



MASSA Keelboat Championship
MASSA is the Organizing Authority
Hosted by
Annapolis Yacht Club
November 1-2, 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the *Interscholastic Sailing Association Procedural Rules (ISSA PR)*, the MASSA Procedural Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The red flag requirement is deleted in *RRS* 61.1(a).
- 1.3 The J/22 class rules shall not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at the Annapolis Yacht Club Junior building.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted before the first race in which they are to take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Jr Sailing Annex.
- 4.2 When flag AP so displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 1 hour” in the race signal AP.

5. BOATS PROVIDED BY ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB (AYC)

- 5.1 J/22s will be provided by Annapolis Yacht Club on a first-come, first-serve basis. Claims regarding the performance of the boats will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 5.2 AYC-owned or chartered J/22s will be randomly assigned to teams during check in on Saturday morning.

6. ROTATION/SUBSTITUTIONS

- 6.1 There will be no rotation. See *PR* 7.6(a)
- 6.2 Crew substitutions will not be allowed except in the case of an emergency and with the written permission of the OA.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

A round-robin of 10 races is scheduled. See *PR* 7.4.

Saturday

Report time (AYC)	0900
Check in/weigh in period	0900-0930
Competitors' Meeting	0930

First Warning (approximate) 1100

Sunday

First Warning (approximate) 1000

No Start after 1500

Awards ASAP

8. RACING AREAS

The goal will be to race to the north of Tolly point, but racing area can vary. See Attachment 1 for reference.

9. THE COURSE

A W4 course will be preferred with a windward offset and leeward gate.

10. MARKS

All marks will be inflatable marks. Cylinder marks will be preferred for windward and leeward marks, with inflatable balls as the pin and windward offset.

11. THE START & RECALLS

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with *RRS* Appendix S and *PR* 7.8.

11.2 The start and finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat, and the course side of an inflatable mark.

11.3 As a courtesy, RC will attempt to hail sail numbers on VHF channel 66A along with displaying flag "X." Not hailing and/or a vessel not hearing her number hailed shall not be grounds for redress.

12. SPINNAKERS

When the Race Committee Signal Boat displays flag "K" at or before the Warning Signal, spinnakers shall not be used for the race.

13. DAMAGE

13.1 When damage occurs or is likely to have occurred, **whether or not a boat has been penalized or has taken a penalty** that boat shall report to the Boatswain for damage inspection.

13.2 Boatswain can be hailed on VHF 66A.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 See SI Section 1 "Rules" above.

14.2 Written protests, including requests for redress must be filed with the RC within 30 minutes of the last competitor's arrival ashore.

14.3 Protest forms will be available in the Jr Sailing Annex.

15. SCORING

PR 9 shall apply. Please note there will be no drop races.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1 See RRS 4. “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.” The responsibility for the safety of the boat and each competitor lies solely with each individual and not with the Annapolis Yacht Club.
- 16.2 The Race Committee may require the use of drysuits. This may be announced orally before leaving shore and need not be signaled.
- 16.3 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 16.2.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 The RC will communicate to coaches and competitors using VHF Channel 66A.
- 17.2 See NOR Section 12 regarding restrictions to VHF use.

Attachment 1

