

NESSA TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

For the President's Trophy

May 2 & 3, 2026

St George's School (Newport, RI)

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 [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 the hosts.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) may 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:

- 4.1. Competing schools must be members of ISSA & NESSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, Part III 1, and 5.2.
- 4.2. See NESSA PR Article K, section 2(c) for more eligibility requirements

5. ENTRY PROCEDURES & REGATTA FEES:

- 5.1. Schools wishing to compete must complete the on-line registration form including uploading the TR Schedule Form within the registration window. Go here for the template. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AGkeG2_dyE7MuS_IBt_whKEMoNzaE_sm/edit?gid=108071484#gid=108071484 Email the schedule to joinNESSA@gmail.com with the schedule as an attachment.
- 5.2.
 - 5.2.1. Registration window opens at 1000 on March 1st
 - 5.2.2. Registration window closes at 2359 on April 1st
- 5.3. **Considering Fee:** All schools shall pay a consideration fee of \$45 per school, to be paid at the time of registration.
- 5.4. **Entry Fee:** Schools that are selected for the Presidents trophy must pay a fee of \$140, to be paid prior to competing in their respective regatta. This fee covers regatta expenses at the event.
- 5.5. Payment will be made through the NESSA PayPal account.

6. REGATTA SELECTION:

- 6.1. Selection is based upon rankings. Ranking criteria is posted in the [NESSA District Rules](#). Schools must meet the criteria for selection as outlined in the [NESSA District Rules](#).
- 6.2. Schools wishing to be considered must send scores to NESSA (JoinNESSA@Gmail.com) for posting to their resume page.
- 6.3. Meets between NESSA schools posted through April 26, 2026 will count towards a school's resume. It is up to the school to make sure their posted resume is accurate.

- 6.4. Schools ranked 1-8 according to the NESSA Team Racing Rankings will be invited to participate in the President's Trophy.
- 6.5. If a school declines their invitation, each school below them in the rankings will move up a slot and the open slot will be filled by the next ranked team until 8 schools are selected.

7. **BOATS:** Boats will be sailed as provided. The President's will be sailed in FJs.

8. **SCHEDULE:**

Saturday

0930 - Competitors Meeting **at Fort Adams**

Rigging to follow immediately after

Starting time for the first race will be announced at the Sailors' meeting and racing will continue throughout the day at the discretion of the PRO.

Sunday

0930 - Competitors Meeting **at Fort Adams**

Rigging to follow immediately after

Starting time for the first race will be announced at the Sailors' meeting and racing will continue throughout the day at the discretion of the PRO.

Trophy Presentation after racing

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

9. **FORMAT:**

- 9.1. For the President's Trophy a double round-robin followed by a four team double championship round robin is planned.
- 9.2. Format for either regatta may be altered if the number of teams competing is changed.

10. **RACING AREA:** Newport Harbor

11. **COACHING:**

- 11.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from the time they arrive at the regatta site until the regatta is done unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chair. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors and teams associated with the infringing support personnel.
- 11.2. A coach who is also acting as a Race Committee is exempt from 11.1 between sets of races.
- 11.3. ISSA PR 8 defines other coaching limitations and obligations.

12. **PRIZES:**

- 12.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 schools at the President's Trophy.
- 12.2. The top school at the President's will get the President's Trophy until next year's regatta under the provisions of NESSA PR Article M
- 12.3. Schools finishing 1st and 2nd at the President's trophy will also earn the right to represent NESSA at the ISSA Team Racing Championship (Baker Trophy).
- 12.4. Schools finishing 3rd & 4th at the President's trophy will also earn the right to represent NESSA at the National Invitational Tournament (Founders Trophy).

13. **RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:** ISSA PR 5 shall apply.

14. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:**

- 14.1.** 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.
- 14.2.** 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.

15. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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