



MASSA is the Organizing Authority
MASSA Fall Team Race Championship
Hosted by
St. Mary's College of Maryland and MDSA
November 4-5, 2017
NOTICE OF RACE



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D and the 2017-2020 ISSA Procedural Rules.
- 1.2 RRS D2.6 Limited Umpiring and RRS D2.2 (Single-Flag Rule) shall apply.
 - a) Pending a Yellow Flag and a competitor notifying the finish boat of intentions to protest, a 3-minute justice hearing will be held immediately on an umpire's boat or on the dock.
- 1.3 The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 61.1(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2 and Appendix D is modified below as follows:
RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase "*display a red flag*" with "*display a raised open hand.*"

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Competing schools must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 2.2 Teams must be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach or parent recognized by the school.
- 2.3 Teams must each provide at least one coach or adult team representative who is capable of serving as an on-the-water umpire if necessary. This may be the same person who satisfies the requirements of 2.2.
- 2.3 Selection of competing schools will be by district elimination. The regatta has 14 berths. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA bylaws. Schools should contact their League Directors to find out details on League qualifiers.
- 2.4 The deadline for leagues reporting actual teams names is October 30, 2017
- 2.5 Eligible schools and sailors must enter by submitting notice of qualification and entry by email to Mark Bennett at marksbennettjr@gmail.com before October 23, 2017. Notice from your league director will satisfy the requirement.

3 REGISTRATION AND FEES

None.

4 FORMAT

- 4.1 The fleet will be split into two groups (The split will be made by MASSA with input from each League Director in order to establish two evenly matched groups).
- 4.2 An initial qualifying round will be attempted by both groups or if the regatta chairman believes it in the best interests of the District (and provided that time and conditions allow), a full round of the teams from both groups will be attempted.
- 4.3 The top four schools from each group (or if a full round is completed, the top eight teams) will advance to the gold round. The other six schools will sail in the silver round.
- 4.4 A double round robin will be attempted for both the gold and silver rounds, followed by a final-4 championship.

- 4.5 If 4.4 is not possible within the allotted time, then a single round robin for both gold and silver rounds with a final-4 championship round will be attempted.
- 4.6 If 4.5 is not possible, one round for each gold and silver shall be sailed.
- 4.7 Except the round attempted under 4.6, no incomplete second championship/consolation round or final-4 rounds will be scored, but races sailed in incomplete rounds shall be used as tiebreakers or used as part of another round where appropriate.
- 4.8 If the above format is not possible within the allotted time, the Regatta Chairperson and Chief Umpire will announce the best course of action.
- 4.9 The choice of format shall be made at the discretion of the Regatta Chairperson and Chief Umpire.
- 4.10 The scores of the qualifying Rounds (4.2) will not carry over except as follows: The results of qualifying Round (4.2) races between boats moving into the same colored groups will be used in lieu of sailing the races between those boats in the first round of each of the groups. All other scores will be carried over.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday (11/4)

Report time	0900
Competitors' Meeting at the St. Mary's College River Center	0915
James P. Muldoon River Center	
St. Mary's College of Maryland	
47498 Trinity Church Rd.	
St. Mary's City, MD	
First Warning as soon as possible after competitors' meeting	

Sunday (11/5)

First Warning (approximate)	0920
No Warning Signal After	1400
Awards	Immediately after all equipment is stored.

6 BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 St. Mary's College 420's and FJ's will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Jib halyards tails shall remain rigged behind the spreaders.
- 6.2 The penalty for infringing upon 6.1 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 6.3 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the dock/boat committee immediately after arriving on shore and to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water immediately after all boats in that race have finished.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & ROTATION

Sailing instructions will be made available at check-in on 11/4 and posted on Techscore. The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the provided rotation sheet available at the competitors' meeting and posted on Techscore. Rotations will take place in the basin at the Teddy Turner Waterfront.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the in the St. Mary's River.

9 COURSES

The Digital N will be used.

10 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D and ISSA PR 12.

11. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION

11.1 Teams must compete the online RP forms in Tech Score before 5pm Monday November 6th. Failure to comply will result in a *2 losses added and two wins deducted from their team score. This modifies the deadline time in ISSA PR 4.3(a).*

12 SAFETY

- 12.1 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted.
- 12.2 The race committee may require the use of drysuits or full-length wetsuits. This may be announced at the daily competitors' meeting, and need not be signaled.
- 12.3 Failure to comply with 11.1 and/or 11.2 will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 12.4 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 11.1 and 11.2.
- 12.5 At its discretion, the Race Committee or Organizing Authority may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others' safety.

13 COACHING

- 13.1 Will be in accordance with PR 8.
- 13.2 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors, and teams associated with the infringing personnel.
- 13.3 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel may go afloat in the sailing area while serving as an umpire or assisting with race management.
- 13.4 Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, only on the water near the docks or while ashore.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

16 CONTACTS

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