



# MASSA Spring 2025 Fleet Race Championship and Mallory Qualifier

To be held at

**Christchurch School**

49 Seahorse Lane, Christchurch, Virginia 23031

May 10-11, 2025

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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, the NOR, and these 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 P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 14 will be in effect.

**1.3** In accordance with RRS 70.3(b), and ISSA PR 18 decisions of the protest committee are final, and US Sailing permission has been granted.

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

**2.1** Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Tech Score or and/or on a Bulletin board adjacent to the entrance to the boat house. All changes to the original regatta documents will be on a bulletin board on the table under the blue canopy along with the protest forms.

**2.2** Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the regatta chair, PRO 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 on the Notice board adjacent to the entrance to the boat house.

**3. MASSA OF CONDUCT:** The MASSA Code of Conduct will apply to all sailors, coaches, parents and spectators participating and attending our events.

### 4. SCHEDULE:

**4.1** Report times each day are listed in the NOR.

4.2 The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chair.

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

**5. BOATS:** The intention is to have A Division sail 420'S and B Division sail FJ's on Saturday with divisions swapping fleets on Sunday. Changes to this format will be posted on the Notice board adjacent to the entrance to the boat house.

**6. COURSES AND MARKS:**

6.1 Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8

6.2 The race committee may designate course selection orally.

6.3 Rounding, start and finish marks will be orange balls or yellow cylinders.

**7. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:**

7.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.

7.2 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a mark. The finish line will be between a blue flag on the race committee boat and a mark.

**8. BREAKDOWNS:**

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

8.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 5.

**9. PROTESTS:**

9.1 Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.

9.2 Protest forms will be available at the Notice bd.

9.3 In accordance with ISSA PR 15(e), the protest time limit shall be thirty minutes after the Race Committee boat docks after the last race of the day. The Race Committee docking time shall be posted on the Notice board adjacent to the entrance to the boat house.

9.4 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS Rule 63 an Appendix M.

**10. SCORING:**

10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part IV.

10.2 If a boat is delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee may terminate the race and score the last place boat in its current position.

**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.

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

11.3 All competitors shall wear USCG approved PFDs in accordance with ISSA PR 2.2.

**12. COACHING:** Coaching will be in accordance with MASSA District Supplemental Rule 6.9.1 Coaching Between Sets: Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only between sets on the dock or on shore unless otherwise directed by the regatta chairperson. This changes ISSA PR 8(a).

### 13. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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