

NESSA Great Oaks Regatta Qualifier

SINGLE DIVISION FLEET RACE

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SAIL BLACK ROCK
Captain's Cove Seaport, Black Rock, CT
Saturday, September 30, 2023
UPDATED: Sep 28, 2023

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 Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#).
- 1.2. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) is NESSA in conjunction with SAIL BLACK ROCK. SAIL BLACK ROCK hosts the intercollegiate sailing team of Sacred Heart University.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c) will be in effect.
- 1.5. **Schools are limited to six (6) team members - (5) sailors and 1 coach. Spectators are welcome.**

2. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The sailing instructions will be posted on ~~Tech Score~~ [NESSA Website](#) 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 current members of ISSA/NESSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules.
- 4.2. Only schools [eligible for the Great Oaks Regatta](#) may compete. (Schools that have not qualified for the Mallory or Baker in the past four years – see Appendix A).
- 4.3. Schools that qualify to represent NESSA at the Great Oaks Regatta (GOR) are expected to attend the GOR in New Orleans, Louisiana in November.

5. REGISTRATION.

- 5.1. Schools wishing to compete must complete the on-line registration form posted on the NESSA website ([NESSA.HSSailing.org](#)) in the registration window.
- 5.2. Registration window opens at 1200 on Tuesday September 5, 2023
- 5.3. Registration window closes at 2359 on Thursday September 28, 2023
- 5.4. Regatta is limited to the first 9 eligible schools to register. All others will be added to a wait-list.

- 5.5. NESSA PR Article L (failure to Compete) is in effect. If a team is going to NO SHOW the host must be notified by phone prior to 9am the morning of the regatta. Dave White – 203 249-4434
- 5.6. **IMPORTANT:** Schools must complete a venue waiver for each sailor prior to the regatta. Waivers can be found on the NESSA Website under “Forms.” **NO WAIVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE REGATTA.** Sailors are subject to not being permitted to sail if waivers are not properly submitted in advance.
6. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is \$15 per school, payable at the registration, through the NESSA PayPal Account.
7. **Boats:** (9) recent Z420s with 2021 North Blue-Ribbon sails dry sailed from cradles on Island Dock
8. **SCHEDULE:**
- 8.1. 0930 -Check in
0945 - Sailor’s Meeting (First warning will be confirmed at Sailor’s Meeting)
1700 - No first warning for any race will start after this time, except if the regatta is not “official” yet, in accordance with the ISSA PR in which case, racing can continue until the regatta is official.
- 8.2. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board located in the sailing school classroom.
9. **RACING AREA:** The race area will be defined at Sailor’s Meeting but will most likely be in the vicinity of St. Mary’s Point at the western entrance to Black Rock Harbor, on Long Island Sound. **STAY IN CHANNEL DEPARTING/ENTERING HARBOR UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.**
10. **COACHING:** Each team may have one on the water coach in the OA provided coach boat or boats. No private coach boats are permitted without RC advance approval. Additional coaches and/or spectators can view the racing from a shore-based vantage point to be announced at the Competitor’s meeting.
11. **PRIZES:** The top three finishers (schools) will qualify and are expected to attend the ISSA Great Oaks Regatta.
12. **RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:**
By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
13. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:**
- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.
14. **REGATTA CONTACTS/REGATTA CHAIRS:**
Jonathan Harley – NESSA VP jonathanharley@cox.net
Dave White – SAIL BLACK ROCK – Event Chair - dave@dhwhiterealestate.com (203) 249-4434

APPENDIX A

Ineligible in 2023
Brunswick School
Green Farms Academy
Greenwich HS
Hotchkiss School
Portsmouth Abbey
St George's
Tabor Academy

APPENDIX B

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SAIL BLACK ROCK
CAPTAIN'S COVE SEAPORT
ONE BOSTWICK AVENUE
BRIDGEPORT, CT

SAIL BLACK ROCK, which hosts the team of Sacred Heart University is pleased to offer a one day, one division, interscholastic fleet racing regatta.

Pizza Party – Immediately following racing; pizza will be served compliments of Sail Black Rock Foundation. Awards will be presented for placing skippers and crew.

Shore Access and Departure – No sailors will have access to shore after first warning. All sailors will be on the water 1.5 miles offshore for the entire day. No sailor will be brought back to shore except for an emergency. Departures from shore venues at the end of the regatta will be approximately 1800 hours.

Parking – Abundant parking around the Sailing School Building, which is a larger white building on the boardwalk. Lock cars.

Gear/Dressing – Dress in Sailing School classroom or in sailing school heads. Please keep gear and gear bags in cars. Nothing is to be left on the boardwalk, outside on the deck of the sailing school building or in the classroom. **No barefoot sailing.**

Lunch – Bring your own for on the water nourishment. The Seaport Restaurant is closed. Stop and Shop is two blocks away, McDonald's, Popeye's, Wendy's, Subway and Dunkin' Donuts are 5 minutes by car. Chipotle and Five Guys is 10 minutes away in Fairfield. Lunches will be stored on support powerboats.

Water – Plastic water bottles are banned. Refill stations are available on shore in sailing school heads and at water stations on powerboats on race courses.

Safety – Harbor has occasional commercial traffic consisting of large oil and gravel barges with tugs. They have the right of way and cannot change course or stop quickly. Keep clear of commercial channels to permit their transit. All sailors, coaches and spectators on the water must be wearing an approved PFD, unless directed otherwise by RC. Proper boat shoes/boots to be worn by all sailors, coaches and spectators at all times.

Heads – Our sailing school building has heads, showers and washer/dryer. Support powerboats including Mini-barge, RC, Grand Banks have heads for on the water access.

Boat Launch – (9) Z420s are dry sailed from cradles on island dock across the harbor. Competitors are ferried across.

Equipment- (9) recent matching Z420s with new North Blue-Ribbon Sails. Please be sure to tie in the rudders to eye pad on the transom bottom, check tanks for water and check hiking straps lines. Note: Jib tack pin is fast pin type – do not remove ring pin.

Racing Area – Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT on Long Island Sound. STAY IN CHANNEL DEPARTING HARBOR UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. Harbor can be shallow in areas and there are rocks. We have several racing areas but most likely we will be racing off St. Mary's Point on Long Island Sound at the western side at the mouth of Black Rock Harbor. Racing areas may change in afternoons, dependent upon wind strength and direction, sea conditions and tide. Please pay attention at the Competitor's meeting concerning hazards in the racing areas.

Rotations – Rotations will be available with real time updates on TechScore. Rotations are off hull and sail number, which should match. Rotations will be made on the water off Grand Banks 32 flanked by mini-barge platform, conditions permitting after every race. In rough conditions boats may rotate every two races at a nearby dock or other location as designated by RC, or rotations may be suspended.

Power Boats – We have an 18' red lobster boat (Beach Plum)) for RC. It has a cabin, head and holds 4-6 adults, an 18' white RIB which holds 10 for rescue/coach. Grand Banks 32 will be anchored for offset staging of sailors and rotations.

Capsize – A designated rescue boat will be announced at the Competitor's meeting. It is important to move quickly to right the boat and avoid turtling because the bottom is thick, smelly black mud.

HOTELS –

Inn at Fairfield Beach, Fairfield, CT – updated motel across from Fairfield Beach, nautically decorated studios & suites for 2-4 persons (add. guests on air mattresses) - \$140-\$250 -ask for 10% university discount, additional person \$25- book side away from bar - recommended

Inn at LongShore, Westport, CT – only 12 rooms and suites on waterfront golf course and marina. River and Long Is. Sound views from classic 1890 European style mansion with fine dining restaurant. Complimentary continental breakfast. Expansive lawn leading to private beach \$159-\$259 – 2-4 persons per room. 15-minute drive, - highly recommended

Black Rock Inn/Best Western, Fairfield, CT - \$139 (2 in room) - suites available for 4-6 – hot breakfast included- do not book first floor, I-95 side or any pet friendly rooms – adequate business hotel

Fairfield Circle Inn, Fairfield, CT - \$159 (2 in room) – suites available, Circle Diner on site– new outdoor pool, - 2015 fully renovated motel into 3-star first class facility – book poolside - highly recommended

Delamar Southport – Southport, CT - \$289+ luxury 5-star hotel with spa/fitness center and artisan fine dining, suites available, book side away from I-95, highly recommended as best luxury hotel within 25 miles

Après Sail – Downtown Fairfield is just a few miles away. Also dining and nightlife along Fairfield Avenue in nearby Black Rock section of Bridgeport. Sacred Heart University is about 10 minutes away in the Town of Fairfield.

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