



**2023 MASSA Fall Gold Championships  
October 28-29, 2023  
St. Mary's College of Maryland**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules (PR) and the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules (except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions), and by these Sailing Instructions (SI).

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the rolling white board on the lower deck of the River Center and electronically on the Tech Score notice board as soon as possible thereafter.

**3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted on the official notice board and on Techscore as soon as practicable.

**4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, October 28**

0900 Report Time  
0910 Competitors' Meeting  
0945 First Warning

**Sunday, October 29**

0900 Report Time  
0930 First Warning  
1400 No starting signal after

Awards - immediately after all gear is properly stowed.

**5. FORMAT**

- 5.1. A division will sail in 420's Sat and FJ's Sun. B division will sail in FJ's Saturday and 420's Sunday.

**6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1. Collegiate Dinghy 420's and FJ's will be provided for competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Competitors have the option of rigging the mainsheet purchase either 3:1 or 4:1.  
6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.  
6.3. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to a member of the Race Committee on the water or immediately after arriving ashore.

**7. ROTATION**

- 7.1. The rotation of boats will be posted in Techscore.

**8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The courses will be announced orally and taken from the course diagrams on the official regatta notice board.  
8.2. Rounding marks will be red marks.

**9. START/FINISH**

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 7.9.
- 9.2. The start line will be between an orange staff on the Race Committee Start Boat and an orange staff on the Pin-end Boat or a green mark in the event a pin-end boat is not on station.
- 9.3. The finish line will be between an orange staff on the Race Committee Finish Boat and a green mark on downwind finishes (W-4); or a yellow mark on upwind finishes (W3 & W5) .

**10. PROTESTS**

- 10.1. Protests shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules with the following change. "Race Committee" in PR 16 is changed to "Race Committee Finish Boat."
- 10.2. Written protests, including requests for redress and breakdowns, shall be filed with the organizing authority within 30 minutes of the last competitor's arrival ashore after the race or set of races in which the incident occurred.

**11. SAFETY**

- 11.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should so signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

**12. COACHING**

- 12.1. PCR 8 will apply.

**13. RESTRICTED AREA**

- 13.1 Competitors are prohibited from coming alongside the pier with the sailing dinghies at any time. Docks only please!

**14. REGATTA CONTACTS:**

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