MASSA Fall Invitational

At The Washington College

October 31 - November 1, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MASSA District Supplemental Rules and Code of Conduct, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Mid-Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association in conjunction with the MDISA League and host Washington College.

1.3. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c) will be in effect.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

2.1. Official notices including changes to sailing instructions shall be posted on Techscore Notice Board. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the protest committee and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it shall take effect.

3. SCHEDULE:

3.1. Saturday

8:30 - Report time/Rigging of Boats
9:15 – Competitors Meeting and Rigging of boats
First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.
There will be no cut off time for racing.

3.2. Sunday

8:30 - Rigging of boats
First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.
2:00 - No Warning Signal will be sounded after this time.
Awards - immediately after all gear is properly stowed.

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

4.1. Courses shall be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8. The race committee may designate course selection orally. (See Appendix)

4.2. All marks shall be orange/yellow/green marks..

4.3. Courses shall be raced in the Chester River.

5. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:

5.1. Races shall start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(a).

5.2. The start line and finish line shall be between the orange flag and the orange mark.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT:

6.1. Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way, except that competitors may adjust lines and controls normally adjustable.

6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.

6.3. Mainsheet may be rigged with either a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.

6.4. The penalty for infringing the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.

6.5. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the boat repair committee immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water. The penalty for infringing this instruction, unless the Jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

7. BREAKDOWNS:

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

7.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e).

7.3. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

8. PROTESTS:

8.1. Protests procedure shall be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.

8.2. Per Procedural Rule 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.

9. SCORING:

9.1. Scoring shall be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

9.2. Schools may send a second team to the MASSA Invitational to fill any open berths as long as approved by their league director and regatta chair. If a school has two teams competing, the second team may not receive an award if their first team has placed in the top three.

10. COACHING:

10.1. Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors, and teams associated with the infringing personnel.

10.2. Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only while on shore or any place clear of the start finish line, no coaching during the races.

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.

12. FORMAT AND ROTATION:

12.1. Two Division with A and B fleets

12.2. A single rotation will be attempted

13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

13.1. 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.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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APPENDIX 1 - COURSE DIAGRAM

COURSES	MARKS
W3	START - W - O - G - UPWIND FINISH
W4	START - W - O - G - W - O - DOWNWIND FINSIH
W5	START - W - O - G - W - O - G - UPWIND FINISH

