



MASSA 2026 Fall Championship

at Buffalo Yacht Club
1 Porter Ave, Buffalo, NY 14201
October 24-25, 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 and the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules, the MASSA District Supplemental Rules and Code of Conduct, this NOR, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the MASSA District, in conjunction with the NYISA-NW League, Buffalo Yacht Club and Buffalo Yacht Club Foundation.

1.3. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) will be in effect.

1.4. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final, and US Sailing permission has been granted.

1.5. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The sailing instructions will be posted on TechScore prior to the report time for the regatta.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online official notice board will be TechScore.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. Competing schools and competitors must be members of ISSA and MASSA and meet ISSA and MASSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.

4.2. Competing schools and competitors must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.

4.3 Selection of competing schools will be by league elimination. The regatta has 18 berths. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA Board using the standard allocation calculations. Schools should contact their league directors to find out details on league qualifiers.

4.4. Eligible schools must enter by submitting their team's contact information in the **Google Registration Sheet by 5:00 PM on MONDAY OCTOBER 19**. If the elimination for your league is to be held after this date, please have the league director contact the regatta chair immediately so arrangements can be made. [Google Fall Champs Registration Sheet](#)

4.5 Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chair and MASSA as soon as possible. MASSA will reallocate vacant district quotas. The first open allocation will go to the host league. A berth becomes vacant when the qualifying league becomes unable to fill the berth.

5. FEES

5.1. There are no registration fees for this regatta.

6. BOATS

6.1 18 collegiate rigged 420s dinghies will be provided by the host. Boats will be sailed as provided.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24, 2026

8:30 AM – Check-in and rigging of boats

9:00 AM – Competitors' meeting

First Warning – As soon as reasonably possible after the competitors' meeting. * There will be no lunch break for sailors to return to shore on Saturday.

* There will be no cutoff time for racing on Saturday.

Sunday, October 25, 2026

8:30 Rigging and launching of boats

First Warning - A soon as possible after all boat launched

2:00 PM - No race will start after this time

Awards - Immediately after boats are gear are properly stowed

8. RACING AREA

8.1. Racing will take place in Buffalo Harbor adjacent to Erie Basin Marina.

9. TRAVEL AND HOUSING

10. COACHING

10.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors, and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from the start of registration time on Friday until the end of the regatta 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.

11. PRIZES

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

11.2. The top 6 teams will qualify to advance to Atlantic Coast Championship [ACCs] hosted by Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA the weekend of November 14-15, 2026

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL)

12.1. ISSA PR 5.3 shall apply.

13. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

13.1. 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 3, Decision to Race.

13.2. 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 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.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS

Leah Trow - Regatta Chair

Liam Faudree - NYISA - NW League Director

Randall W. Nunn - MASSA District Director