



MASSA Fall 2025 Girls Fleet Race Invitational Championship

To be held at

Youth Sailing Virginia

381 Fenwick Rd, Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Nov. 15-16, 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 ISSA Code of Conduct, the [ISSA National Championship General Conditions](#), [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rule](#), the MASSA district supplemental Rules, and the MASSA Code of Conduct..
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Interscholastic Sailing Association in conjunction with the Virginia Interscholastic Sailing Association, and host Youth Sailing Virginia.
- 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 AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Competing schools and competitors must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 4.2. The regatta has 36 single division berths, (no more than 4 sailors per single division team. Allocations will be as follows: MASSA 20 berths, NESSA 6 berths, SAISA 5 berths, At-large - 4 berths.
- 4.3. Berths will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Berths will be awarded to second (third, etc.) teams from a given school only after all first teams have been awarded berths on Nov. 3rd.
- 4.4. Teams will be seeded into 2 divisions for the initial qualifying races. The top finishing teams from each Qualifying division will then sail "gold" races and the bottom finishers from each qualifying division will then sail "silver" races.
- 4.5. Eligible schools and sailors must enter by completing the [MASSA Girls Champs Google Registration Sheet](#), by 1700 hrs on Monday Nov. 3rd. If the elimination for your league is to be held after this date, your director should contact the regatta chair immediately so arrangements can be made.
- 4.6. Registration Sheets can be found on the MASSA, NESSA and SAISA Schedule Pages.

- 4.7. 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.
- 4.8. MASSA will reallocate vacant district quotas. The first open allocation will go to the host league. A berth becomes vacant when the qualifying league becomes unable to fill the berth.
5. **FEES: The entry fee for this event is \$40.00/single division Non-MASSA team.** MASSA teams entry fees are included in their district dues. Upon acceptance of entry, non-MASSA teams (NESSA, SAISA, other) will pay \$40.00 via PayPal with the QR Code below or this link: [Fall Girls Champs Registration Fee](#). Teams are not “registered” until the fee has been paid.

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6. **BOATS:** 18 2019 LP FJ's will be provided by the host. Boats will be sailed as provided.

7. **SCHEDULE:**

Friday, Nov. 14, 2025

There will not be a practice session on Friday.

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025

8:30 - Check in/registration/Rigging of boats

9:15 - Competitors' meeting

First warning - As soon as possible after the competitors' meeting.

There is no cutoff time for racing on Sat.

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025

8:30 - Check in/registration/Rigging of boats

9:30 - First Warning and schedule for the day

2:00 PM - No race will start after this time

Trophy presentation in front of the sailing center immediately following the stowing of boats.

Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

8. **RACING AREA:** All races will be sailed in Mill Creek adjacent to the Youth Sailing Virginia pier.

9. SAFETY/EQUIPMENT:

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4.

10. COACHING:

- 10.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from the start of registration time on Friday until the end of the regatta 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. ISSA General Conditions – Rule 5 applies. Once a team has qualified for a National 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 MASSA regatta. Violation of this condition may be cause for disqualification of the team from the event.

11. PRIZES:

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the gold division in the regatta.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL): ISSA PR 5 shall apply.

- 13. **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 34, 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.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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