MASSA Keelboat Qualifier
2026 NOTICE OF RACE
Larchmont Yacht Club

Saturday Oct. 31 - Sunday Nov. 1

1. RULES

1.1. This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including the ISSA Procedural Rules.

1.2. RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed to read: "(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. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the MidAtlantic Sailing Association (MASSA) in conjunction with New York Interscholastic Sailing SE Association (NYISA-SE) and Larchmont Yacht Club.

1.4. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MASSA District Supplemental Rules and Code of Conduct.

1.5. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the MASSA District, in conjunction with the NYISA-SE League and Larchmont Yacht Club.

1.6. In accordance with RRS 70.3(b), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted.

1.7. The US Sailing Prescriptions to the preamble for Part 5 Section B and RRS 63.1(b) shall not apply.

1.8. 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"

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 1700 10/29/26.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. The event is open to high school teams that are current members of MASSA.

4.2. A maximum of 8 entries will be invited to this event, based on the selection criteria by each school's league qualifying rules. Interested schools can contact their district director for details. The event is limited to 1 entry per school.

4.3. Teams shall consist of four people (skipper and crews) of which the total number of males or females per team shall not exceed three (3); except if the school is all-girls, or all-boys. Total crew weight cannot exceed 650 lbs.

4.4. Crew substitutions are not permitted except in the case of emergency.

5. ENTRY

5.1. Eligible teams must register using the Google Sheets registration form link below by 1700 hrs Monday, October 26, 2026. MASSA 2026 Keelboat Qualifer

5.2. Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson and MASSA Director as soon as possible.

5.3. MASSA District Director will reallocate vacant berths. A berth becomes vacant when the qualifying league becomes unable to fill the berth.

5.4. The winner of this event will receive an entry to the ISSA National Keelboat Invitational Regatta in December 2026 at St. Petersburg Sailing Center.

5.5. In the event that this qualifier fails to complete the minimum number of races, the team representing MASSA at the National Keelboat competition will be chosen from the registered teams by resume submitted to MASSA District Director and ISSA Vice President Dr. Randall Nunn MASSADistrict@gmail.com

6. FEES

6.1. There is no entry fee for this event.

6.2. DAMAGE DEPOSIT: A damage deposit is not required before racing however each team is liable for up to $1000 of associated costs due to damage as a result of any one incident (this includes boats, sails, equipment, and property). A failure to comply may result in disqualification from the event without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

6.3. The charterer shall be responsible for any loss or damage to the boat and equipment beyond normal wear and tear.

6.4. The OA reserves the right to deny or revoke a charter if, in its opinion, the crew is not capable of safely operating the boat.

6.5. In the event damage cannot be attributed to a particular team, the repair costs will be divided evenly amongst all the competing teams.

7. BOATS

7.1. Sonar type boats will be provided by the host. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.

7.2. The rules for the handling of boats will be provided in the sailing instructions.

7.3. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

8. SCHEDULE

	Saturday Oct. 31	Sunday Nov. 1
Report Time & Boat Draw	0830-0845	0830
Competitors' Briefing	0845	--
First warning signal	1100	1000
No warning signal after	--	1400
Awards Presentation	--	After racing

9. RACING AREA

Racing will take place near Larchmont Harbor.

10. SUPPORT PERSONS

LYC will provide a boat for a maximum of 1 coach/support person to go afloat. Coach/support personnel and sailors shall provide a PFD and are required to wear it while afloat.

11. PRIZES

11.1. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

11.2. The top school will receive a berth to the ISSA Keelboat National Invitational. Teams need to confirm their intention to fill their berth at the national regatta by the end of business on November 6, 2026 by contacting MASSA District Director, Dr. Randall Nunn via email at MASSADistrict@gmail.com.

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

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

LYC Sailing Office: sailing@larchmontyc.org
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