

High School Sailing Annual Report 2015



ISSA: Another Successful Year

ISSA has achieved 4 records this year:

- 1. 502 schools registered
- 2. 5000+/- sailors participating in High School Sailing
- 3. The Mid Atlantic District (MAISA) is now 100 schools
- 4. 252 regattas over the 2014/2015 school year with 3,943 teams competing in 32 weekends in the fall and spring.



The great news is that our main objective of providing opportunities to high school sailors is happening. With the large number of teams and events, we continue to strive for a safe and enjoyable environment for all the sailors. The evolution of new high school teams is very fun to watch. ISSA relies on many organizations and volunteers to make this happen. We are very appreciative of all the efforts from everyone.

At this year's Mallory Doublehanded Championship, Newport Harbor High School won the event for the 6th time. The Mallory was held at the U.S. Naval Academy in their new Z420s and CFJs. Newport defeated 19 other schools convincingly with a 38 point victory over St. Thomas Aquinas High School and Pine View High School in second and third.

At the Baker Team Racing Championship, Shorecrest Preparatory School defeated 11 other schools in a sail off against St. Thomas Aquinas High School. The regatta was hosted at Chicago Yacht Club where they sailed 68 races over the Memorial Day weekend. Newport Harbor High School finished third.

Last fall, Patrick Shanahan and Nic Baird both from Shorecrest Preparatory School won the Cressy Singlehanded Championship in Lasers and Radials. The regatta was hosted by Bellingham Yacht Club in the northwest.

Again, thank you to all the thousands of volunteers and sponsors that make these great events possible.

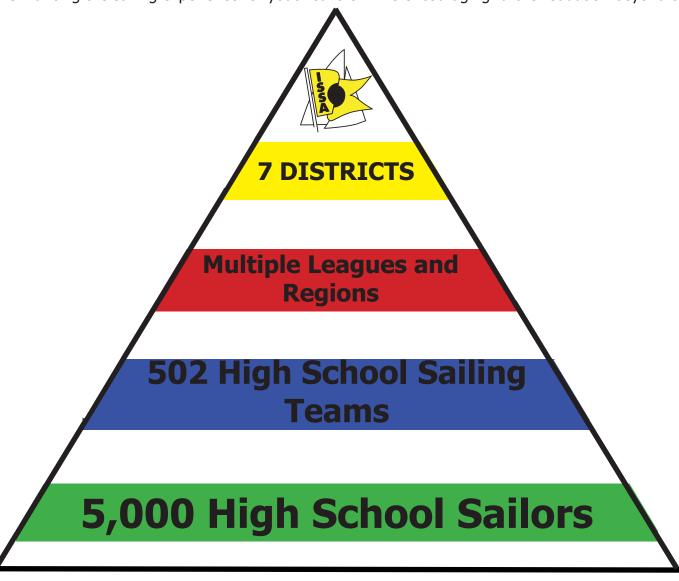
Photo: Newport Harbor HS & Corona del Mar HS sailing teams with ISSA President Tim Hogan on the yacht America as Tim is presented with the "Good Sea Scout" award for 2015.



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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, 2015

Mid-Atlantic 100 teams

Midwest 61 teams

New England 95 teams

Northwest 42 teams

Pacific Coast 95 teams

South Atlantic 88 teams

South East 21 teams

502 total

Accomplishments & Future Goals

Completion of ISSA's Technology Upgrade Over the past three years, we have successfully upgraded the ISSA website, Online Registration and the Scoring Program. Now we need to set new goals in areas where we can continue to improve.

<u>District Organization</u> - Each District has different requirements due to location, weather, facilities, and types of school programs. The larger Districts have created Leagues that require an additional level of management. We need to add new volunteers to each District to assist in the various areas of our sailing programs.

Social Media - Continue to expand our communications through social media. This year a freshman student at a Northern California school created a video: "High School Sailing 101" which was terrific and very helpful for newer schools.





Expansion of Intersectional Regattas - Continue to expand with regattas that help teams that can travel to various events. This last year we started an annual Keelboat regatta in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Focus on Team Management - The 90% of the teams that just participate in local events and don't attend our national championships usually need assistance with team organization, coaching, boats and facilities.

Overall Fundraising by ISSA - Expansion of fundraising and sponsorship for the benefit of ISSA and each of the seven Districts.

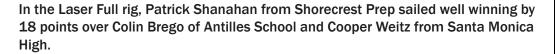
Cressy Trophy Sponsored by LaserPerformance



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.

Racing started on Saturday, November 1 with a light northeasterly breeze. After the first race was completed, the wind shut off until 3:30 where another light breeze filled enough to get a race in for each class. Sunday, November 2 found the sailors on the start line a bit earlier with a nice 10-12 SE breeze. The wind stayed in the 8-15 knot range with small waves and a strong tidal flow. Temperature was in the mid 50s. 8 races were completed on Sunday making a 10-race series for all.



In the Laser Radial fleet, Nic Baird of Shorecrest Prep won by 12 points over William Marshall from BB&N and Scott Rasmussen representing Bishop Verot. Thanks to host Bellingham Yacht Club and Whatcom Sailing as well as PRO Kyle Eaton, Chief Judge Jared Hickman and regatta chair Scott Wilson.





Full Rig - top 5						
	Sch	nool Team	Α	TOT		
1 📆	Shorecrest Preparatory School	Patrick Shanahan '15	31	31		
2	Antilles School	Colin Brego '16	49	49		
3	Santa Monica High School	Cooper Weitz '15	51	51		
4	BB&N - Buckingham Browne and Nichols	Bryce Andreasen '15	64	64		
5	The Branson School	Will Dana '15	66	66		

-,	School	Team	Α	TOT
1 👨	Shorecrest Preparatory School	Nic Baird '15	27	27
2 (BB&N - Buckingham Browne and Nichols	William Marshall '15	39	39
3	Bishop Verot HS	Scott Rasmussen '16	43	43
4 (BB&N - Buckingham Browne and Nichols	Henry Marshall '17	53	53
5	The Urban School	Lawson Willard '15	67	67



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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.

Chicago served up light winds and choppy conditions making for difficult racing on Day 1. Despite the tricky conditions, the RC managed to knock out 52 races of the 66 race round robin. St.Thomas Aquinas High School led at days end with 8 wins.



Day 2 dawned with cloudy skies and glassy seas. The Race Committee found a few puffs of wind early on, and ran 2 very slow races, then the wind shut off. The sailors and RC waited around (somewhat) patiently, and finally the breeze filled in from the East at 10-15 kts. This allowed the committee to finish the initial round robin, but leaving no time for a gold, silver and bronze rounds.

Baker 2015 - top 5

Kathryn Booker Nic Baird '15 Patrick Shanaha Peninah Shorecrest Chargers Benjamin 16 Hannah Steadmar Kyle Dochoda Andreea Ranney-Josh Dochoda '16 Pace '16 Christopher Max Gillette '16 Williford '15 Mack Fox '16 Dac Kelly '17 Sophia Reineke Brian Buckley St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders Alie (Alexandra) John Monahan Toppa'16 Liza (Elizabeth) Toppa '16 Campbell Madeline Bubb D'Elisen 15 Newport Harbor Sailors Sean Segerblom Briggs D'Eliscu Carter Scott '16 Eliza Moody '16 Oliver Parsons Will Logue '16 Truckie Caroline St. George's School Dragons 8-3 Greenhouse '17 Macaulay '16 Collin Alexander Taylor Kirkpatrick 16 Matt Logue '18 Drew Bailey '17 Floyd Nick '15 Morgan lan '15 White Emma '15 Blair Reilly '18 * Connor Bayless Blair Reilly '18 * Severn School Admirals McNeil Caroline Houck Stephanie

In an exciting three race sail-off Shorecrest Preparatory (St. Petersburg, FL) bested its crossstate rival St. Thomas Aquinas (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) 2-1 with Newport Harbor (Newport Beach, CA) finishing third.

On another important note, the Baker Championship Regatta qualified as a Clean Regatta, in partnership with Sailors for the Sea, Chicago Yacht Club's first and highly successful green initiative. Through the use of reusable water bottles presented to each sailor with water stations available on the rotation and umpire boats, zero trash on water lunch containers, and an electric powered spectator boat, the CYC hosted Baker Championship Regatta is going for a Gold level certification. Chicago Yacht Club proudly embraces keeping our waters clean for future generations of sailors.





Mallory Trophy

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 first day of the 2015 Mallory Trophy, Saturday, May 9, started out with cloudy conditions in Annapolis. The fleet headed out at 1000 but was delayed on the water for a while due to lack of wind. Eventually, a course was set in the Severn River off the Robert Crown Center and 4 Windward Leeward Races were held per division. A division started in Z420s while B was in FJS. The wind was light all day and all races were sailed in 3-5 knots of wind.



When the competitors arrived Sunday morning, the racing area was covered in fog. The fog began to lift as the fleet left the dock and racing began on time off Triton Point. For Sunday's racing, B division switched into the Z420s and A sailed FJs. The wind started out light, but as the fog faded away and the air got clear and warm, the wind steadily increased, hitting the mid to upper teens by the afternoon. In all, 11 additional races per division were completed with a lunch break before the 4PM cutoff. The RC team, PRO'd by Kyle Assad did a terrific job getting off fair races quickly while our outstanding judges, chaired by Sandy Grosvernor, served many duties, including calling rule 42 violations, observing the racing, shuttling substitutes onto the water and hearing protests at the end of the day. After a long weekend sailing in a wide range of conditions, Newport Harbor High School came out on top to claim the 2015 Mallory Trophy. Congratulations to the Sailors!



Mallory 2015 - Top 5

	School	Team A	В	тот
1 Newport Harbor High School	Sailors	99	88	187
2 St.Thomas Aquinas High School	Raiders	89	136	225
3 PYTHONS Pine View School	Pythons	118	130	248
4 St. George's School	Dragons	116	133	249
5 Shorecrest Preparatory School	Chargers	176	113	289

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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.

Keelboat Invitational

The first annual Keelboat Invitational was held at St Petersburg Yacht Club November 22-23, 2014. 6 races were sailed in 5-10 knots of breeze out of the east on Saturday. Racing was incredibly close with multiple boats overlapped at the finish line on more than one occasion. On Sunday, the final 4 races were sailed in a building southerly breeze that topped out around 20 knots in the last race. All the teams demonstrated great boat handling in the building breeze and were able to enjoy some fun downwind sailing with big waves. A big congratulations goes out to Shorecrest Prep on winning the first annual National HS Keelboat Challenge for the Mendelblatt Trophy.



Development Regatta

Great Oaks - top 10

Gold

- 1. Southern Regional High School
- 2. Gulliver Preparatory School
- 3. Lake Norman High School
- 4. Latin School of Chicago
- 5. Walter Payton College Prep School
- 6. Metarie Park Country Day
- 7. Lincoln High School, Portland, OR
- 8. Cape Elizabeth High School
- 9. Oxbridge Academy
- 10. Spring Lake High School

Keelboat Championship - top 5

- 1. Shorecrest Preparatory School
- 2. Newport Harbor High School
- 3. Clear Falls High School
- 4. Annapolis High School
- 5. Point Loma High School





Districts

MASSA governs sailing in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, DC, Delaware, and Virginia. In the fall, MASSA hosts a single-handed District Championship, a Fleet Race District Championship, a Team Race Championship and the Atlantic Coast Championship. In the spring, MASSA hosted its Fleet Race District Championship - Mallory Qualifier, Team Race Championship - Baker Qualifier, Silver District Championship and the National Invitational Team Race Regatta. In addition, Laser Performance held an Invitational District event featuring its new Z-420's. MASSA is comprised of five leagues. MASSA's leagues provide high schools with local, weekly regattas, spring and fall, requiring minimal travel. The leagues coordinate State Championships for New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia. New Jersey and Virginia each hold a Women's State Championship. Upstate New York (NYISA-NW) has been run by the able Jimmy Carminati. Southeastern New York - Long Island (NYISA-SE) is directed by Alicia Mortadella who kept a steady hand after taking over from the almost immortal George Linzee. Randall Nunn and Scot Ellis, who have continued to grow sailing in the Garden State, direct New Jersey and Pennsylvania (NJISA). Maryland (MDISA) is directed by Cole Alsop (a renowned sailor in his own right). Virginia (VISA) is directed by Isaac Clark. The enthusiasm, wisdom and energy of the league directors and their league organizations has helped MASSA thrive and grow into the largest ISSA District.

The league directors and their leagues hosted over 75 fleet race regattas with fleet sizes ranging from 15 to 35 boats. League fleet races are typically run in the A/B format, with as many as 250 sailors in a regatta. League Team Racing includes regular weekly "Afternoon" regatta series, duals, quads and other formats devised by the leagues. The leagues each hold individual league qualifier championships each season to determine which teams move onto the fall and spring District Championships from which the top schools advance to the National Championships. Results of MASSA Events

MASSA Spring Team Race Championship - Baker Qualifier - Norfolk Yacht & Country Club. Va

1. Christchurch School

MASSA Fleet Race Championship - Mallory Qualifier - Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club, NJ

1. Christchurch School

MASSA Silver Fleet Race Championship - Washington College

1. Norfolk Collegiate School

Virginia State Champion - Norfolk Collegiate School

Maryland State Champion - (Will be displayed when League learns TechScore) New Jersey State Champion - Christian Brothers Academy

New York State Champion - (Will be displayed when League learns TechScore) Virginia Women's Championship - Youth Sailing Virginia - Fort Monroe

1. Norfolk Collegiate School (Ellie Maus/Sarah Smith)

Atlantic Coast Championship - Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club and Monmouth University, NJ

Teams from MASSA, MISSA, NESSA, SAISA and SEISA attending

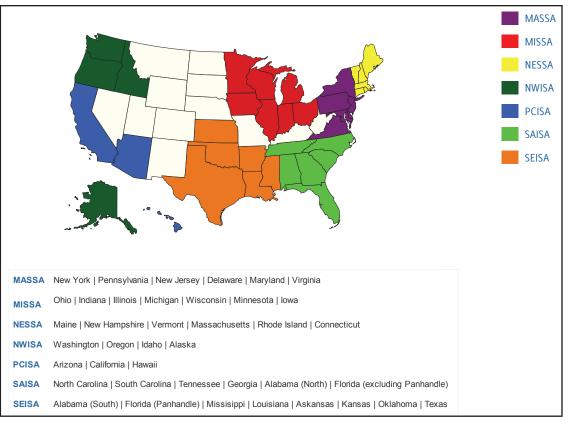
1. St. Thomas Aquinas

MASSA Fall Team Race Champion - Christchurch School

MASSA Fall Fleet Race Champion - Christchurch School

MASSA Single-Handed Champion (Full Rig) - Atlee High School (Eric Roos)

MASSA Single-Handed Champion (Radial) - Poquoson High School (Alexander Hanna) 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 training ground 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, Scot Ellis, Dillon Paiva, Cole Alsopp, Isaac Clark, George Linzee, Alicia Martorella, Jimmy Carminati, and Stovy Brown deserve the District's gratitude for their work this year.

SAISA The South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association has had another exceptional year with a total of 88 High Schools participating in at least one event throughout the year. The district hosted over 30 regatta's ranging from the National Keelboat Challenge, district championships, point's regattas and promotional events.

SAISA had a fantastic showing this year at the National Level with its sailors winning both the Full and Radial Rig at the ISSA Cressy Single-handed Nationals, the High School Keelboat Challenge for the Mendelblatt Trophy, and the ISSA Baker Trophy for Team Racing. SAISA also had a strong showing at the Mallory Nationals with teams placing 2nd/3rd/5th. With surprisingly few sailors graduating, these schools and more will be looking to build on the success of the 2014/2015 school year with event better results next year.

SAISA received 2 bids to host the 2016 Mallory National Championships and the College of Charleston was unanimously voted in as the host for this event. The C of C has two full fleets of boats as well as a great boat house and sailing venue and there is no doubt they will provide ISSA with a great Mallory event next year.

The St Petersburg Yacht Club along with ISSA started the National High School Keelboat Challenge in 2014. The Mendelblatt family, long time supporters of high school sailing generously donated a trophy to the event and look forward to seeing this event grow in the future. 4 out of the 7 districts had sail-offs to choose their representatives, while 2 had a resume selection. In the end, 9 teams competed over 2 days in a 10 race series to select the first winner.

The North League underwent some organizational changes, which were well received by everyone. They have adopted a 7 regatta point series identical to the south and no longer have a coastal and inland series. The size of their regattas doubled as did the level on competition.

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SAISA has also made the use of Techscore mandatory at all its events. Although there was some hesitation by some schools in the beginning, the overall feeling at the end of the year was that this was a great program and everyone is looking to using it in the future.

MISSA continues to experience strong growth increasing our registered teams from 48 in 2014 to 65 in 2015. Most of that growth has come from 2 key areas-Minnesota and Michigan. Minnesota has developed an entry level high school sailing league that competes in single day events on weeknights and Saturdays. This league has served as a great feeder into the competitive program throughout MN. Western Michigan has been revitalized as well and drawn teams from all over the coast from Traverse City, to Spring Lake and down to New Holland. With 65 teams now, MISSA is running multiple and different tiered events every weekend across all three regions. We are seeing more sailors get a chance to not only sail, but compete in regattas, which for MISSA is the ultimate goal – more kids on the water! As a district MISSA was well represented at out of district invitationals highlighted by two top 5 finishes at the Great Oaks (Latin and Walter Payton) and a 3rd at ACCs (Minnetonka). Chicago Yacht Club represented MISSA by hosting the 2015 Baker Trophy on Lake Michigan. One of the greatest highlights from the growth in MISSA is the success our sailors are having beyond high school. They are continuing to sail and compete at club and varsity collegiate programs throughout the country, win collegiate national championships, earn All-American accolades, match race at an international level and compete and win Olympic and ISAF level regattas. It is a true testament to how far the district has come and where it continues to go!

NESSA- The New England region experienced one crazy winter following our 2014-2015 Fall Season. 4 great Oaks Qualifiers were held during the warmer than usual autumn months. Thank you to Sharon HS, Sail Martha's Vineyard, Bowdoin College and SailMaine for being our gracious hosts for these qualifiers. All 4 NESSA teams had a great time, as always at the GOR. NESSA finished off its fall season with our single handed championship again held in Portland, ME at SailMaine. Congrats to Full and Radial Medalists Bryce Andreasen and Henry Marshall, both are students at BB&N. Record setting snow fall totals finally melted and our lakes thawed just in time for the NE Spring Season opener. Sailing was one of the first spring sports to begin action as most ball fields were unplayable through the month of April. 95 NESSA teams competed head to head and were represented at our Mallory, Baker and our 3rd year running NESSA Women's Championship. Over 60 races were sailed in one day at 4 separate venues to qualify 18 teams to the NE double handed Fleet championship held at Ida Lewis YC sponsored by The St. George's School. A special thank you to Indian Harbor YC, Tabor Academy, Pleon YC and The Hotchkiss School for running the qualifiers. Congrats to The St. George's sailing team for taking home 1st place for the 2nd year in a row. NESSA saw 23 teams qualify for the NE Women's champs held at MIT on Mother's Day. Congrats to North Kingstown HS of Rhode Island for winning. Those girls were lightning fast on the Charles. Finally NESSA, through its state of the art ranking system qualified the top 16 teams for a dual run Baker/NIT team racing qualifier held at Hyannis Yacht Club on Cape Cod. Thank u to the Barnstable HS and CCA coaches and teams as well as HYC for a job well done. 16 teams and 36 boats sailed 136 races in 1.5 days with no breakdowns and minimal protests. It was a spectacle to see and the weather could not have been better. Congrats to St. George's for also winning the 2015 Team Racing championship. We look forward

NWISA 2015 spring season was one of our best ever, while the east coast was digging out from the snow the NW experienced a very mild spring which gave us both sun and wind at our regattas. Weekend regattas were run March thru May with an average of thirty boats and 140 sailors showing up at each event. The NWISA single handed championship hosted by CGRA will be held September 5&6 at Cascade Locks, with a one day laser clinic scheduled for the 4th. Plans are well underway for the 2016 Baker with Anacortes Yacht Club hosting the Championship at the Seafarers Memorial Park Facility.

SEISA is continuing to organize and grow! We have more schools forming and starting teams and we are beginning to operate in an East/West format due to the distance our district covers. We have a newly adopted set of District Supplemental Rules, aimed at making the requirements for High School regattas in our District easier to follow as well as allowing a variety of formats to accommodate getting our high school sailors on the water, even with very small or incomplete teams. The "East" side of SEISA is schools east of Texas, effectively the New Orleans area all the way to the Florida panhandle. The West side of the district is effectively Texas. East SEISA sails primarily in c420s that each school brings while West SEISA hosts regattas at locations where there are fleets of boats, primarily FJs, due to the limited number of double-handed boats around the state. We had several schools form completely new teams this year and we plan to help them grow as well as bring other schools nearby.

We have been steadily building structure/organization into the district itself and are looking for volunteers to assist in local representation as well as form a SEISA Board with members across the district for the future. Please come and help!

This year we hosted the 3 District Championships all as 2 day regattas in 3 different locations. Fall Single-Handed Champs were hosted by Texas Corinthian YC in Kemah, Texas. The Spring Fleet Double-Handed Champs were hosted by Southern YC in New Orleans, and the Spring Team Race Champs were hosted by Lakewood/Bay Access in Seabrook, TX. We are exploring ways to increase participation in the District championships, possible by having East qualifiers and West qualifiers prior. Results of Dist. Champs:

Single-Handed Champs: Jonesboro HS, Jonesboro, AR - Max Guerriero '16 - Laser Full Kinkaid HS in Houston, TX - Lenox Butcher '16 - Laser Radial

Fleet Champs: Clear Falls HS, League City, TX
Team Race Champs: Clear Falls HS, League City, TX

The SEISA district held the Great Oaks Regatta at Southern YC in November which is open to all districts for developing teams, as well as the Sugar Bowl Regatta also at Southern YC in December. We are looking to expand our regattas with a full schedule in the East side of regattas and a new schedule of regattas in West SEISA. We held a Texas State HS Championships this spring at Lakewood YC along with Bay Access, which is similar to the Mississippi State HS Championships held in Mississippi in the Fall. Mississippi also holds a Mississippi State HS Team Race Championships in the spring; all are great regattas!

West SEISA, look for a series of OPEN events scheduled in conjunction with SEISA College sailing coming to the calendar in 2015-2016.

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