



2025 Fall Atlantic Coast Championship

Hosted by

St. Mary's College of Maryland

James P. Muldoon River Center at the Teddy Turner Waterfront

St. Mary's City, MD 20686

November 8-9, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the [ISSA Procedural Rules](#), [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#), [The MASSA District Supplemental Rules](#) and [Code of Conduct](#), this NOR and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.

1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mid-Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association in conjunction with the Maryland Interscholastic Sailing Association (MDISA).

1.3 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) will be in effect.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The sailing instructions will be posted on Tech Score prior to the report time for the regatta.

3. COMMUNICATION: The online official notice board will be Tech Score.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

4.1. Competing schools must be members of ISSA, and the home district in which the attending school sails, and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.

2.2. The regatta has 18 berths. Selection of competing schools will be by District elimination or other selection methods designed to select the top teams from each District. Schools should contact their district directors to find out details on district qualifiers. District allocations: MASSA - 6; MISSA - 4; NESSA - 4; PCISA - 1; SAISA - 2; At-large - 1 berth.

2.3. At-large berths - Any team may apply to the MASSA Director for an at-large berth. Additional at-large berths will be awarded if any District does not fill all of its allocated berths by Oct. 31, 2025. The open berths will be filled from the list of teams waiting on the "At-Large" list, unless a District makes special arrangements for qualifiers scheduled after the deadline. Any berths not filled by the at-large method shall be allocated to the host District.

5. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

5.1. Eligible schools must enter by submitting contact information on the district Google document commitment form, and by confirming registration with the regatta chairperson by **5:00 PM on Monday, Oct. 27, 2025**. If the elimination for your district is to be held after this date, please contact the MASSA Director immediately so special arrangements can be made.

5.2. Registration for MASSA, MISSA, NESSA, PCISA and SAISA teams that have qualified at their district must use the [Google Registration Form](#)

5.3. At-Large Berth Requests can be made using the [Google At-Large Request Form](#)
Teams will be notified if awarded an At-Large berth by Oct. 27, 2025 .

5.4. Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson and the MASSA Director as soon as possible.

5.5 Registration is considered a firm commitment to attend the event. Teams unable to compete after registering must notify the regatta chair and MASSA Director as soon as possible. They will then forfeit the berth in the next MASSA event that they are eligible to compete in.

5.6. Any berth not filled by eligible schools by the deadline in 5.1, or thereafter vacated, will be reallocated by the MASSA director. The first open allocation will go to the host league.

6. ENTRY FEE & DAMAGE DEPOSIT:

6.1. There is no damage deposit for this event.

6.2. The entry fee for this event is \$250/team. MASSA teams entry fees are included in their district dues. Teams granted berths will pay the registration fee online via the QR Code in the Registration Form. Teams granted an At-Large berth will be sent a QR Code directly.

7. BOATS:

7.1. Eighteen 420's and eighteen FJ's will be provided by St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Boats will be sailed as provided.

7.2 Collisions causing damage will be dealt with by jury in accordance with RRS.

8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday

No practice session

Saturday

9:00 - Report time/ Rig boats

9:10 - Competitors' meeting

9:30 - First Warning

There will be no cut-off time for racing

Sunday

9:00 - Rig boats

9:30- First Warning

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.

2:00 - No starting signal after

Awards - immediately after all gear is properly stowed.

8.1 Changes to the official schedule will be posted on the official notice board no later than 9:00am on Saturday. Changes to the official schedule on Sunday will be posted to the official notice board no later than 8:00pm Saturday night.

9. RACING AREA: The Racing Area will be on the St. Mary's River in the vicinity of Horseshoe Bend.

10. FORMAT: The intention is for A division to sail 420's Sat and FJ's Sun while B division will sail in FJ's Saturday and 420's Sunday. However, the OA reserves the right to adjust that plan as appropriate based on weather conditions.

11. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION: Teams must complete the online RP forms in Tech Score in accordance with ISSA PR 4.3. Failure to comply will result in penalties as outlined therein.

12. SAFETY/EQUIPMENT:

12.1 The race committee may require the use of drysuits or full-length wetsuits if the combined air and water temperature is below 120 degrees. This may be announced at the daily competitors' meeting, and need not be signaled.

12.2 Team pinnies must be worn per ISSA PR 2.4. A 20-point penalty will be applied to the division in which the sailors did not comply. No hearing is required.

12.3 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4.

13. COACHING:

13.1 Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat from 0600 Saturday to after racing has ended on Sunday 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 support personnel.

13.2 Once a team has qualified for this Invitational Championship, members of that team shall not sail at the site to be used for the event, unless that site is their School's home waters or there is a previously scheduled ISSA regatta. Violation of this condition may be cause for disqualification of the team from the event. The exclusion area includes the St. Mary's River North of Chancellors Point.

13.3 If the Organizing Authority allows support persons on the water they shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times. The host will NOT provide PFDs.

14. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the schools placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the regatta. Prizes may be mailed to winners after the event.

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. 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.

17. Regatta Contacts:

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