



MASSA Spring 2026 Invitational Championship

Hosted by **Youth Sailing Virginia**
381 Fenwick Rd, Fort Monroe, VA 23651

May 9-10, 2026

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 In accordance with RRS 70.5(a) 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. 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 a bulletin board on the table under the blue canopy.

3. MASSA CODE 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:

5.1 18 CFJ's will be provided. Boats are to be sailed as provided.

5.2 Any and all damage to boats is to be reported by competitors before rotating out of a given boat. Damage not reported will be the responsibility of the last team to sail the boat.

6. FORMAT:

6.1 The regatta is two divisions, navy rotation.

7. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 7.1 Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8
- 7.2 The race committee may designate course selection orally.
- 7.3 Rounding, start and finish marks will be orange balls.

8. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:

- 8.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.
- 8.2 The start and finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a mark.

9. BREAKDOWNS:

- 9.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 9.2 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 on a table under the blue canopy.
- 9.3 Protests must be filed between sets, or for the last set the protest time limit shall be thirty minutes after the Race Committee boat docks after the last race of the day. This changes ISSA PR 15(e). The Race Committee docking time shall be posted on the Notice board under the blue canopy.
- 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 for each division 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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