



## MASSA Fall Team Race Championship

MASSA is the Organizing Authority

Hosted by

St. Mary's College and MDSA

**November 4-5, 2017**

*SAILING INSTRUCTIONS*



### 1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* including Appendix D, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules (PR), the Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions as amended.
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) MASSA in conjunction with host, St. Mary's College of Maryland.

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of the James P. Muldoon River Center. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the regatta chair and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

### 3. SCHEDULE:

#### 3.1. Saturday, November 4

0900: Report time

0915: Competitors' meeting

First Warning as soon as possible after competitors' meeting

#### 3.2. Sunday, November 5

0900: Report Time

0920: First Warning

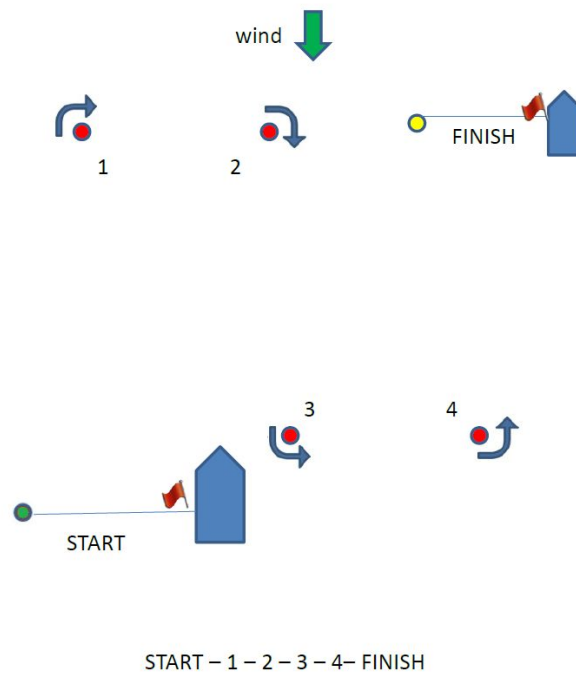
1400: No First Warning after this time

Awards will be presented immediately after all equipment is stored

- 3.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be distributed after the competitors' meeting and will be posted at the Waterfront Center.
- 3.4. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chairperson.

### 4. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 4.1. The course will be the Digital N in accordance with PR Appendix 6.



- 4.2. The rounding marks will be red.
- 4.3. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(c) after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required.

**5. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES:**

- 5.1. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(d) races will not be shortened. They will be abandoned. No signals are required.
- 5.2. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee, in consultation with the protest committee if possible.

**6. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:**

- 6.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(a).
- 6.2. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and a green ball to port of the RC Signal Boat
- 6.3. The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and yellow ball to port of the RC Finish Boat.

**7. BREAKDOWNS:**

- 7.1. Breakdowns in Team Racing shall be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix D5.
- 7.2. Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Discrepancies must be resolved immediately.
- 7.3. Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the regatta representative managing rotations on the changing dock immediately upon arriving on shore and to the race committee finish boat on the water immediately after all boats in their race have finished. Compliance with this instruction is required regardless of whether a scoring change for a breakdown is being requested. Failure to make this report will be subject to such penalty as the protest committee may impose, including loss of one or more race wins. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 7.4. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.

**8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 8.1. RRS D2.6 Limited Umpiring and RRS D2.2 (Single-Flag Rule) shall apply.
- 8.2. 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.

- 8.3. 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.*”
- 8.4. An umpire shall signal a decision with long sound and the display of a flag for no penalty as follows: a green flag or a green and white flag. This changes RRS D2.4(a).
- 8.5. Competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.
- 8.6. For protests not involving a rule listed in rule D2.2, competitors shall inform an umpire or the race committee at the finish or at the first opportunity prior to rotating boats or going ashore.
- 8.7. The protest time limit for requests for redress on an incident in the racing area that are to be heard on shore and for a breakdown request to be heard on shore is 15 minutes from the time the team rotates out of boats and shall be submitted in writing to the boson or the scorer.
- 8.8. Should a redress, or scoring change hearing be necessary ashore, the time, place and nature of the hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 8.9. The umpires will, when appropriate, attempt to hear protest, requests for redress, and requests for scoring changes while afloat.

9. **SCORING:** Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 12

#### **10. COACHING:**

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only while on shore

#### **11. SAFETY:**

- 11.1. Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III lifejackets. Inflatable type lifejackets are not permitted.
- 11.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

#### **12. FORMAT:**

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- 12.1 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).
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 A double round robin will be attempted for both the gold and silver rounds, followed by a final-4 championship.
- 12.5 If 12.4 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.
- 12.6 If 4.5 is not possible, one round for each gold and silver shall be sailed.
- 12.7 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.
- 12.8 If the above format is not possible within the allotted time, the Regatta Chairperson and Chief Umpire will announce the best course of action.
- 12.9 The choice of format shall be made at the discretion of the Regatta Chairperson and Chief Umpire.

12.10 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.

13. **TROPHIES:** Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the regatta.

14. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:**

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.

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.

15. **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.

16. **ADVERTISING**

Members of teams, coaches and other support personnel shall not display, on their clothing or equipment, advertising from a sponsor or donor to their team during an ISSA local, district, inter-sectional or championship regatta. This rule does not apply during team practice sessions.