NESSA Great Oaks Qualifier

SINGLE DIVISION FLEET RACE

SAIL BLACK ROCK

Captain's Cove Seaport, Black Rock, CT
Sunday, September 23, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, and the NESSA Procedural & District Rules

1.2. In accordance with RRS rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.

1.3. ISSA PR 5.1 (Conduct) shall be in effect for the entire regatta. This rule applies to all invitees, including, but not limited to; sailors, coaches and parents. All invitees are expected to display proper manners and positive attitudes at all times.

1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is NESSA in conjunction with SAIL BLACK ROCK. SAIL BLACK ROCK hosts the intercollegiate sailing teams of Fairfield and Sacred Heart Universities.

1.5. **Schools are limited to six (6) team members - (5) sailors and 1 coach. Spectators are welcome.**

2. ELIGIBILITY:

2.1. Competing schools must be 2017-2018 members of ISSA/NESSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, Part III 1, and 5.2.

2.2. See NESSA PR Article K, section 2(c) for more eligibility requirements

2.3. Only schools eligible for the Great Oak Regatta may compete. (Schools that have not qualified for the Mallory or Baker in the past four years – see Appendix A).

2.4. Schools that qualify to represent NESSA at the Great Oaks Regatta are expected to attend the GOR in New Orleans, Louisiana in November.

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES.

3.1. Schools wishing to compete must complete the on-line registration form posted on the NESSA website (NESSA.HSSailing.org) in the registration window.

3.2. Registration window opens at 0900 on September 1, 2018

3.3. Registration window closes at 2359 on September 19, 2018

3.4. Regatta is limited to the first 14 schools to register. All others will be added to a wait-list.

3.5. NESSA PR Article L (failure to Compete) is in effect. If a team is going to NO SHOW the host must be notified by phone prior to 9am the morning of the regatta. Dave White – 203 249-4434

3.6. **IMPORTANT**: Schools must complete a venue waiver for each sailor prior to the regatta. Waivers can be found on the NESSA Website under "Forms." NO WAIVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE REGATTA. **Sailors are subject to not being permitted to sail if waivers are not properly submitted in advance.**

4. ENTRY FEE: The entry fee is $10 per school, payable at the registration, through the NESSA PayPal Account.

5. **Boats:** Square headed FJs provided by host.

6. SCHEDULE:

0900 – Special Mini Clinic – Notable Guest Speaker (TBA) on sailing topic – attendance optional

6.1. 0930 -Check in
0945 - Sailor's Meeting (First warning will be confirmed at Sailor's Meeting)
1600 - No first warning for any race will start after this time, except if the regatta is not "official" yet, in accordance with the ISSA PR in which case, racing can continue until the regatta is official.

6.2. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board located in the sailing school classroom.

7. RACING AREA: The race area will be defined at Sailor's Meeting but will be most likely be in the vicinity of St. Mary's Point at the western entrance to Black Rock Harbor, on Long Island Sound

8. COURSES: The Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7. Courses will be defined at Sailor's Meeting but may be modified at any time by RC. RC will make auditory announcements of course changes, if any, to all Sailors on race course.

9. SCORING: The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

10. COACHING:

10.1. 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. 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. SUBSTITUTES, COACHES AND POSSIBLY SOME SPECTATORS WILL BE STAGED NEAR THE STARTING LINE ON SUPPORT BOATS. ALL TEAMS MUST PROVIDE HEAD COUNTS FOR SUBSTITUTES, COACHES AND SPECTATORS PRIOR TO THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE> Send counts to event chair via email. dave@dhwhiterealestate.com

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

11. **PRIZES:** The top three finishers (schools) will qualify and are expected to attend, the ISSA Great Oaks Regatta, to be sailed at Southern YC in New Orleans, LA in late November.

12. 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.

13. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

13.1 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.

13.2 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/REGATTA CHAIRS:

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Dave White – SAIL BLACK ROCK – Event Chair - dave@dhwhiterealestate.com (203) 249-4434

APENDIX A

2017		Mallory		Baker
		St George's		St George's
		Milton		Milton
		Hotchkiss		
		Tabor		

2016		Mallory		Baker
		Tabor		St George's
		St George's		Tabor
		Milton		
		Brunswick		

2015		Mallory		Baker
		Brunswick		St George's
		Hotchkiss		Portsmouth Abbey
		St George's		
		Manchester-Essex		

2014		Mallory		Baker
		St George's		St George's
		Hotchkiss		CCA
		Tabor		
		Portsmouth Abbey		

2013		CCA		Portsmouth Abbey
		North Kingstown		CCA
		Hotchkiss		

2012		St George's		Tabor
		CCA		St George's
		Greenwich HS		
		Duxbury HS		

2011		Darien HS		Tabor
		St George's		Hotchkiss
		Portsmouth Abbey		
		Hotchkiss		

Ineligible
Brunswick
CCA
Hotchkiss
Manchester-Essex
Milton
Portsmouth Abbey
St George's
Tabor

APPENDIX B

GREAT OAKS QUALIFIER

SINGLE DIVISION FLEET RACING

LOGISTICS

HOSTED BY *SAIL BLACK ROCK*

CAPTAIN'S COVE SEAPORT
ONE BOSTWICK AVENUE
BRIDGEPORT, CT

***SAIL BLACK ROCK*, which hosts the teams of Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University, is pleased to offer a one day, one division, interscholastic fleet racing regatta.**

Pizza Party – Immediately following racing; pizza and soft drink Regatta Ginger Beer will be served compliments of Regatta Ginger Beer. Awards will be given for placing skippers and crew.

Shore Access and Departure – No sailors will have access to shore after first warning. All sailors will be on the water 1.5 miles offshore for the entire day. No sailor will be brought back to shore unless for an emergency. Departures from shore venue at end of regatta will be approximately at 1730 hours.

Parking – Abundant parking around the Sailing School Building, which is larger white building on the boardwalk. Lock cars.

Gear/Dressing – Dress in Sailing School classroom or in Sailing School heads. Please keep gear and gear bags in cars. Nothing is to be left on boardwalk, outside on deck of sailing school building or in classroom.

Lunch – Bring your own for on the water nourishment. Seaport Restaurant is open for after race dining. New Stop and Shop is two blocks away, McDonald's, Popeye's, Wendy's, Subway and Dunkin' Donuts are 5 minutes by car. Chipotle and Five Guys is 10 minutes away in Fairfield. Lunches will be stored on support powerboats.

Water – Plastic water bottles are banned. Refill stations are available on shore in Sailing School head, restaurant heads and at water stations on powerboats on race course.

Drysuits – Not necessary

Safety – Harbor has occasional commercial traffic consisting of large oil and gravel barges with tugs. They have the right of way and cannot change course or stop quickly. Keep clear of commercial channel to permit their transit. All sailors, coaches and spectators on the water must be wearing an approved PFD, unless directed otherwise by RC. Proper boat shoes/boots to be worn at all times.

Heads – Our sailing school building has heads, showers and washer/dryer. Restaurant also has heads. Support powerboats including Mini-barge, RC and Grand Banks have heads for on the water access.

Boat Launch – (14) FJs are dry stored on floats on island dock across the harbor. Competitors are ferried in inflatables – 14+ passengers at a time.

Equipment- (14) older matching FJs with recent blades, running and standing rigging and newer square top mainsails. Please be sure to tie in the rudders with tillers through shock cord and line tie in to pad eye, check tanks for water and check hiking straps lines.

Racing Area – Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT on Long Island Sound. Harbor can be shallow in areas and there are rocks. We have several racing areas but most likely we will be racing off St. Mary's Point on Long Island Sound at the western side at the mouth of Black Rock Harbor. Racing areas may change in afternoons, dependent upon wind strength and direction, sea conditions and tide. Please pay attention in Sailor's meeting concerning hazards in the racing areas.

Rotations – Rotations will be available with real time updates on TechScore. Rotations are off hull and sail number, which should match. Rotations will be made on the water off Grand Banks flanked by mini-barge and pontoon platform, conditions permitting after every race. In rough conditions boats may rotate every two races at nearby dock or other location as designated by RC, or rotations may be suspended. All boats must stay in channel and stay close in along docks for adequate water depth. Do not cut across cove, as you may run aground.

Power Boats – We have an 18' red lobster boat (Beach Plum)) for RC. It has a cabin, head and holds 4-6 adults, a 22' grey RIB which holds 16 for rescue/coach, a 13' Whaler for marks, a 17' red inflatable for judges/coaches/rescue (holds 12 adults), and a 14' grey RIB which holds 6 for coaches/rotation management. Grand Banks 32 with pontoon and mini-barge will be anchored for offset staging of sailors and rotations.

Capsize – Red inflatable is typically rescue boat. It is important to move quickly to right the boat and avoid turtling because the bottom is thick, smelly black mud.

HOTELS –
Inn at Fairfield Beach, Fairfield, CT – updated motel across from Fairfield Beach, nautically decorated studios & suites for 2-4 persons (add. guests on air mattresses) - $140-$250 -ask for 10% university discount, additional person $25- book side away from bar - recommended

Inn at Long Shore, Westport, CT – only 12 rooms and suites on waterfront golf course and marina. River and Long Is. Sound views from classic 1890 European style mansion with fine dining restaurant. Complementary continental breakfast. Expansive lawn leading to private beach $159-$259 – 2-4 persons per room. 15 minute drive, - highly recommended

Black Rock Inn/Best Western, Fairfield, CT - $139 (2 in room) - suites available for 4-6 – hot breakfast included- do not book first floor, I-95 side or any pet friendly rooms – adequate business hotel

Fairfield Circle Inn, Fairfield, CT - $159 (2 in room) – suites available, Circle Diner on site– new outdoor pool, - 2015 fully renovated motel into 3 star first class facility – book pool side - highly recommended

Delamar Southport – Southport, CT - $289+ luxury 5 star hotel with spa/fitness center and artisan fine dining, suites available, book side away from I-95, highly recommended as best luxury hotel within 25 miles

Après Sail – Downtown Fairfield is just a few miles away. Also dining and nightlife along Fairfield Avenue in nearby Black Rock section of Bridgeport. Sacred Heart University and Fairfield University campuses are less than 10 minutes away in the Town of Fairfield.

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