



2026 FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS SERIES

Sail Newport
72 Fort Adams Drive
Newport, RI 02840

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 NESSA Procedural Rules and the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules.
- 1.2. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.3. Compliance with ISSA PR 2.5 (Team Uniforms/Pinnies) is requested, but no penalty will accrue for schools not in compliance.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Sail Newport.
- 1.5. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 14(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. Registration is open to all NESSA member schools and Sail Newport's Cooperative Team. Any non-RI school interested in competing may be registered only after all RI schools have had the opportunity to register.
- 4.2. Friday Night Lights is a promotional regatta series intended as scrimmages or friendlies to increase competition opportunities, develop sailors individually and as teams, and promote high school sailing as a fun and educational way to enjoy competition. It is not intended for NESSA ranking purposes.

5. ENTRY PROCEDURES & FEES

- 5.1. Registration opens via email notification. Registration for the final event of series closes at 1000, Friday, May 23rd.
- 5.2. Schools wishing to compete must email Nick Ewenson nick.ewenson@sailnewport.org and will receive a confirmation email in reply.
- 5.3. Each Promotional Regatta listed in 6.1 is limited to the first 12 schools to register. All others will be added to a wait list.
- 5.4. NESSA PR Article L (failure to compete) is not in effect. Should a team have to withdraw, notification NLT 3 days prior to the event is requested. Reminder emails will be sent the Monday prior to each event.
- 5.5. No Entry Fee is required for the FNL Series.

6. SCHEDULE:

6.1. There will be 5 regattas in the FNL promotional series:

FNL #1: Friday, April 17th

FNL #2: Friday, May 1st

FNL #3: Friday, May 8th

FNL #4: Friday, May 15th

FNL #5: Friday, May 22nd

6.2. Each event will follow the same timeline:

1530: Report Time

1545: Competitors' Meeting

1615: First Warning

1745: No first warning after this time.

6.3. Final results to be announced and posted on TECHSCORE once all protest procedures are complete.

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

7. RACING AREA: The Race area will be located off the Admiral's Pier in Brenton Cove for FNL #1,2,& 3. The Racing Area for FNL #4 & 5 will be off the Alofsin Pier, adjacent to the Ft Adams Visitors Center.

8. COACHING:

8.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from the time they arrive at the regatta site until the regatta is done unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chair.

8.2. A coach who is also acting as a Race Committee is exempt from 8.1 between sets of races.

8.3. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. REGATTA CONTACTS/REGATTA CHAIRS:

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