



**NORTHEAST REGION SEA SCOUT, BSA
NEW ENGLAND SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP
June 22-23rd, 2019**



NOTICE OF RACE

Preamble

The Northeast Region Sail Competitions are the qualifying events for the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup 2020.

The Race Committee/Organizing Authority is the Northeast Region Sea Scout Committee, hosted by MIT, at the Wood Sailing Pavilion 134 Memorial Way, Cambridge, MA 02139

The Northeast Region Sea Scout New England Sail Competition 2019 will commence with the mustering at the MIT, Wood Sailing Pavilion, on June 22, 2019 at 0900 and end with the awards ceremony at 1330 on June 23, 2019.

Part 1 –GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- 1.0 **Race Headquarters.** The Event Headquarters will be located at the MIT, Wood Sailing Pavilion, 134 Memorial Way, Cambridge, MA 02139. Prior to the event, address all correspondence, other than applications, to the Sail Competition Coordinator, Shawn Matlock at keysail.shawn@gmail.com or call (443) 643-8069.
- 1.1 **Race Web Site.** <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18981>
- 1.2 **Event Cost.** The event cost is \$85 per youth and \$60 per adult/staff. The event cost includes three meals, event t-shirt and prizes. The event feed does not include accommodations.
- 1.3 **Accommodations, Transportation, Meals, Visitors and What to Bring.**
 - 1.3.1 **Accommodations:** (Non Included)
 - 1.3.2 **Meals.** The event provides three meals. A cold breakfast will be provided at the Wood Sailing Pavilion on Saturday and Sunday mornings at 0730. Lunch will be provided at the picnic grounds at the Wood Sailing Pavilion on both Saturday and Sunday.
 - 1.3.3 **What to Bring.** Participants should bring the following:
 - Shorts, shirts
 - Underwear
 - Non-inflatable, USCG approved type III life jacket
 - Helmet
 - Towel
 - Sunscreen, Bug repellent
 - Toiletry kit
 - Swim suit
 - Shoes to wear racing (Must cover foot, and fit tight)

Warm clothes (Jacket or sweat shirt)
Hat for sun protection
Tent, camping gear
Sleeping bag

1.4 **Public Safety and Health Care**

- 1.4.1 Physically Demanding Event. This event is physically demanding. Participants must launch their own boats from the shore. While on the boat they will be constantly moving. Wide temperature ranges are possible. Boats are easy to capsize, and participants must have the strength to right them. Participants must prepare for all weather conditions.
- 1.4.2 Muster. All participants and staff are required to muster daily at 0900 at the Sailing Center at the Tall Timbers Marina.
- 1.4.3 Public Safety. Public Safety issues should be brought to the attention of the Sail Competition Coordinator.
- 1.4.4 Healthcare. Health issues should be brought to the attention of the designated medic, or the Sail Competition Coordinator.

PART 2 –RULES, ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS OF THE EVENT

2.0 **Rules**

- 2.0.1 Governance. The Sail Competition will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 and the BSA Guide to Safe-Boating Standards, the Sailing Instructions, and the Official Notice of Race.
- 2.0.2 Crews. All vessels shall be sailed by a crew of two (2) persons.
- 2.0.3 Vessels. The races will be conducted in FJs as provided by the Sailing Center Chesapeake. The vessels will be sloop rigged with no spinnakers. This is not a class or association sanctioned event, class rules will not apply,
- 2.0.4 The Guide to Safe Scouting Article XII, Transportation, Boats, Section 6. The provisions to have on-board oars and rowlocks, fire extinguishers and lights are waived for the competing vessels only.
- 2.05 Attire. Scout should wear their working uniform for the opening ceremonies and award ceremonies. Participants should wear scouting appropriate or scout themed attire during the competition and at event venues. Clothing that advertises or displays business, tobacco or alcoholic products or inappropriate material are prohibited and cannot be worn during competition or at event venues.

2.1 **Eligibility**

- 2.1.1 Sea Scouts. The event is open only to currently registered Sea Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America who have obtained the rank of Apprentice prior to the first day of the race.
- 2.1.2 Youth Participants. All youth participants must be at least fourteen (14) years of age on June 22, 2019, and less than twenty-one (21) years of age on July 31, 2020.

2.2 **Open Event**

- 2.2.1 Open Event. This event is open to all Sea Scouts in the Northeast Region of the United States. The event is open to eighteen (18) two-person crews. Applications will be accepted for one crew per ship. If all 18 positions are not filled, then ships may submit applications for more crews. Applications will be accepted on a first come –first served basis.
- 2.2.2 Applications. Apply on-line at .
- 2.2.3 Application fees are due at the time of the application. Applications are not final until payment is made.

2.3 **Schedule of Events**

June 10, 2019: Deadline for applications.

June 22, 2019	0730 Breakfast at Wood Sailing Pavilion 0800 Check-in & Registration 0900 Opening Ceremony (Flag Raising) 0905 Chalk Talk Sail Racing Overview 1000 Rig boats 1030 Start first practice race 1230 Lunch 1300 Launch boats 1330 Start first set of races 1700 Start last race of the day 1800 Dinner 2000 Drive to Navy Recreation Center 2300 Lights out
June 23, 2019	0830 Breakfast at Wood Sailing Pavilion 0900 Rig boats 0930 Start second set of races 1230 Last race of the weekend 1300 Stow boats and gear 1330 Awards Ceremony 1400 End of weekend

- 2.4 **Sailing Instructions**. Sailing Instructions are available. They will also be provided at check-in at the Sailing Center on Friday, June 22th.
- 2.5 **Racing Area**. It is anticipated that there will be only one racing area for the Sail Off. The designated area will be posted at the Sailing Center.
- 2.6 **Scoring**
- 2.6.1 Low Point Scoring System. The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that each boat's series score will be the sum of all of her race scores without discard. Each crew from each ship will be scored separately and a crew's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores in the final series. The lowest series score wins.

- 2.6.2 RRS A4.2 Modified. RRS A4.2 is modified such that a Crew that does not start, did not finish, retires after finishing, or is disqualified, will be scored one (1) point more than the number of competitors in the sail off.
- 2.6.3 Complete Races Required. A minimum of five (5) teams participating in a minimum of four (4) races are required to be completed to be an official Koch Cup qualifying event, and for this regatta to be official..
- 2.6.4 Low Scores. The Crews with the lowest series scores shall win the Sail Off.
- 2.6.5 Practice Scores Not Carried Forward. Scores from the practice racing shall not carry forward to the Sail Off.
- 2.7 **Decisions of the Race Jury**
- 2.7.1 The jury shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members, which shall include one (2) members designated by the Sail Competition Coordinator, one (1) person associated with sail racing.
- 2.7.2 The jury shall hear protests and make determinations regarding the rules of the Sail Competition and safety issues. All decisions of the Race Committee/Jury shall be final in accordance with RRS and the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.
- 2.8 **Arbitration.** For protests involving an alleged breach of the Rules of Part 2 of the RRS, no arbitration hearing will be heard prior to the protest hearing.
- 2.9 **Responsibility.** The safety of a vessel and its crew is the sole responsibility of the Skipper. The Skipper of each vessel shall decide whether or not to start or continue in any race. In the event of weather or other unsafe conditions, the Race Committee may determine to postpone or abandon racing. All participants including staff shall wear a USCG certified type I, II or III personal flotation device (PFD) and a helmet at all times while on or near the water. Racing participants may not wear an inflatable device. Participants must supply their own PFD and helmet, in good condition.
- 2.10 **Prizes.** Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place of the Sail Competition. A trophy will be presented to the Winning Ship (the team's skipper's ship is the ship of record). In addition, top two finishers will be invited to the 2020 William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup (the "Koch Cup") to be held the summer of 2020. The third most qualified third place finisher between the two regional qualifiers, based on number races, quality of field and results will also receive an invitation to the Koch Cup Alternates will be selected from the other top finishers. The exact number of invitations will be a function of the number of participants allocated to the Northeast Region. A list of alternates will also be maintained by the Northeast Region sailing coordinator..
- 2.11 **Amendments to this Notice.** The Event Committee and Jury reserve the right to amend this Official Notice of Race at any time. Amendments made before the race date will be publicized in the usual manner, and e-mailed to those crews whose entries have been completed. Amendments to this notice after September 1, will be posted at the Sailing Center, and will be