RHODE ISLAND COED STATE SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday May 22, 2021 Sail Newport 72 Fort Adams Drive Newport, RI 02840

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, 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 rule 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. Compliance with ISSA PR 2.5 (Team Uniforms/Pinnies) is requested, but no penalty will accrue for schools not in compliance.
- 1.5. Sail Newport, The Prout School and Rogers HS are the Organizing Authority for this event
- 1.6. The regatta will be sailed in two divisions (A / B). Divisions may be combined for racing.
- 1.7. All participants shall comply with COVID Safety Protocols provided in Paragraph 14. Participant is defined as a sailor and coach per the team size allocation.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Competing schools must be members of NESSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in Procedural Rules, Part III 1. Waivers must be submitted prior to registration.
- 2.2. Registration is open to all NESSA member schools. Any non-RI school interested in competing may be registered only after all RI schools have had the opportunity to register and all COVID Inter-state competition requirements have been met.
- 2.3. Only a RI school may be awarded the RI State Championship.

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES & TEAM RESTRICTIONS:

- 3.1. Registration opens at 1200, Monday May 3rd and closes 1600, Monday May 17th.
- 3.2. Schools wishing to compete must email braddonnelly13@gmail.com.
- 3.3. Regatta is limited to the first 18 schools to register. All others will be added to a wait-list.
- 3.4. NESSA PR Article L (failure to compete) is not in effect. However, if a team is going to withdraw, a host POC must be notified prior to 0700 the morning of the regatta.
- 3.5. Team sizes are limited to 8 sailors and one coach at the competition site.

4. ENTRY FEE:

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$20 per school, payable to Joe Cooper via Venmo (bushranger147@gmail.com). This nominal fee supports host requirements.
- 4.2. Registration is not complete until entry fee is paid.
- 4.3. The entry fee is non-refundable.

5. **BOATS:**

- 5.1 Both divisions will sail C420s provided by the host schools and Sail Newport.
- 5.2 There will be no rotation of boats. Boats will be sailed as provided.

6. SCHEDULE:

- 6.1. 0900 Report time
- 6.2. 0930 Competitor's meeting (Youth Docks/Wallace Building)
- 6.3. First Warning ASAP after Competitor's meeting
- 6.4. 1600 No first warning for any A Division race may start after this time, except if the regatta is not "official" yet, in accordance with the ISSA PR in which case the regatta can continue until the regatta is official.
- 6.5. Awards Ceremony. Final results to be announced once all protest procedures are complete.
- 6.6. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board on TECHSCORE and emailed to all coaches.
- 7. **RACING AREA:** The Racing Area will be located off of the Alofsin Piers, north of the Sail Newport Facility.
- 8. **COURSES:** Based on conditions, the RC will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7.
- 9. **SCORING:** The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

10. COACHING:

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. Furthermore, schools will be assigned a "team area" on shore by regatta chair.
- 10.3. Coaches are responsible for meeting COVID Screening requirements per RI guidelines. A list of all participants shall be submitted to event organizers for tracing purposes. Entry of RP forms in TECH SCORE can meet this requirement.
- 10.4. A coach who is also acting as Race Committee is exempt from 10.1 between sets of races.
- 10.5. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.
- 11. **RIGHTS 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.

12. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. 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.

13. WATER AND WATER BOTTLES

Disposable (single use) are <u>not allowed</u>. Competitors shall bring their own reusable water bottles. A water bottle refill station will be provided.

14. COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- 14.1 Sail Newport building and piers are off limits to non-participants.
- 14.2 Masks and 6 foot social distancing are required by all participants while on shore.
- 14.3 Only 4 sailors from each team will be allowed on the C420 dock at a time.
- 14.4 Spectators are not authorized on Sail Newport facilities, to include porches, decks and docks. Those wishing to observe competitions are urged to comply with RI State Guidelines and respect Ft Adams State Park requirements established by the Dept of Emergency Management.
- 14.5 No changing areas/locker rooms are available on site. Recommend sailors arrive dressed in a manner that a changing room is not required.
- 14.6 Public Restrooms are available on the ground floor back side of the Sail Newport building as well as the Ft Adams Visitors Center.

15. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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ALL TEAMS AND VISITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PACKING THEIR TRASH AND ANY OTHER ITEMS THEY MAY BRING. ABSOLUTELY NO SINGLE USE CONTAINERS OR PLASTIC BAGS. BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES, NO FOAM