



MASSA 2019 Spring Team Race Championship and Baker Qualifier

Hosted by

Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and the Virginia Interscholastic Sailing Association

7001 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk VA 23505

MASSA is the Organizing Authority

April 27-28, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D, the 2017-2020 ISSA Procedural Rules (PR), the MASSA District Rules, this Notice of Race (NOR), and the Sailing Instructions (SI's).

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

1.4 In accordance with rule 70.5(a), the decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted for the right to deny appeal.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

2.1 Competing schools must be members of ISSA and MASSA, and meet ISSA and MASSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, and the District Rules.

2.2 In accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 1.3, 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 individual league qualifying rules. The regatta has **10 berths**. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA bylaws. Schools should contact their League Directors to find out details on League qualifiers.

3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

3.1 Eligible schools and sailors must enter by submitting contact information on the district Google document commitment form, and confirming registration with the regatta chair by **Monday, April 22, 2019**.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j6g_aQ_hnPKE3yu0H_k42lvM4Yk3AXMG4Ae5I7vAsLg/edit?usp=sharing

3.2 Any berth not filled by eligible schools on Monday, April 22, 2019, or thereafter vacated, will be reallocated by the MASSA director. The first open allocation will go to the host league.

4. ENTRY FEES & DAMAGE DEPOSIT:

4.1 There is no entry fee.

4.2 There is no damage deposit.

5. BOATS:

5.1 Racing will be sailed in Club FJ's provided by the host league. Boats will be sailed as provided.

5.2 Collisions causing damage will be dealt with by jury in accordance with RRS rules 14, 67 and 69.

5.3 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.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, April 26, 2018

1500-1700 - Practice at NYCC. Boats are available for practice on a first-come-first-served basis; however, practice time will be limited to 90 minutes and each team practicing may use only three boats.

Saturday, April 27, 2019

0830 - Report time

0900 - Competitors' Meeting

First Warning as soon as possible after competitors' meeting

No Warning Signal After: at RC's discretion based upon weather; no definitive end time

Sunday Sunday, April 28, 2019

Report time: 0830

Rigging of boats upon arrival

First Warning - As soon as possible after launching

Racing ends - the earlier of 1400 hrs or the completion of the NOR specified rounds. Final 4 may continue until completed (if agreed by all final 4 teams).

Awards - immediately following stowing of boats

6.1 Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board located at the Dock House or on the floating dock where rotations occur.

7. RACING AREA: All races will be sailed on the Lafayette River, in the waters off of NYCC. Boat Rotations will occur from the NYCC floating docks in the vicinity of the start and finish lines.

8. COURSES: Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7.

9. FORMAT: Format includes an initial round robin followed by silver and gold rounds and a qualifying final four round as prescribed by the current MASSA District Rules.

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

11. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION: Teams must complete the online RP forms in Tech Score before noon Monday, April 29, 2019. 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 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.

12.3 Failure to comply with 12.1 or 12.2 above 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 12.1 and 12.2. Above.

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: Team leaders, chaperones, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area (from reporting Friday to ending Sunday) 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.

14. PRIZES:

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta.

14.2 Schools placing 1st and 2nd in the regatta will be offered berths at the ISSA Team Racing Nationals Championship (Toby Baker Trophy) on May 25-26, 2019 in Portland, ME.

14.3 Schools placing 3rd and 4th in the regatta will be offered berths in the National Invitational Tournament Team Race Regatta on May 25-26, 2019

15. TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING:

15.1 Housing is not provided. A list of hotels is included with this notice.

15.2 Competitors should use Norfolk International Airport (ORF - 7.5 miles to NYCC), or Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport (PHF - 27 miles from NYCC).

15. OFFICIAL NOTICE: No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802, the possession of which is unlawful under U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine, and beer, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source, alleging such a breach a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors, and the chairperson of the protest committee, shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1(b). If a hearing under RRS 69 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practical, be removed from the regatta venues and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.2 may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team. This regulation is in effect during the entire event from the date and time of arrival through the date and time of departure from the regatta site.

16. 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.

17. WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Sailing is an activity that has inherent risks 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 clubs,

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 the event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16 CONTACTS:

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