

MASSA Fall Gold Dinghy Championships

St. Mary's College of Maryland
Teddy Turner Waterfront and James P. Muldoon River Center

October 19-20, 2019

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 appropriate ISSA Championship Conditions, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).
- 1.3. In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mid-Atlantic Sailing Association (MASSA) and the Maryland Interscholastic sailing Association (MDISA), in conjunction with host St. Mary's College of Maryland.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Competing schools must be members of MASSA and ISSA and meet MASSA and ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, Part III 1, and 5.2.
- 2.2. In accordance with ISSA PR 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. Selection of competing schools will be by League determination. The regatta has **18 berths**. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA Board. Schools should contact their league directors to find out details regarding League qualifiers.

3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 3.1. Eligible schools and sailors must enter by submitting contract information on the district google document commitment form, and confirming registration with the regatta chairperson by Oct. 9, 2019. If the elimination for your district is to be held after this date, please have the district director contact the regatta chairperson immediately so special arrangements can be made.
- 3.2. Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson and the MASSA Director as soon as possible.
- 3.3. MASSA will reallocate vacant conference quotas. The first open allocation will go to the host district. A berth becomes vacant when the qualifying district becomes unable to fill the berth.

4. ENTRY FEE & DAMAGE DEPOSIT:

- 4.1. There is no damage deposit or entry fee for this event.

5. BOATS:

- 5.1. FJ's and 420's provided by St. Mary's College of Maryland. Boats will be sailed as provided.
- 5.2. Collisions causing damage will be dealt with by jury in accordance with RRS rules 14, 67, & 69.

6. SCHEDULE:

Friday, 10/18

No practice

Saturday, 10/19

9:00am - Report time

9:10am - Competitors' meeting, first warning as soon as possible

Sunday, 10/20

9am - Report time

9:20am - First warning (not before)

2:00pm-No race will start after this time

Trophy presentation as soon as all gear properly stored.

- 6.1. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the River Center and on Techscore.
7. **RACING AREA:** All races will be sailed in the St. Mary's River in the vicinity of Horseshoe Bend and Church Point. Rotations will take place at the Teddy Turner Waterfront.
8. **COURSES:** Based on conditions, the Race Committee 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:** Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from reporting Saturday to ending Sunday unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. 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.
11. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta. The top 6 placing teams will be offered a berth to the Atlantic Coast Championship (ACC) to be held at Tom's River Yacht Club.
12. **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.
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:** 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 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:

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Addendum 1 - Local Accommodations:

Town Place Suites

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wastl-towneplace-suites-lexington-park-patuxent-river-naval-air-station/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

Hampton Inn

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lpkmdhx-hampton-lexington-park/>

Fairfield Inn

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/waslp-fairfield-inn-lexington-park-patuxent-river-naval-air-station/>

Home2 suites

https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dcalpht-home2-suites-lexington-park-patuxent-river-nas-md/?SEO_id=GMB-HT-DCALPHT

Country Inn and Suites

<https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/country-inn-california-nas-patuxent-river-md>

Hilton Garden Inn (Solomons)

<https://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/maryland/hilton-garden-inn-solomons-DCASOGI/index.html>

Comfort Inn is relatively new and slightly closer, but not a great neighborhood.