



2024 MASSA Girls Championship
Buffalo Yacht Club Foundation
1 Porter Ave, Buffalo NY, 14201
May 4-5, 2024



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 Supplemental Rules, the MASSA Code of Conduct, this NOR, and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the MidAtlantic Scholastic Sailing Association in conjunction with the New York Interscholastic Sailing Association and hosts, The Buffalo Yacht Club Foundation and Buffalo Yacht Club.
- 1.3. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) decisions of the protest committee are final, US Sailing permission has been granted.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c) will be in effect.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The sailing instructions will be posted on Tech Score prior to the report time for the regatta.

3. COMMUNICATION: The online official notice board will be Tech Score.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 4.1. Competing schools and competitors must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 4.2. Selection of competing schools will be by district elimination. The regatta has 18 single division berths. Allocations will be determined by the MASSA Director per the District Supplemental Rules. Schools should contact their league directors to find out details on district qualifiers.
- 4.3. Eligible schools and sailors who have been offered a berth must enter by registering with the MASSA Director on the <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1do2uL-cUtgo9vNKe9LpYMi57zH3i5NDOPzkUbZeR1lw/edit?usp=sharing> by **5PM on April 29, 2024**. If the elimination for your league is to be held after this date, please have the district director contact the MASSA Director immediately so arrangements can be made.
- 4.4. Teams unable to compete must notify the MASSA Director as soon as possible.
- 4.5. 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 will be no fees or damage deposits for this regatta.

6. BOATS: 18 collegiate rigged FJ dinghies will be provided by the host. Boats will be sailed as provided.

7. SCHEDULE:

Saturday

0830 Report Time
0900 Competitors' meeting
First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.
There will be no cut off time for racing.

Sunday

0830 Report Time
First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.
1400 No Starting Signal After
Awards - immediately following stowing of boats

Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

8. RACING AREA: All races will be sailed in Buffalo Harbor next to Erie Basin.

9. COACHING:

- 9.1 All Coaching Shall be done from the floating dock unless otherwise instructed. The penalty for any coaching done outside these parameters shall be disqualification of all boats for the nearest race in time.
- 9.2. Once a team has qualified for the event, members of that team shall not sail at the site to be used for the event, unless that site is their School's home waters or there is a previously scheduled MASSA or VISA regatta. Violation of this condition may be cause for disqualification of the team from the event.

10. PRIZES:

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta.

11. 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.

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 CONTACTS:

Regatta Chairperson -

Dr. Randall Nunn

MASSA District Director - MASSADistrict@gmail.com

Leah Trow

Boating Education Coordinator – BYCF: boatinged@buffaloyachtclub.org

(716) 249 - 4728