

2024 SPRING MASSA TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Host venue

Norfolk Yacht and Country Club

7001 Hampton Blvd.

Norfolk, VA 23505

April 27-28, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D. The [ISSA Procedural Rules](#), [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#), [The MASSA District Supplemental Rules](#) and [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 RRS Appendix D 1.1(d) will be in effect.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

2.1 Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Tech Score.

2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the protest committee and the MASSA representative and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3. SCHEDULE and FORMAT:

3.1 Report times each day are listed in the NOR.

3.2 The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the PRO.

3.3 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score after the skipper's meeting.

3.4 PLAN A: Two full qualifying round robins of all 10 teams followed by a final four phase will be attempted. All scores will carry over between each round. (96 races)

3.5 In accordance with ISSA PR 12.3, if conditions make the PLAN A format unmanageable, the PRO and Chief Umpire may alter the format at any time as they deem fair to ensure an equitable determination of the winner.

If it is necessary to change the format, the priority protocol is as follows:

3.5.1. Plan B: Two full round robins. (90 races)

3.5.2. Plan C: One full round robin with a top 6, bottom 4, and a final 4. (72 races)

3.5.3. Plan D: One full round robin with a top 6, and a final 4. (66 races)

3.5.4. Plan E: One full round robin and a final 4. (51 races)

3.5.5. Plan F: If only the Qualifying Round has been completed, the results will stand as the championship. If any of the subsequent round robins (Championship, Silver, or Bronze) have been completed, the results of completed round robins will stand. Results from incomplete round robins may be used in tiebreakers. This changes ISSA PR 12.1(c).

3.5.6. Plan G: If the PRO, Chief Umpire, and ISSA Representative deem that it is unmanageable to complete the Qualifying Round in the time allotted, then the regatta reverts back to the results through Race #20. At that point each school will have sailed against each of the five other schools in their predetermined divisions. Schools will be ranked 1st through 5th within each division, and one of the following Sail-off Options will be chosen in the following priority order:

3.5.6.1. Option 1: The top two schools in each division will sail a Final Four Round (single or double round-robin as time allows. If time allows, additional round robins may be sailed to determine places 5-8 and 9-12.

3.5.6.2. Option 2: The top school from each division will sail off for first and second place, and then the second-place school in each division will sail off for third and fourth place. These sail-offs will be best two of three. If time allows, other races to determine places 5-12 may then be scheduled.

3.5.2.3. Option 3: If time and conditions do not permit any more races, the top school in each division will tie for the Championship and the second-place team from each division will tie for third place. This changes PR 12.1.

3.5.6.4 The divisions for 3.5.6 are:

Division A: Severn, Archbishop Spaulding, Norfolk Academy, Christian Brothers Academy, and Rye School.

Division B: Hampton Roads Academy, Broadneck High School, The Stony Brook School, Key School, and West Irondequoit.

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

4.1 Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR Appendix 6 (Digital N Course)

4.2 All marks will be orange balls. Starting and Finishing pins will be white.

5. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:

5.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.

5.2 The start/finish lines will be between an orange staff on the race committee boat and a white pin.

6. BREAKDOWNS:

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

6.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 12.2. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

6.3 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment.

6.4 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the regatta representative managing rotations on the changing dock immediately upon arriving on shore and to the race committee finish-boat on the water immediately after all boats in their race have finished. Compliance with this instruction is required regardless of whether a scoring change for a breakdown is being requested. Failure to make this report will be subject to such penalty as the protest committee may impose, including loss of one or more race wins. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

7. UMPIRING:

7.1 RRS D2 shall apply for all races.

7.2 The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 61.1(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2, and Appendix D is modified below as follows: RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase "display a red flag" with "display a raised open hand."

8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

8.1 Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI and Appendix D2.

8.2 An umpire shall signal a decision with long sound and the display of a flag for no penalty as follows: a green flag or a green and white flag. This changes RRS D2.4(a).

8.3 In lieu of displaying a black flag, an umpire may hail, "black flag" or "report incident to the protest committee". This changes ISSA PR Appendix 7.

8.6 For protests not involving a rule listed in rule D2.2, competitors shall inform an umpire or the race committee at the finish or at the first opportunity prior to rotating boats or going ashore.

8.7 The protest time limit for requests for redress on an incident in the racing area that is to be heard on shore and for a breakdown request to be heard on shore is 15 minutes from the time the team rotates out of boats and shall be submitted in writing to the scorer.

8.8 Should a redress, or scoring change hearing be necessary ashore, the time, place and nature of the hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.

8.9 The umpires will, when appropriate, attempt to hear protest, requests for redress, and requests for scoring changes while afloat.

8.10 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.

9. SCORING: Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 12.

10. SAFETY:

10.1 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.

10.2 The race committee may request a boat to retire from the race at any time should their safety be in question.

10.3 If either the air or water temperature is below 50 degrees fahrenheit, wetsuits or drysuits are required.