

NESSA QUALIFYING REGATTAS
For the
REBECCA HERRESHOFF TROPHY
Sunday April 29, 2018
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the NESSA Procedural Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. (available at Registration)
- 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.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is NESSA in conjunction with the host school listed below.
- 1.5. ISSA PR 2.5 (Team Uniforms/Pinnies) shall be in effect for the entire regatta.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Competing schools must be members of ISSA & NESSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, Part III 1, and 5.2. Membership must be active before completing the registration process.
- 2.2. See NESSA PR Article K, section 2(c) for more eligibility requirements

3. ENTRY PROCEDURES & REGATTA FEES.

- 3.1. Schools wishing to compete must complete the on-line registration form in the registration window.
- 3.2. Registration window opens at 0900 on March 1st.
- 3.3. Registration window closes at 2359 on April 1st.
- 3.4. Schools select their first, second, and third choices for qualifying venues. Qualifying venues will be:
 - Tabor Academy (Marion, MA) in Z420
 - The Hotchkiss School (Lakeville, CT) in C420s
 - Duxbury HS/Duxbury Bay MS (Duxbury, MA) in C420
- 3.5. The NESSA Herreshoff Event Chair & NESSA VP will make the final venue allocations by April 8th.
- 3.6. NESSA PR Article L (failure to Compete) is in effect

4. ENTRY FEE:

- 4.1. The entry fee is \$25 per school, payable on-line through PayPal.
- 4.2. Registration is not complete until entry fee is paid.
- 4.3. The entry fee is non-refundable.

- 5. BOATS:** Boats provided by the host schools (see above). Boats will be sailed as provided.

6. SCHEDULE:

- 6.1. 0800 –Report time at Duxbury Bay MS.
0900 – Report time at Tabor Academy and The Hotchkiss School.
1600 -No first warning for any A Division race may 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. Its location to be announced at registration.

7. **RACING AREA:** The Race area will be Sippican Harbor (Tabor), Duxbury Bay (Duxbury) or Lake Wononscopomuc (Hotchkiss).
8. **COURSES:** Based on conditions, the RC will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7.
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. A coach who is also acting as a Race Committee is exempt from 10.1 between sets of races.
 - 10.3. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.
11. **PRIZES:**
 - 11.1 The top five (5) finishers (schools) at each site will qualify for the NESSA Women's Championship for the Rebecca Herreshoff trophy to be sailed at Sail Newport on Saturday May 12 - Sunday May 13, 2018.
 - 11.2 The NESSA VP may modify the allocations to the finals depending on attendance at each site so long as notice is posted prior to 1200 on the day of the qualifier.
12. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE ALL QUALIFYING REGATTAS:** In the event that all of the qualifying regattas are not "official" by the end of the day, the regatta(s) that are not official shall be suspended and the schools shall return to the venue at a later date to complete the regatta. Information on report time, location, and boats shall be publicized through the NESSA e-mail list and the NESSA website.
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:**
 - 14.1 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.
 - 14.2 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.
15. **REGATTA CONTACTS/REGATTA CHAIRS:**

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