

**2009-10 SAISA Singlehanded District Championship
&
Qualifier for the
2010 ISSA National Singlehanded Championship for the Cressy Trophy**

Hosted by:
Clearwater Yacht Club
and
South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association

September 19-20, 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

1.1 This regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules and SAISA Supplemental Rules, this Notice of Race (except as changed by the Sailing Instructions), and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 RRS Appendix P is in effect modified as follows: Delete the word "first" in P2.1. Delete P2.2 and P2.3. P3 is replaced with: "if a boat has been protested under rule P1 and the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment, the penalty is cancelled."

1.3 The organizing authority is the South Atlantic District (SAISA) of ISSA. The event host is Clearwater Yacht Club. The event will be held at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida 33767.

2 Changes to the Racing Rules

2.1 RRS 25 and 26 are changed to provide for the sound signal starting system.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 All 2009-2010 Member School teams of the South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association (SAISA) are welcome; they must have completed the on-line registration process for the current school year as noted using the links on saisa.org. All teams must be members in good standing with SAISA and ISSA.

3.2 If a school wishes to participate, and has not yet paid ISSA dues, they will be provided the opportunity at check-in. (Note that "pending" 2009-10 ISSA/SAISA members are not eligible to sail; all fees must be received.)

3.3 All competitors must be enrolled in high school, grades 9 through 12 at the time of the event and be members of ISSA. Eighth graders that are eligible to join ISSA/SAISA (are a part of a 9-12 grade school), may enter, but are not eligible to compete at Nationals. They will be scored in place.

3.4 Each school may submit as many competitors as they wish. Home schooled students can register/sail with their "zoned" HS (with advisor consent) but are not eligible to compete at Nationals unless they obtain and present a current student ID card.

3.5 Races will be run for both Laser Full Rig and Laser Radials. Competitors must provide their own boat and all equipment.

3.6 A declaration of the rig to be used for the entire event must be made at least five days before the event. For late entries an email received by david@bauassoc.com no later than 1700 on September 14th 2009, which clearly identifies the school, skipper and rig to be used will satisfy this requirement. All entries, which have not clearly indicated in advance the rig to be used, will compete as a full rig.

3.7 Competitors must have completed the on-line registration process, or all parts of the registration form should be mailed to; Clearwater Yacht Club, Cressy Qualifiers, 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33767, together with all applicable fees.

4 Designated Adult

4.1 At registration, each competitor shall indicate in writing the adult representative that shall be responsible for the competitor throughout the event. Competitors without a responsible adult on site may not be scored for races on days for which that adult is absent.

4.2 It is the competitor's designated adult's decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. This includes insuring that the competitor wears appropriate clothing for immersion in water.

4.3 The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

5 Schedule of Events

5.1 Competitors are welcome to arrive at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center, 1001 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater, Florida 33767 on Friday, September 18th after 1400.

5.2 Check-in will be held on only on Saturday, September 19th from 0800 until 0900. However, Race participation sign-in prior to each day will be required at the venue.

5.3 A Competitor's Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 0930.

5.4 On Saturday, harbor start will commence as soon as practical after the competitors meeting, and on Sunday at 0930.

5.5 A minimum of three races must be completed to constitute a regatta. In the event this cannot be completed, another date for the qualifiers will be selected by the organizing authority. If this is not possible, qualifiers will be chosen based on resume.

5.6 No race shall start after 1500 on Sunday.

6 Advance Registration

6.1 Competitors must have completed the on-line registration process available at www.clwyc.org/cressyQualifiers09

All parts of the School Registration Form and Waiver”, which is also available on www.saisa.org should be mailed to; Clearwater Yacht Club, Cressy Qualifiers, 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33767, together with all applicable fees, to arrive before the regatta.

6.2 A postmark later than September 12th will result in a late fee.

7 Fees

7.1 Required Fees (checks should be made payable to Clearwater Yacht Club-Youth Sailing): Entry Fee for each skipper is \$65.00. Late fee for each skipper is an additional \$10.00 (\$75.00 total for entries postmarked after September 12th 2009).

7.2 The entry fee includes continental breakfast and lunch for the competitors on each race day.

8 Sailing Instructions

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the time of check-in.

9 Racing Area

9.1 The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico to the southwest of Clearwater Pass. The race committee reserves the right to relocate the racing area into Clearwater Bay.

10 Courses

10.1 Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the course. The Race Committee will try to use a target time of 18-25 minutes for each race.

11 Scoring

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A, rule A2, will apply except as modified by ISSA rules.

12 Awards

12.1 Awards will be made to the top 3 full rig and top 3 radial skippers.

12.2 Additional awards may also be made at the discretion of the organizing authority and event host.

13 Qualification for Subsequent Events

13.1 The event's purpose is to also assist the South Atlantic district of ISSA in issuing invitations to 3 full rig and 3 radial rig high school teams to represent their school and SAISA in the ISSA National High School Singlehanded Championship for the Cressy Trophy. The regatta will be in Corpus Christi (TX), October 30-Nov 1, and hosted by the SEISA district.

13.2 If notification is not received on or before 5 October by SAISA of attendance in the Cressy National Championship, the next place qualified competitor will be invited.

13.3 Following notification to SAISA, note that the 6 qualifying sailors must submit check and all forms to the Cressy Venue Registrar, to be received in a timely fashion or the berth will be lost to another district.

14 Use or Possession of Alcohol or Controlled Substances

14.1 No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, distilled spirits), or use any controlled substance (marijuana, cocaine, etc.), the possession of which is unlawful. Infringements of this regulation and/or other discipline expectations occurring during September 18-20, 2009 may be the basis for disciplinary action. Discipline problems and this regulation's enforcement will be handled promptly by an adult Discipline Hearing Board which will consist of three adult members; the Regatta Chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors and the Chief Judge. Said Board shall, at a time and method selected by them, meet to hear said problem and their decision to impose scoring penalties, or other sanctions they alone deem appropriate, including summary removal from the entire regatta, shall be final without appeal permitted.

15 Directions & Accommodations

15.1 For directions to Clearwater Yacht Club, the regatta site at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center and area accommodations please check the regatta website at www.clwyc.org/cressyQualifiers09

16 Information

16.1 For regatta information please contact the Regatta Chairman: David Billing. Phone 727-442-3430

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16.2 For information regarding ISSA or SAISA please contact: Tom Monkus, P.O. Box 7277, St. Petersburg, FL 33734-7277.

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