



MASSA Fall 2025 Girls Invitational Championship

Hosted by Youth Sailing Virginia
381 Fenwick Rd, Fort Monroe, VA 23651

Nov. 15-16, 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the [ISSA Procedural Rules](#), and [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#), the MASSA Supplemental Rules, the MASSA Code of Conduct, the NOR, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.

1.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 14 will be in effect.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

2.1 Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Tech Score. All changes to the original regatta documents will be on a bulletin board on the table under the blue canopy along with the protest forms.

2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the regatta chair, PRO and the MASSA Representative and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect on a bulletin board on the table under the blue canopy.

3. MASSA CODE OF CONDUCT: The MASSA Code of Conduct will apply to all sailors, coaches, parents and spectators participating and attending our events.

4. SCHEDULE:

4.1 Report times each day are listed in the NOR.

4.2 The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chair.

4.3 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score after the skipper's meeting.

5. BOATS:

5.1 18 CFJ's will be provided. Boats are to be sailed as provided.

5.2 Any and all damage to boats is to be reported by competitors before rotating out of a given boat. Damage not reported will be the responsibility of the last team to sail the boat.

6. FORMAT:

6.1 The regatta is single division.

Teams will be divided into two fleets for racing. Initial fleet assignments for the first day's qualifying races will be seeded into red and green divisions.

6.2 Fleet assignments and boat rotations for qualifying races will be posted in Techscore no later than the end of the competitors meeting on Sat. Teams will be reseeded after the qualifying races and posted ASAP in Techscore.

6.3 Qualification races will be sailed on the first day in each of two fleets, green and red. Boats will be assigned alphabetically by the scoring program, Techscore. The green and red fleets will be started separately. Green will sail two races, red will rotate into the boats, and red will sail two races., etc.

6.4 PLAN A; After 4 qualification races in each division, and after hearing any protests, the teams will be divided into a gold fleet and a silver fleet. The top 9 boats from each of the green and red fleets will comprise the gold fleet, and the boats finishing in 10th place and lower in each of the green and red fleets will comprise the silver fleet. Gold will sail two races, silver will rotate into the boats, and silver will sail two races, etc. Final finishes for the top 3 gold division teams will stand as the top placing teams for the regatta.

6.5 If conditions make the PLAN A format unmanageable, the PRO and Chief Judge may alter the format at any time as they deem fair to ensure an equitable determination of the winner. If it is necessary to change the format, the priority protocol is as follows:

6.5.1 PLAN B: One to two qualifying races will be completed before reseeding the teams into gold and silver divisions.

7. COURSES AND MARKS:

7.1 Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8

7.2 The race committee may designate course selection orally.

7.3 Rounding, start and finish marks will be orange balls.

8. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:

8.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.

8.2 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a mark. The finish line will be between a blue flag on the race committee boat and a mark.

9. BREAKDOWNS:

9.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.

9.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 5.

9. PROTESTS:

9.1 Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.

9.2 Protest forms will be available on a table under the blue canopy.

9.3 Protests must be filed between sets, or for the last set the protest time limit shall be thirty minutes after the Race Committee boat docks after the last race of the day. This changes ISSA PR 15(e). The Race Committee docking time shall be posted on the Notice board under the blue canopy.

9.4 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS Rule 63 an Appendix M.

10. SCORING:

10.1 Scoring for each division will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part IV, except that each division will be scored

as a separate regatta in Techscore. Scores from red and green divisions will not carry over into silver and gold divisions. Gold division scores for first, second and third place will be the first, second and third placing boats for the event.

10.2 If a boat is delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may terminate the race and score the last place boat in its current position.

10.3 Ties for the final regatta finishes will be calculated using only the final division scores.

11. SAFETY:

11.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

11.2 The race committee may request a boat to retire from the race at any time should their safety be in question.

11.3 All competitors shall wear USCG approved PFDs in accordance with ISSA PR 2.2.

12. COACHING: Coaching will be in accordance with MASSA District Supplemental Rule 6.9.1 Coaching Between Sets: Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only between sets on the dock or on shore unless otherwise directed by the regatta chairperson. This changes ISSA PR 8(a).

13. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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