

**NESSA DOUBLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS**  
**For the**  
**GEORGE O'DAY TROPHY**  
**May 9th & 10th, 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 ISSA National Championship General Conditions and the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules.
- 1.2. In accordance with RRS 70.3(b), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New England Sailing Association (NESSA) in conjunction with hosts.
- 1.4. ISSA PR 4.1(d) is modified so that rosters need to be declared "Monday prior to the event."

**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 Chief Judge and the NESSA Representative and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and the ISSA Code of conduct (Appendix 1, ISSA PR)

**4. SCHEDULE:**

- 4.1. Report time is listed in NOR
- 4.2. The number of races will be at the discretion of the regatta chair.
- 4.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score after the sailor's meeting.

**5. COURSES AND MARKS:**

- 5.1. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8
- 5.2. The race committee may designate course selection orally.
- 5.3. All marks will be **described at the sailors meeting.**

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

- 6.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.
- 6.2. The start/finish line will be between a flag on the race committee boat and a mark.

**7. BREAKDOWNS:**

- 7.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 7.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 5.

8. **PROTESTS:** Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI

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

10. **SAFETY:** 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. **FAILURE TO COMPLETE O'DAY FINALS:**

- 11.1. In the event that the O'Day Championship cannot be completed :
  - 11.1.1. The O'Day trophy will not be awarded.
  - 11.1.2. The three schools with the lowest average score from all the qualifying regattas shall be declared NESSA's representatives to the ISSA Fleet Racing National Championship for the Clifford Mallory Trophy.
  - 11.1.3. The next four schools with the lowest average score from all the qualifying regattas shall be declared NESSA's representatives to the Phebe King Memorial Regatta.
  - 11.1.4. Average Score
    - o Average score is calculated by taking the total points earned at the O'Day qualifier divided by the total number of races sailed at that qualifier. It is possible that two or more qualifiers can come from the same venue.
    - o If two or more schools are tied for a berth to the Mallory or the King and the tie needs to be broken,
      - Each school's scores shall be listed in order of best to worse and at the first point(s) where there is a difference that tie shall be broken in favor of the school(s) with the best score.
      - The process is then continued with the remaining tied schools.
      - If the process above does not break the tie, the school that has been to the Mallory or the King most recently, will be excluded.
      - If the above processes do not break the tie, the berth(s) shall be decided by a game of chance.

## 12. Prizes

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2 nd , & 3 rd in the regatta.
- 12.2. The top school will get the George O'Day trophy until next year's regatta under the provisions of NESSA PR Article M.
- 12.3. Schools placing 1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd in the regatta will also qualify to represent NESSA at the ISSA Fleet Racing National Championship for the Clifford Mallory Trophy.
- 12.4. The next 4 schools will qualify to represent NESSA at the Phebe King Memorial Trophy. The P King regatta also has an option for at-large berths if schools finishing below 7th are interested.
- 12.5. Schools will be offered bids at the end of the regatta and should be ready to accept or pass on these bids at that time. If a school does not accept their bid to either the Mallory or the King, the next eligible school will be offered the spot. This process will continue until all NESSA slots at the Mallory and the King are filled.