

# ISSA HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

## For the FOUNDERS TROPHY

To be held at

**Norfolk Yacht and Country Club**  
7001 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23505  
May 17-18, 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](#) and [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#). 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 Interscholastic Sailing Association and the Virginia Interscholastic Association in conjunction with host venue Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

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 and competitors must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 4.2. Selection of competing schools will be by district elimination. The regatta has 10 berths. Allocations will be determined as follows: 3 NESSA, 2 MISSA, 2 MASSA, 2 at large (determined by MASSA Board), and host. Schools should contact their district directors to find out details on district qualifiers.
- 4.3. Eligible schools and sailors must enter by submitting an official entry form, regatta fees, and damage deposit with the regatta chair by **May 5, 2025**. If the elimination for your District is to be held after this date, please have the District Director contact the regatta chair immediately so arrangements can be made.
- 4.4. Registration form can be found on the ISSA Website Schedule pages.
- 4.5. 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, and they will then forfeit their entry fee.
- 4.6. MASSA will reallocate vacant district quotas. The first open allocation will go to the host district. A berth becomes vacant when the qualifying district becomes unable to fill the berth.

#### 5. FEES:

- 5.1. The entry is (\$**450.00**) per school. This includes umpire and regatta expenses
- 5.2. A damage deposit of (\$500.00) must be submitted with each entry. This is refundable if the boat and gear are returned undamaged. In the event damage cannot be attributed to a particular team, the repair costs will be divided evenly amongst all the competing teams.
- 5.3. Entry fee **and damage deposit will be paid via paypal at the time of registration.**
- 5.4. Lunches will be available for pre-order from Norfolk Yacht and Country Club by using these links:  
Saturday: <https://form.jotform.com/250725635096158>

Sunday: <https://form.jotform.com/251113974798165>

Deadline for orders is COB (5:00PM) on Tuesday May 13, 2025. Lunches that are pre-ordered will be available for pick-up each morning.

6. **BOATS:** 24 CFJ's provided by host. Boats will be sailed as provided.

7. **SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday**

8:30 - Report time/Rigging of Boats

9:00 - Competitors meetings

9:30 First Warning (or the time announced at the competitor's meeting)

There will be no cutoff me for racing on Saturday

**Sunday**

8:30 - Rigging of boats

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching

2:00 - No Warning Signal will be made after this time aside from sail-off to break a tie.

Awards - immediately after all gear is properly stowed.

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

8. **RACING AREA:** All races will be sailed in the Lafayette River as close to the rotation dock as possible.

9. **TRAVEL:**

9.1. Competitors flying to the area should use Norfolk International Airport. An alternative airport is Newport News-Williamsburg Airport.

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 National Championship Regatta Conditions (PR Appendix 3) – 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 ISSA regatta. Violation of this condition may be cause for disqualification of the team from the event.

11. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta. The Founder's Trophy will be awarded to the first place team to hold for one year.. The Trophy will then be returned to the regatta the following year for the subsequent winner.

12. **UMPIRES:** This regatta will be umpired.

13. **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.

- 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 3, 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. REGATTA CONTACTS:**

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