

NESSA Annual Meeting
Sunday November 17, 2024
Boston College HS
150 Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chris called the meeting to order at 1032.

	ATTENDEES	
1	Barrington HS	Andrew Macaulay
2	BC High	Mary Farrell
3	Bishop Stang	Matthew Stanton
4	Cape Cod Academy	Rob Hurd
5	East Greenwich High School	Robert Russell
6	Falmouth HS (ME)	Jeremy McCauley
7	Greenwich High School	Joe Brendel
8	Martha's Vineyard RHS	Andrew Burr
9	Moses Brown	Chris Crane
10	Nantucket High School	Bruce Turner
11	North Kingstown High School	Dean Balcirak
12	Portsmouth Abbey School	Jonathan R Harley & Gregg Dietrich
13	Sharon HS	Gary Werden
14	St. George's School	Ben Greenfield
15	Tabor Academy	Jenn Lancaster & Ali Mitchell
16	The Hotchkiss School	Richard Davis
17	The Prout School	Joe Cooper
18	The Williams School	Prescott Littlefield & Annie Longo
19	Wellesley High School	Larry Lovett
20	Sail Newport (Host of Rogers HS, The Prout School, Middletown HS, Portsmouth HS, Narragansett HS, Portsmouth HS)	Nick Ewenson
21	NESSA Scoring	Carl Zimba

2. REPORTS:

A. Secretary's Report – Rob Hurd

- a. Minutes from the November 2023 NESSA Annual Meeting have been displayed on the NESSA website since November 2023.
- b. In accordance with the by-laws, any school that is a member (dues paid for this school year) can vote. The membership list as of 11/15/24 is at the bottom of the page.
- c. Attendance sheet is being passed around. List is at the top of the report.
- d. As of November 12, 2024, NESSA membership stood as follows:
 - Active Members – 84 (76 in 11/ 2023)
 - Pending Members - 1 (3 in 11/2023)
 - Members last year – 94 (95 in 5/2023)Dues payments are due by the Annual Meeting.
- e. Correspondence: All official correspondences are done via the website and the NESSA list-serves. Each school is responsible for checking the website and ensuring they are on the list-serves. Information for how to subscribe to the list-serves is on the website.
- f. Tech Score:
 - Each school is responsible for ensuring that their Tech Score info is accurate and posted in a timely manner. Information posted after the close of the regatta is subject to a penalty (20 pts./div in a Fleet Race) in accordance with ISSA PR.
 - Also, please see ISSA PR 1.2 (a) regarding competitor's being named in the database before being eligible to compete.
- g. Probations:
 1. Schools on probation because of violations to Article L of the By-Laws. List posted in the [NESSA Website](#)
 - Boston Latin HS (late registration)
 - North Kingstown HS (no show)
 - Staples HS (no show)
 - Weston HS (no show)
 - George Stevens Academy (no show)
 - Marblehead HS (Late withdrawal)
 - Sturgis Charter School (No Show)
 - Rogers HS (Late withdrawal) - under review
 - Prout School (Late withdrawal) - under review
 - Greeley HS (ME) (Late withdrawal)
 2. The following schools have been removed from the probation list: None
 3. There are no schools with a second violation of Article L while on probation: None

Schools are reminded that they have an obligation to their competitors when registering for events, and are encouraged to review section L of the bylaws.

B. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Good working relationship with Bottom-line Bookkeeping
- b. P/L sheets for fiscal year 2023-2024 and [fiscal year 2024-2025 \(to-date\)](#) will be attached
- c. [Balance Sheet](#)
 - Total Cash on hand: \$ 10,525.73
 - Bank Balance is \$ 6,995.9 as of November 12, 2024
 - PayPal Account \$3,569.80 as of November 12, 2024
 - Trophies have been ordered, payments over the winter.

C. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jonathan Harley

SPRING 2024

NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

Qualifying Regattas - April 28, 2024

1. Avery Point (Groton, CT)	12 schools/ 6 races per div.	FJ
2. Hyannis YC (Hyannis, MA)	11 schools/ 9 races per div.	C420
3. Milton Academy (Quincy, MA)	10 schools/ 8 races per div.	C420
4. SailME (Portland, ME)	10 schools/ 5 races per div	C420
5. Portsmouth Abbey (Bristol, RI)	12 schools/ 8 races per div	C420

Championship Regatta - May 12, 2024

[Indian Harbor YC/ Grass Island](#) (Greenwich, CT) 15 schools/ 5 races per div. 420s

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: Racing started at 1100 with wind of approximately 5 knots coming from S/SSE. Four races were completed in each division. The fourth race of B division was abandoned twice due to right shifts in the breeze and was ultimately shortened due to a dying breeze. Sailors waited for the breeze to return before returning to dock at 1500.

Congratulations to Saint Georges for coming in first overall and to Hotchkiss and Brunswick who will also move on to represent NESSA at the ISSA Fleet Racing National Championship (Mallory Trophy). Congrats also to Portsmouth Abbey, Greenwich Academy, Barrington HS, and Tabor Academy for qualifying for the Phebe King regatta.

One hearing was held with no redress given.

NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)

Qualifiers - Saturday May 11

1. Avery Point (Groton, CT)	9 schools/ 8 races per div.	FJs
2. Bristol YC (Bristol, RI)	11 schools/ 7 races per div.	C420
3. SailME (Portland, ME)	8 schools/ 8 races per div.	C420

Finals - Saturday May 25

[CBC-New Bedford](#) (Dartmouth, MA) 71 schools/ 8 races per div. C420

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: A steady breeze throughout the day made it easy to fire off a fair set of races. We are appreciative to the Community voting Center of New Bedford for hosting. As well as, the support of NESSA Representatives, judges, race committee, and other volunteers.

NESSA Team Racing Championships (President's Trophy) - May 6-7, 2024

Thirty-two schools competed for berths in either the President's Trophy (1-8) or the Terk Trophy (6-15) based upon the format (50% computer rankings, and 50% executive committee rankings) approved by the membership.

President's RESULTS:

Saturday, May 4: After a short wind delay, racing began around 11AM. 46 races were run in a ESE breeze starting around 3kts and building into the teens by the end of the day. A few bigger puffs added some excitement to the racing. One black flag hearing was held at the end of the day for a collision causing "significant damage" resulting in a race win deduction for St. George's. Racing should commence on-time tomorrow with race 47. The RC's intention is to complete the second round robin before moving into the scheduled double round robin of the top four teams.

Sunday, May 5: Sailors arrived this morning to overcast skies and light rain. A 6-12kt southeasterly breeze allowed racing to begin at 10:10AM. As the clouds moved overhead the racecourse saw significant oscillations to the left and right that often shuffled the deck and kept the racing exciting. The second round robin was finished by midday and the fleet was quickly split for a double round robin of the top four teams. The final six flights saw close racing and the championship ultimately came down to the last race of the regatta between St. George's and Hotchkiss. St. George's won the race on the water, however a breakdown request from that race added a little more suspense to the afternoon. The umpires deliberated on a start line collision and found St. George's at fault but deemed the damage did not affect the outcome of the race. The hearing resulted in a half race-win deduction for St. George's. Congratulations to St. George's School for winning the 2024 President's Trophy. Also congratulations to St. George's and Hotchkiss for earning berths to represent NESSA at the ISSA Team Racing Championship for the Baker Trophy and to Tabor, Brunswick and Barrington for earning berths to represent NESSA at the ISSA Invitational Tournament.

As always, this regatta would not be possible without the help of many volunteers. Roy Williams served as the PRO with Janet Costello assisting in the start boat and Joakim Karlsen and Wyatt Fogg managing the finish boat. John Alofsin and Taylor Rock worked tirelessly to keep the course square and assist in recovering capsized boats. Richard Davis served as the NESSA rep. Lastly, ChUmp Greg Kiely and his team of umpires kept the racing fair. The umpire team consisted of: John Pratt, Andrew Houghton, Miles Bailey, Kate Bjerregaard, Megan Roach, Abby Cook, Johnny Norfleet, Matt Knowles and Pearson Potts. Scoring was done remotely by Carl Zimba in Boston.

1. St George's School (RI)	17.5 - 1*
2. The Hotchkiss School (CT)	16 - 4*
3. Tabor Academy (MA)	11 - 9 **
4. Brunswick School (CT)	10 - 10 **
5. Barrington HS (RI)	6 - 8 **
6. East Greenwich HS (RI)	4 - 10
7. Lincoln Academy (ME)	1 - 13
8. Fairfield Ludlowe HS (CT)	1 - 13

* = Qualified for ISSA Baker trophy

** = Qualified for ISSA Founders trophy

NESSA Team Racing Tournament (Terk Trophy) - May 18-19, 2024

Saturday, May 18: Racing started at 10:30 with the following conditions: temperatures in the low 50s, wind at 10 knots with some gusts up to 15 from the NNE, overcast clouds with some spitting rain. As the day moved on, the rain cleared although the overcast clouds remained. The full round robin of the first round, 45 races, was completed by 15:00. Moving into the second round robin of 6 teams, 6 races were completed before the end of racing for the day at 16:00. One black flag was flown by an umpire in response to some unsportsmanlike salty language directed at a competitor.

Sunday, May 19: The second day of racing started at 10:00 with similar, albeit drier conditions: temperatures in the low 50s, wind at 10 knots with some gusts up to 15 from the NNE, overcast clouds. The remaining races in the second round robin of the top six teams was quickly completed by 11:00. The final round robin of the top four teams proved to be quite competitive, with the outcome decided by the final two races. Congratulations to Greenwich High School for winning the Terk this year.

Events like these are only possible through the many volunteers that help out. Brent Jansen was the PRO, running starts very effectively. Andrew Nugnes was the CHUMP, assisted by several umpires, Mary Kate Mazzatti, Andy Nutton, Kristina Woods, Will Hurd, and Matt Voci. On Saturday, finishes were recorded by Russ Gasdia while Andrew Burr did so on Sunday. Scoring was done by Carl Zimba.

NESSA would also like to thank Hyannis Yacht Club for hosting us for the weekend. HYC is one of our favorite venues.

TERK RESULTS.

1. Greenwich HS CT	14-3
2. East Greenwich HS (RI)	13-4
3. Greens Farms Academy (CT)	9-8
4. Martha's Vineyard RHS (MA)	8-9
5. Milton Academy (MA)	6-8
6. Dartmouth HS (MA)	5-9
7. Wellesley HS (MA)	4-5
8. Salisbury School (CT)	3-6
9. Sharon HS (MA)	3-6
10. Hingham HS (MA)	1-8

FALL 2024

Fall 2024 NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS:

Saturday, September 21: Had a good day of racing. First Race began at 3:30pm and we were able to complete 4 races with winds from the East at 14-19 mph, temperatures in the high 70s and a sea state of 2-5ft.

Sunday, September 22: Had a good day of racing. First Race began at 10:15pm and we were able to complete 5 races with winds from the East at 8-14 mph, clocking around to the South throughout the day, temperatures in the high 70s and a sea state of 1-3ft.

RESULTS: [ILCA 7 Open](#)

[ILCA 6 Girls](#)

[ILCA 6 Boys](#)

2024 NESSA Fall Intersectional Qualifiers

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Qualifier</u>
A. <u>Casco Bay Fall Open</u> **	September 7	Barrington HS (RI)
B. <u>Arnold Brown Regatta</u> **	September 14	St George's School (RI)
C. <u>NBKI Quals.</u>	September 22	Tabor Academy (MA)
D. <u>Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)</u> **	October 5	Tabor Academy (MA)
E. Great Oaks Quals. <u>Qaul #1</u> <u>Qual #2</u>	October 19-20	Fairfield Ludlowe HS (CT) East Greenwich HS (RI) Staples HS (CT)
F. <u>Roy Williams Invitational</u> **	October 27	Greens Farms Academy (CT)
G. Other Fall Regatta Results can be found on <u>Tech Score - Fall 2024</u> .		

** Fall ACCs qualifier

SPRING 2025

2025 NESSA Teams Racing Championship (President's Trophy)

Saturday and Sunday: May 3-4

Site: Tentatively at Harvard/MIT (FJs and 420s)

2025 NESSA Teams Racing Tournament (Terk Trophy)

Saturday and Sunday: May 3-4

Site: Tentatively at Harvard/MIT (FJs and 420s)

2025 Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

Qualifying Regattas – Saturday May 10

1. Quincy, MA (420s)
2. Bristol, RI (420s)
3. Portland, ME (420s)
4. Hyannis, MA (420s)
5. Groton, CT (FJs)

Finals: Saturday May 24 - Sunday May 25

Site: Connecticut College New London, CT (420s & FJs)

2025 Girl's Championship (Herreshoff Trophy)

Qualifying Regattas - Sunday May 11.

1. North Kingstown, RI (420s)
2. Groton, CT (FJs)
3. Hingham, MA (420s)
4. Boothbay Harbor, ME (420s)

Finals: Sunday May 18

Site: SailME Portland, ME (420s)

Fall 2025- TBD

1. ACC Qualifiers
 - a. Casco Bay Open
 - b. Arnold Brown Regatta
 - c. NESSA Fall Funfest
 - d. Roy Williams Invitational
2. GOR Qualifier:
3. NKBI Qualifier:
4. NESSA Singlehanded Championship (Healy Trophy):

Questions/ Action Items:

1. Chris Crane and Jonathan Harley will develop a “host checklist” for running a NESSA regatta.
2. New ISSA PR will outline responsibilities for NESSA Reps at regattas.

C. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Chris Crane

NESSA Report to 2024 ISSA Annual Report:

NESSA’s membership for 2023-2024 remained consistent with just over 90 teams. Our Fall 2023 season began with a late summer Team Race clinic held by Sail Martha’s Vineyard in July. We had our 4 ACC Qualifiers completed by October 22. The NESSA single handed qualifier had 27 entries utilizing the 3 division format of ILCA 7 Open (7 competitors), ILCA 6 Boys (13 competitors), ILCA 6 Girls (7 competitors). The Keel Boat qualifier was completed in J22’s with 8 teams and 2 on the waiting list. The Great Oaks Qualifier had 18 entries ending up with 9 competitors and 1 on the waitlist.

The spring 2024 season began with a March coaches meeting via Zoom to onboard a growing cohort of new coaches to important administrative details. Racing began in earnest at the beginning of April. Our Mallory Qualifier, the O’Day Trophy of 66 teams took place at 5 venues at the end of April. NESSA’s President’s Trophy (NE Championship) was held in early May and was our Baker and NIT qualifier. Two weeks later, we ran the Terk Trophy (NE team racing tournament) for 10 more schools. The team racing events combined hosted the 16 highest ranked teams out of 43 schools that showed interest. Rankings were based on season long records and a coach’s poll. The Herreshoff Trophy (NESSA Girls Championship) capped the end of the season with 49 teams competing at the 3 qualifying venues to form the 17 team championship fleet.

The NESSA annual meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2024. So far on the agenda is a proposal to raise dues modestly. Also discussion to raise entry fees on the keel boat qualifier to open up the opportunities to host at other venues.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

1. ISSA Annual Meeting Report – Rob Hurd.

- ISSA Rules committee is rewriting the Procedural Rules. New draft ready for January 2025.
- Working through the new homeschool/remote school eligibility rules. This is a bigger issue in other parts of the country.
- Tim Hogan announced that this will be his last year as ISSA President.

2. Stephan Leslie Award Nomination.

- Winner to be announced at the meeting.

3. By-Laws/ District Rule changes

- Discussion on NKBI Quals
 - Change of format.
 - Six boats/race, multiple heats.
 - Two days, two groups.
 - Go to a random selection process
 - A Working Party was created to create a plan for submission to the ExComm before May 1, 2025. Members: Sam Scribner (SailME), Nick Ewenson (Sail Newport), Jenn Lancaster (Tabor).
- Discussion on ACC Quals: Should we do anything differently?
 - More “top teams” want to be in the qualifiers because they want to qualify for ACC. This leads to schools getting shut out of some/all the events. What can we do to make more opportunities for all who want to sail.,.
 - Can we make the Roy Williams Regatta the sole ACC qualifier? If we do, how do schools qualify?
 - Top 3-4 at qualifying regattas: CBO, ABR, FFF, etc. Find a few more.
 - Leave three slots open for “resume slots.”
 - Add more events; some can overlap regattas to “spread out the school”
 - A Working Party was created to create a plan for submission to the ExComm before May 1, 2025: Gary Werden (Sharon), Rob Russell (East Greenwich), Jenn Lancaster (Tabor)

4. Other Business from the floor

- Is it possible to run an Umpire Seminar in the late winter to explain the New Rules or a review with a judge/umpire see.
- Try to set up 1-2 of these. Best time would be (a) in March, (b) on a weeknight starting at 7 pm, and (c) Over Zoom.
- Rob Hurd will look into this with help from Jonathan Harley

5. Nominating Committee. District Committee (aka ExComm) slate

- District Director: Chris Crane
- Committee members:
 - Rob Hurd (at large)
 - Jonathan Harley (at large)
 - Andrew Burr (C&I)
 - Gary Warden (MBL)
 - Sam Scribner (Northern)
 - Stoke Carrigan (FCSL)
 - Patrick Broom (CSA)
 - Rob Russell (RI)
 - Prescott Littlefield (CT)/ Richard Davis (CT)

4. ADJOURN: 1154

	NESSA MEMBERSHIP STATUS		APPENDIX A
	2024-2025		
	School Name		
1	Barnstable HS	43	Lincoln School
2	Barrington HS	44	Manchester Essex RHS
3	Belmont Hill School	45	Marblehead HS
4	Beverly HS	46	Martha's Vineyard RHS
5	Bishop Hendricksen	47	Mercy High School
6	Bishop Stang HS	48	Milton Academy
7	Boothbay RHS	49	Monomy RHS
8	Boston College HS	50	Moses Brown School
9	Branford HS	51	Mount Desert Isle HS (ME)
10	Brien McMahon HS (CT)	52	Nantucket HS
11	Brookline HS	53	Natick HS
12	Brunswick School	54	Nauset RHS
13	Cambridge R & L HS	55	Needham HS
14	Camden Hills RHS	56	North Kingstown HS
15	Cape Cod Academy	57	Oceanside HS (ME)
16	Cape Elizabeth HS (ME)	58	Pingree HS
17	Champlain Valley Union HS (VT)	59	Portland HS
18	Cheverus HS (ME)	60	Portsmouth Abbey
19	Choate Rosemary Hall	61	Portsmouth HS (NH)
20	Classical HS	62	Portsmouth HS (RI)
21	Commonwealth School	63	Sacred Heart - Greenwich
22	Concord Academy	64	Salisbury
23	Daniel Hand HS	65	Sandwich HS
24	Darien HS	66	Sharon HS
25	Dartmouth HS	67	St John Paul II HS (MA)
26	Dover-Sherborn RHS	68	St John's Prep
27	Duxbury HS	69	St. George's School
28	East Greenwich HS	70	Staples HS
29	Fairfield Ludlowe HS	71	Sturgis Charter School
30	Fairfield Prep	72	Tabor Academy
31	Falmouth HS - ME	73	The Hotchkiss School
32	Gloucester HS	74	The Prout School
33	Greely HS	75	The Sound School
34	Greens Farms Academy	76	The Williams School
35	Greenwich Academy	77	Wellesley HS
36	Greenwich Country Day School	78	Weston HS (CT)
37	Greenwich HS	79	Wheeler School
38	Guilford HS	80	Wilton HS
39	Hingham HS	81	Winchester HS
40	Joel Barlow HS (Redding, CT)	82	Winsor School
41	Landmark School	83	Xavier HS
42	Lincoln Academy	84	Yarmouth HS

District Committee Meeting will follow the Annual Meeting

Meeting started at 1203 - 1235

Agenda:

1. Election of Officers:

- a. President (District Director) Chris Crane
- b. Vice-President (s) Jonathan Harley
- c. Secretary/Treasurer Rob Hurd (until June 30, 2025).
- d. ISSA Representative Rob Russell

2. Assignment of Task for 2025

- a. O'Day Rob Hurd
- b. Herreshoff Rob Russell
- c. Teams: Presidents Andrew Burr/ Gary Werden
- d. Teams: Terk Andrew Burr/ Gary Werden
- e. Healy Patrick Broome
- f. NKBI Quals Sam Scribner
- g. Great Oaks Quals Stoke Carrigan

3. Chris will head the search committee to find a new Secretary/Treasurer.

4. Probation update:

- a. ExComm recommends that both Rogers HS and The Prout School have their probation status be commuted, due to the nature of the incident that placed them on probation (death of a Newport Area sailor).