

NESSA National Keelboat Invitational Qualifier

October 4-5 2025

Hosted By: SailMaine

Location: 58 Fore St, Portland, ME 04101

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including the [ISSA Procedural Rules](#), the [NESSA District Procedural Rules](#).
- 1.2. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or
- 1.3. In accordance with RRS 70.3(b), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority (OA) is NESSA in conjunction with the host.

2. COMMUNICATION

The official online notice board will be online at <https://scores.hssailing.org/>

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board by 0800 10/4/25.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to high school school teams that are current members of NESSA.
- 4.2. A maximum of 16 entries will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. In the event that only 8 teams enter, the OA reserves the right to change the format which may include changing the schedule.
- 4.3. Teams shall consist of four people (skipper and crews) of which a maximum of 3 shall be male; unless the school is all male in which case this requirement is waived.
- 4.4. Crew substitutions are not permitted except in the case of emergency.
- 4.5. Eligible teams can enter by completing the online entry form beginning Friday September 12 at 1200 but no later than 23:59 on September 19th. Entry Form: [NKBI Registration Form](#)

5. ENTRY FEE

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$50 per school, payable at registration, through the [NESSA PayPal account](#).
- 5.2. Damage: A damage deposit check of \$500, made payable to SailMaine, should be hand delivered to the regatta site. Contact the Registrar for alternate accommodation if necessary. The deposit is a per-incident maximum, and includes damage to boats or race committee vessels.

6. BOATS

- 5.1 J/22 provided by the host. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 5.2 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7. SCHEDULE:

	<u>Saturday, Oct 4th</u>	<u>Sunday, Oct 5th</u>
Competitors' Meeting	1000	0900
First Warning	Announced at Competitors' Mtg	Announced at Competitors' Mtg
No warning signal after	—	1600

8. EVENT FORMAT

The event will consist of a series of short fleet races with all available boats competing in each race. There will be more teams than boats at the event, and teams will be scheduled to race in a selection of races against as many different opponents as is possible. A pre-set rotation will be used to allocate teams to boats for each race, ensuring that each team competes in multiple races throughout the series.

9. RACING AREA

The race area will be in Portland Harbor off of SailMaine.

10. COURSES

The Race Committee intends to use windward leeward style courses. Course diagrams will be provided in the sailing instructions.

11. SCORING:

- 11.1. The low point scoring system will be used, with no scores excluded.
- 11.2. A boat that is scored DNC, DNS, OCS, DNF, RET, DSQ, or other scoring abbreviation in RRS A10 shall be scored points equal to one more than the number of boats starting in that race. This changes RRS A5.2.
- 11.3. The schedule of races may be modified during the event in as fair and practical a way as possible, determined by the Race Committee, taking into account the entries, weather conditions, time constraints, and any other relevant factors. Any change shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4. When teams have not sailed the same number of races, places will be calculated by the average points scored (to 2 decimal places) in all races they have sailed.

12. COACHING

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

11. PRIZES

The top school will qualify for the ISSA National Keelboat Invitational to be sailed in St Petersburg, FL: December 13-14, 2025.

12. 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.

13. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

- 13.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, 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 race. By participating in this race, 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.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS/REGATTA CHAIRS:

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