

2026 Casco Bay Open
Hosted by
Portland High School
77 Thames St. Portland, ME
Saturday, September 5th, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the [ISSA Procedural Rules](#), the [NESSA District Procedural Rules](#), the [ISSA National Championship General Conditions](#) and [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#).
- 1.2. In accordance with RRS 70.3(b), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Sail Maine.
- 1.4. Sailing Instructions will be posted on techscore by the morning of the event.
- 1.5. Any official notices or changes to the SIs will be posted at the office at SailMaine.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1. Eligible schools wishing to register for this event may register by completing the Google docs Fall Regatta Registration Form located on the NESSA Website.
- 2.2. **Article K, section 3 Qualification** is in effect, as this is a pre-qualifier for the ACC Qualifier Regatta in October. Schools shall be eligible for NESSA Invitational Regattas in the following way.
 - 2.2.1. All NESSA dues must be paid.
 - 2.2.2. Each NESSA Member school is entitled to one entry on a first come, first served basis until the regatta is filled.
 - 2.2.3. Non-NESSA teams (conglomerate teams or out of district school teams) are entitled to sign up when the registration opens for a NESSA Invitational Regatta. Entry in the said regatta will be granted to a Non-NESSA team after 10 days from when registration opens, only if space is available, at a first come first serve basis.
- 2.3. Registration opens at 0800, August 26th, and closes 0800 August 28th. Registrations after close but no later than 96hrs prior to the event will be placed on a waiting list first come first serve basis.
- 2.4. Eighteen (18) berths are available
- 2.5. The event chair reserves the right to increase the number of berths at his discretion.
- 2.6. All teams still wishing to compete after registration is filled will be added to a waitlist.
- 2.7. Teams selected will be sent a payment link.
- 2.8. Teams that have registered and are unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson as soon as possible. Any withdrawal later than 72 hours before the report time for the event will result in that team losing the right to compete in the Roy Williams Regatta.

3. SCHEDULE:

- 3.1. 0900 Check in
- 3.2. 0930 Competitors' meeting
- 3.3. 1030 A Division First Gun
- 3.4. 1600 No first signal for an A Division races will be made after this time

4. **FORMAT:** A and B fleet racing in Turbo 420's and/or FJ's.

5. **RACING AREA:** Portland Harbor.

6. **COURSES:** The Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.8.

7. **SCORING:** The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

8. COACHING:

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

9. **PRIZES:** The top three (3) teams will qualify for the Roy Williams Invitational (NESSA's ACC Qualifier)

10. PARKING AND SITE INFORMATION: SailMaine has no parking. See FAQ's for more info: <https://www.sailmaine.org/faq>. SailMaine is a guest of the City of Portland in a public park. Please be mindful of other people using the park.

All participants are prohibited from access to Fore Points Marina and the Fore Points Docks.

Teams should bring drinking water, as running water is not always available.

By participating in this event, competitors agree to abide by the SailMaine code of conduct. <https://www.sailmaine.org/conduct>

Portland harbor is a working harbor. While the host team will make their best attempt to set the racecourse away from commercial traffic routes, sailors are ultimately responsible for themselves. Sailors must avoid commercial traffic.

11. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS: By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority 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.

12. **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 the 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.
13. **REGATTA CONTACT:**
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