Trevor Hecht '14 / Megan Lansdale '16, Will La Dow '14 / Mercedes McPhee '15, and Scott Sinks '14 / Rebecca McElvain '15. In addition to winning the Team Race Nationals, Point Loma finished the 2013-14 season with a second in the Singlehanded Championship (Laser Full Rig) and winning the Doublehanded Championship.



Baker - top 5

- 1. Point Loma High School
- 2. Annapolis High School
- 3. St. George's School
- 4. Shorecrest Preparatory School
- 5. Corona del Mar High School





The Mallory Trophy is school sailing's oldest trophy, first sailed in 1930. It was selected and presented to the IYRA (now ISSA) by Clifford Mallory and his son. The early competitions were in Atlantic-class sloops, hence the sterling sliver model of the original Atlantic on the trophy. In recent years the competition for the ISSA Nationals has been in doublehanded dinghies in a two-division format.

The High School Doublehanded Championship brought together 20 schools from across the USA to compete in San Diego Bay on May 10-11. With the venue just off the B Street Pier, and team compounds perched on the edge over the course, it proved to be an epic venue for both sailors and spectators. The 11-race regatta, sailed in Club Flying Juniors, ended in dramatic fashion. It could not have been any closer.

**It had been a tough event** the whole weekend with multiple leaders and on the final day the top seven teams all were within 25 points of each other. For high school and college sailing, this is really close and wide open. It got windier and windier as the day went on, plus it got shiftier. The teams were all mixed up, but emerging from the pack was Shorecrest (St. Petersburg, FL), St George's (Middletown, RI) and Point Loma (San Diego, CA). No team was too consistent, but it became apparent that these three schools would vie for the title.

With one hour before the 4pm cut off on Sunday, the race committee decided to run one more A and B set. Two more races would decide the championship. Shorecrest had a 6 point lead over St Georges, and Pt Loma was 2 points further back. Both teams bear away on the final run to the finish, with St George's about a length ahead of Point Loma. Both boats are winging out the jib, and just ripping downwind. The two teams are now three-quarters of the way down the run, with maybe a minute left in the race. St George's is to the right going downwind on port, and suddenly they break away from wing-and-wing, reach across Point Loma's bow, and then wing it out again. So now St George's is to the left, with clear air and closer to the favored end of the finish line.

But the move cost St George's some of their lead, so Pt Loma now trails by a half-length, and are overlapped coming into the finish. Both teams wing-and-wing, both ripping along. And then it happened, with maybe 15 yards to the finish, Will and his crew Jennifer Johnson go into overdrive. Suddenly they started planning and surfing. From the pier we could see the spray flying off their bow, and they literally surged from a half a boat length behind to near even as they both crossed the line. It was a photo finish, and nobody could tell who got it.



The average points to win the regatta was 6.27 per race. Not that long ago it was 4 points per race. The fleet is deeper, with more teams taking races. The rise in talent is measurable, and winning is hard. Point Loma beat St. George's by ½ a boat length for the Championship. It could have been a more exciting finish.





Mallory - Top 5

- 1. Point Loma High School
- 2. St. George's School
- 3. Shorecrest Preparatory School
- 4. Corona del Mar High School
- 5. The Branson School



# **Great Oaks Trophy**

The Great Oaks Invitational provides a national level regatta for developing teams, creating an opportunity to compete with peers as a team grows in numbers and skill. A system of regattas for new teams within Districts, in local leagues and District-wide, provides for development of skills and attitudes, and identifies teams ready to go forward to a national-level event. The Great Oaks was introduced into the ISSA calendar in 1999, hosted by Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans. All schools that are currently members of ISSA and have not qualified for either the Mallory or Baker in the previous four years, are eligible to enter the selection process in use in their District. A team is comprised of not fewer than two nor more than four sailors who must be full-time students in the school they represent. Each team sails one doublehanded boat.

## **Development Regatta**

#### Great Oaks - top 10

#### Gold

- 1. Riverview High School
- 2. Pine View School
- 3. Tampa Jesuit
- 4. Charleston County School of Arts
- 5. Good Hope Country Day School
- 6. Jesuit High School New Orleans
- 7. Sarasota Military Academy
- 8. Detroit Country Day School
- 9. Martha's Vinyard Regional High
- 10. Walter Payton College Prep.

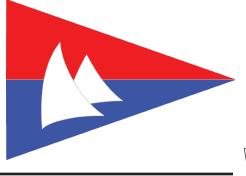
# **BSDRA**

## - International Team Race Regatta

The British Schools Dinghy Racing Association invites teams from the United States to compete in England. 13 British teams and 1 US team competed in 2013. Ransom Everglades traveled from Florida and arrived one week early to compete in the Itchenor fleet racing event. After a brief tour of Stonehenge, the Ransom team headed to West Kirby where 96 races were completed in the first round with all teams sailing 12 races before splitting into gold and silver for stage 2 and an additional 20 races. As the British reported, "Visitors Ransom Everglades pulled out some bewitching boat handling when it matterd along with consistent speed, and stuck in the top 4 throughout along with MCS 1 and 2 and Sevenoaks A. Tonbridge A recovered from a patch of bad form on Monday to storm to the top of the silver league in Stage 3, earning a one-race repecharge with Ransom Everglades for a spot in the semi-finals. The Americans managed a 1,2 against Tonbridge A, leaving one semi-final between Sevenoaks A and MCS2 with the other between Ransom Everglades and MCS 1. In the subsequent petit-final Sevenoaks A beat Ransom Everglades 3-0, and in the final MCS 1 held MCS 2 to 3-0."

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1. MCS1	GBR
2. MCS2	GBR
3. Sevenoaks 1	GBR
4. Ransom Everglades	USA
5. Rutland Youth	GBR

BSDRA - Top 5



## **Districts**

MASSA has grown to 102 registered schools using the "local league" structure. The league structure allows schools to enjoy regular racing throughout the spring and fall with minimal travel. MASSA District Championships provide higher level racing for the teams that place high in league competition. The league structure has allowed many different people to get involved and promote the sport. The league leaders are Jimmy Carminati (Northwest NY); George Linzee (Southeast NY); Randall Nunn (NJ and Pa); Joel Labuzetta (Md); and Isaac Clark (Va).

MASSA hosted the Atlantic Coast Championship in Annapolis with schools from MASSA, NESSA, MISSA and SAISA competing in what has become a highly competitive fall inter-district championship. Archbishop Spalding, Christchurch and Ransom Everglades were the top three finishers.

#### MASSA's District Championships:

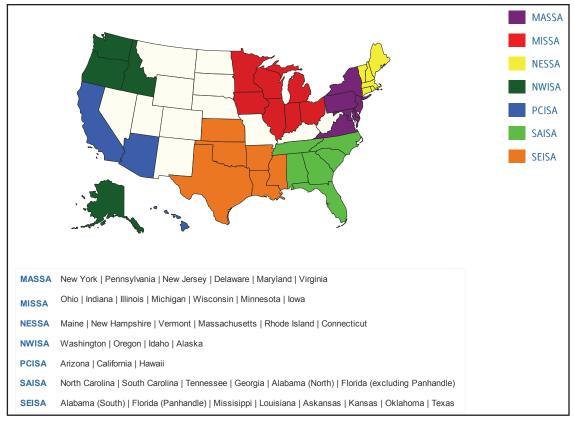
- Fall Team Race Championship (Norfolk, Va) 1. Broadneck, 2. Annapolis, 3. Chrischurch.
- Fall Fleet Championship (Shrewsbury, NJ) 1. Annapolis, 2. Broadneck, 3. Christchurch.
- Spring Fleet Championship & Mallory Qualifier (Norfolk, Va) 1. Annapolis, 2.Broadneck, 3. Christchurch and 4. Norfolk Academy.
- Spring Team Championship & Baker Qualifier (Annapolis, Md) 1. Annapolis, 2. Broadneck, 3. Severn.

In the Baker National Team Race Championship in Lakewood, Texas, Annapolis finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and Broadneck 8<sup>th</sup>. In the Mallory National Fleet Race Championship in San Diego, Broadneck finished 7<sup>th</sup>, Annapolis 9<sup>th</sup> followed by Christchurch and Norfolk Academy. Christchurch and Mercy McQuaid represented MASSA at the National Invitational Team Race Regatta held at MIT in Cambridge Mass. Virginia gained another venue this year at historic Fort Monroe at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay with a fleet of 18 FJ's from Darmouth.

The MASSA District continues to grow as high school sailing popularity increases. The level of competition and quality of sailing continues to improve and the sport serves as a great transition for the large percentage of graduating high school sailors that move on to sail in college. We look forward to continued growth, on and off the water, as new sailors and volunteers get onboard in the coming years.

Randall Nunn, Isaac Clark, Joel Labuzetta, Alana O'Reilly, Cole Alsopp, George Linzee, Jimmy Carminati, Brian Hull, Scot Ellis, Cole Alsopp, Elizabeth Marquardt, Isaac Clark and Stovy Brown deserve the District's gratitude for their work this year.

**MISSA** had a strong year throughout the 2013/2014 season. We had a number of new teams come into the district in MN, we had strong finishes at many of the national championships, and with our growth came a new qualifying system for our conference championships. While the number of teams registered was down ever-so slightly, the teams registered were much more active throughout the district which is evident on our ranking eligible teams which grew by 11 over last year. MISSA was well represented at national championships and invitationals throughout the year. In fact, we took all our allocated spots and a number of alternate spots at every national invitational, which shows MISSAs desire to



compete outside its district. Highlights include a  $3^{rd}$  at Cressy in Newport, RI;  $1^{st}$  at the NIT at MIT in Boston, MA;  $8^{th}$  at Great Oaks by a first time participant; and  $2^{nd}/3^{rd}$  at the Larry White Invitational at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. A true testament to the growth of Midwest high school sailing. With the growth of competitive, active teams in MISSA, we had the need to change our qualification system and way in which we dealt with out of conference regattas. This proved to be more challenging, but in the end our qualifiers were very competitive and the top teams in the district were represented. Our fall championship has grown so much so that we now have an entire second fleet of 20 teams competing at the same venue on Monroe Harbor in Chicago. It truly is a sight to see.

**NWISA** had 37 teams registered for the 2013-2014 school year, continuing the steady growth of new schools and teams that we have seen the past few years. The 2014 spring season was very busy with a regatta averaging 26 boats taking place every weekend March – May. Highlights included Anacortes, Lopez Island and Port Angeles all hosting major regattas for the first time. The NWISA fleet championships were held out of Anacortes Seafarer's Park, a fantastic new venue which saw Sehome HS edge out Port Townsend HS for the win after 28 races. The NWISA team championships were held at Silverdale Waterfront Park on Dyes Inlet which provided great racing and fast rotations. Bainbridge HS took an early lead Saturday and was able to hold on Sunday for the win. NWISA is looking forward to hosting the Cressy, November 1&2 in Bellingham.

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NESSA Our sailing season was cold to say the least, and most of us New Englanders figured the winter months were never going to cease. We experienced a very busy, but mild, fall to start off the year with 4 Great Oaks Qualifiers being held around the region. Thanks to the work of Frank Pizzo and Bowdoin College in Maine for hosting the Polar Bear open, Andrew Burr and his crew on Martha's Vineyard for hosting the Arnold Brown invitational, Maggie Robbinson and her slew of parent volunteers up at SailMaine for hosting the Casco Bay open, and finally, NESSA rounded out its GOR Qualifiers on Massapoag Lake in Sharon, MA with help from Gary Werden and the Gleakman Trophy. 4 Teams competed at the Great Oaks and had a blast. Thanks to the ISSA crew down at Southern YC for another great regatta. Hyannis YC played host to our singled-handed championship in late October. Winds were typical for a Cape Cod early fall breeze out of the South. 8 Races were run in each division. 3 Sailors from Full and 3 From Radial Divisions represented NESSA well in our own backyard at Sail Newport in Newport, RI for the Cressy Championship. Spring followed, or should we say, winter lasted well into the Month of May. We even experienced a Blizzard at the very end of March. 87 schools competed in head to head team racing events throughout the spring as well as seeing over 65 schools test their fleet racing ability in the Mallory Qualifier, NESSA's O'Day Trophy weekend. 5 Qualifying venues were used in 1 weekend. Special thanks to Tabor Academy, Pleon Yacht Club of Marblehead, The Hotchkiss School, SailMaine and Ida Lewis YC and the St. Georges School for a job well done in hosting all Mallory qualifiers. Congratulations to The Hotchkiss School for winning the 2014 NE Double-Handed Champs. Congrats to St. Georges as well for finishing 2nd at this year's Mallory Trophy in San Diego, CA. Accompanying them there as well was The Hotchkiss School, Tabor Academy and Portsmouth Abbey. Congratulations to St. Georges and their coach Roy Williams for winning the 2014 NE Team Racing Championships, The Fritz Mark Trophy, NESSA's Baker Qualifier. This event was hosted at Wianno Yacht Club by Cape Cod Academy. Over 40 teams competed in head to head Team Racing regattas to qualify a resume that would determine their post season. 56 Races were sailed on day 1 of the Open Championship, the Baker Qualifier. Advancing to round 2, the next day, were Cape Cod Academy, St. Geoges, Portsmouth Abbey and The Hotchkiss School, St. Georges finished day 1 on top and never looked back being crowned the Fritz Mark Trophy winners for 2014. Cape Cod Academy finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and flew to sunny Austin, TX for the 2014 Baker Trophy. NESSA would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Assistant NESSA President Alexa Schuler for organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual NESSA Women's Championship and wish her the best of all luck with her future endeavors in London. 3 different qualifying weekends and venues were used, among all other NESSA scheduled events, to qualify 12 schools for this annual event held at Hyannis YC on Mother's Day. Congratulations to Tabor Academy for taking home top honors. A job well done by all the hard working ladies.

**SEISA** This past year has been a time of continuing progress for our district. The number of participating high schools is rising, which is fueling support for more events and start-ups of high school sailing programs at various yacht clubs in the district. Ft. Worth Boat Club recently acquired a 6-boat fleet of FJ's, increasing the number of clubs that can sponsor regattas. The Austin area, which already has an FJ fleet, has set a goal of adding four schools in the fall. Lakewood Yacht Club/Bay Access had 34 high school sailors enrolled in their program this year and has a goal of 50 for next fall. ISSA President, Tim Hogan, is heading up a SEISA steering committee comprised of several high school parents, coaches and program directors throughout our area. Our goal is for increased communication, better calendar coordination, development of by-laws and rules and formation of a board of directors. Competition for the year began in October with our Cressy Qualifier at Texas Corinthian Yacht Club on Galveston Bay. Other district-wide events were the Great Oaks in November (also open to all ISSA districts) and the New Orleans' Sugar Bowl regatta in December. Southern Yacht Club also hosted the SEISA Baker and Mallory Championship in April, with Clear Falls (Seabrook, Texas) qualifying for the Mallory and Jesuit of New Orleans going to the Baker. Several regional events were held this year such as the Mississippi State Champs at Bay St. Louis in November, Austin Yacht Club's McCarthy Cup Open Team Racing event in March, Lakewood Yacht Club's 3-regatta Cold Front Series, and Ft. Walton Beach hosted three events. Houston Yacht Club held a 420 clinic in January. SEISA was the host district for the 2014 Baker Cup. This was held at Lakewood Yacht Club utilizing the Bay Access FJ fleet. The event was sailed on Clear Lake and the racing, weather and venue all combined to make a very successful regatta. Many wonderful volunteers from our area and from around the country worked hard to make this possible and their efforts

**SAISA** started off with the first annual membership meeting and the election of a board of directors. 15 members were elected to the board after a summer full of analyzing the current state of the district. All members were elected to the BOD for terms of 2 years. 87 teams paid their SAISA dues for the season, equally proportioned between the north and the south parts of the district along with a handful of teams from the Caribbean. 4 separate leagues sailed series of events throughout the year leading up to the district finals at the end of March. The four leagues were the South Points, the Caribbean, the Coastal, and the Inland series. The district hosted 35 regattas, with the Cressy Qualifiers in Jacksonville Florida, Mallory Qualifiers in Richmond Hill Georgia, and the Baker Qualifier in St Petersburg Florida. At the end of the season, the members of the BOD from the northern part of the SAISA district decided to eliminate the coastal and inland, forming one north-points series for the 2014-2015 season, in an attempt to further elevate the level of sailing in the north.

The following schools qualified for at least one ISSA National Championship:

- Shorecrest HS, (Cressy, Mallory, Baker)
- St Thomas Aquinas, (Cressy, Mallory, Baker)
- Pinevew HS, (Cressy, Mallory)
- Sarasota HS, (Mallory)

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