## Coaches,

I'm writing with some important logistical information for the upcoming <u>O'Day</u> <u>Qualifier at the Indian Harbor YC</u> in Greenwich, CT on April 13. Please check the links for locations and further info.

Both division will be on the water together. A Division will sail Greenwich HS boats 1-9 located at <u>Grass Island</u>. B Division will sail BS & GA boats 13-21 located at <u>IHYC</u>. Your team will need to rig boats in two locations in the morning. The IHYC launch will make runs between the Grass Island dock and the main (West) docks at IHYC. They monitor VHF 68.

The RC will hold a brief **competitors' meeting at 0900** in the main ballroom **at IHYC**. Teams should be ready to launch shortly thereafter and it is the RC's intention to start racing by 1000 or as soon as practicable. The meeting will be broadcast by speakerphone to Grass Island with an RC representative present to cut down on the need to shuttle team members between venues.

Parking is not available at IHYC. After drop off, large buses should park in the Grass Island lot or the train station <u>commuter lot</u>. Cars should park at Grass Island or <u>660 Steamboat</u> - a very short walk to IHYC.

Locker rooms with showers are available on the basement level of IHYC. Bags may be left in the locker rooms or in the Junior sailing classroom in the building on the north side of the IHYC parking lot. At Grass Island, bags may be stored in the sail storage room.

Our racing venue is in Captain Harbor at the <u>southern edge of the IHYC</u> <u>mooring field</u>. *ISSA PR 8* is modified to allow coaches and parents to go afloat on Saturday. IHYC is providing five whalers for coaches. Coaches shall wear USCG approved PFDs while afloat. Competitors are reminded of *ISSA PR 2.2*. Please ensure that you and your sailors come prepared. The RC will make announcements on **VHF 72, and coaches are encouraged to bring VHFs.** The RC may designate an area for coachboats to remain.

Coaches operating an IHYC whaler are required to sign a waiver **available online here** and at the IHYC Front Desk. Additionally, all coaches and parents are encouraged to review the **IHYC on-water Emergency Procedure** which lists important local contact information.

A floating dock will be in the racing area for boat rotations. All rotations should occur from the dock, not coach boats. Space on whalers is limited to a maximum of 7 occupants - however - extra sailors, additional coaches, parents, etc., are encouraged to remain on the IHYC patio. Extra sailors should remain on shore

and can be shuttled to the rotation dock if needed. IHYC will operate a large RIB to help shuttle sailors to and from shore and the float if needed.

If racing is progressing well and time allows, it is the RC's intention to take a single rotation break at approximately midday to allow sailors ashore. The format will be to send one division to IHYC while the other division remains racing. This will only happen if racing is progressing well and a minimum number of races has been achieved. Please plan for sailors to be on the water for the day since the break is not guaranteed.

For spectators on shore, the IHYC bar opens at noon for drinks and food. Nonmember or non-reciprocal parents wishing to utilize the Club should check in at the Front Desk and say they're with the regatta and will be given a guest card for the afternoon.

IHYC is looking forward to hosting you all. If you have any questions leading up to the event, please email.

Thank you,

Joel