

Hello NESSA

Congratulations to Andrew Nugnes (President), Suzi Duncan (1st VP), Alexa Schuler (2nd VP), and Nick Judson (Treas/Sec) for being nominated and voted by their peers as the NESSA Slate of Officers through 2013.

### **The Minutes from Yesterday's Meeting are attached**

There was great discussion around NESSA at Yesterday's annual meeting and I thank those of you that took time out of your busy schedules to join us. Also thanks to Rob Hurd and Tabor Academy for hosting this year's meeting.

Thank you to various different members of each NESSA League for providing membership with a little background of your leagues progress and events occurring this season. It was nice to hear from around the district.

### **Proposal Discussions and Outcomes**

#### **1. Wild Card weekend** language was changed to read...

Teams ranked 5-8, who have qualified for ***and participate in*** the Mallory, receive automatic bids into the NESSA Team Racing Championship. If all four of the schools ranked 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th qualify ***and participate*** in the Mallory, there is no wild card round.

Teams 5-8, who have not qualified for the Mallory, will sail-off during wild card weekend on the Mallory Weekend with schools ranked 9-12 and lower using the updated format which will be posted to the NESSA website for review. We have opened up our wild card spots to the top 20 teams if no team 5-8 qualifies for the Mallory. It will contain 4 four-team regions instead of 3 as was used last year.

NESSA will not be changing how the ranking system computes Rankings for the Mark Trophy

#### **2. Eligibility** - New language will be added to the NESSA Bylaws regarding Eligibility rules of Integrated 8th Grade Athletics. It will read as follows;

"Schools with an integrated athletic policy, may apply, in writing, to the NESSA president for permission to use 8th grade students in Dual Meet Competition."

This will be added with the understanding that No integrated 8th grade student is permitted to sail in the O'day Qualifier, O'day Championship, Mallory, Mark or Baker Trophies.

#### **3. Wording about Fall Sailing** - Add paragraph F to Article K in NESSA Bylaws under NESSA Regattas. "Schools may be active in either the Fall or Spring seasons, or both, and may use the same coaches in both seasons.

#### **4. ISSA Calendar** - Discussion was brought up about why NESSA decides its spring calendar around the ISSA schedule. Research is being done to determine if there is a better spot, or action to qualify four teams for the Mallory trophy. Maybe moving it to the Fall Seasons.

#### **5. Great Oaks, and ACC qualifier Procedures** - All procedures will remain as was the case for last Springs ACC's, however if non of the schools who participated at the Mark trophy wish to attend the Spring ACC's berths will be handed down to those schools who registered with NESSA Officers on or prior to May 1, in order of the end of year rankings.

All will remain in tact for qualifying Fall ACC and Great Oaks schools, however NESSA Officers will be granted the right to send a school to both ACC and Great Oaks by their approval.

The Stephen B. Leslie Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded to Portsmouth Abbey as well they were the winners of the 2011 Founders Trophy for winning the 2011 Spring ACC's. Congrats to Suzi and PA.

Looking forward to getting all membership dues in by the beginning of December. If you have not done so yet, please submit your school's dues ASAP!!!!

NESSA Officers

NESSA Annual Meeting  
Sunday November 6, 2011  
Tabor Academy – Lyndon South Auditorium  
66 Spring Street. Marion, MA 02738  
**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting began at 10:15am at Tabor Academy. There were 25 schools in attendance.

**2. REPORTS:**

**A. SECRETARY/ TREASURER’S REPORT – Nic Judson (will be posted when finished and sent)**

**B. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Andrew Nugnes (NESSA President)**

**C. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Andrew Nugnes**

**D. Updates from Around NESSA**

1. **Cape and Islands**
2. **Coastal Alliance**
3. **Fairfield County Sailing League**
4. **Maine School Sailing Assn**
5. **Mass Bay League**
6. **Northern NE**
7. **Rhode Island**
8. **Others**

**E. Update on ISSA – Rob Hurd**

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Report from the ISSA Annual Meeting – Rob Hurd
- b. Baker 2012 Update – Andrew Nugnes
- c. Awarding of the Stephan B. Leslie Sportsmanship Award - Andrew Nugnes
- d. ISSA database- each school should check their ISSA directory page –Nic Judson
- e. NESSA Discussions

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Proposal #1 – Modification of Mark ranking criteria – Rob Hurd
- b. Proposal #2 – Eligibility – Brent Jansen
- c. Proposal #3 – Fall Sailing – Gary Werden
- d. Proposal #4 – Spring ISSA Regatta Dates – Roger Rawlings
- e. Proposal #5 Qualifying Events for Great Oaks, Fall ACC, and Spring ACC – Andrew Nugnes
- f. Cressy 2013 Accepting Bids
- g. Nominating Committee – New NESSA VP’s

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## Review of 2011 Events

### 1. NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

**April 16 and 17, 2011**

5 Qualifying Sites and Chairs:

1. Wianno YC (MA)	Cape Cod Academy/ <i>Brent Jansen</i>	8 races/div, N/NE 15-20kts
2. SailMaine	SailMaine/ <i>Sarah Helming</i>	7 races/div, NE 0-6kts
3. The Hotchkiss School	Hotchkiss/ <i>Roger Rowling</i>	7 races/div, All 0-8kts
4. Community Boating	Mass Bay League	6 races/div, NE10-15kts
5. St. Georges	<i>St. Georges/ Roy Williams</i>	4 races/div, NE 8-10kts

#### ***Qualifying Round, April 16, 2011***

5 sites with 9-12 teams per site, a total of 52 teams sailed a qualifying round across New England in varied conditions with winds from 0-20knots. 3 schools from each site, 4 from Community Boating, advanced to the Championship. Thank you to each of our hosts for running quality races to qualify 15 schools in 1 day, allowing the finals to be run the following day in Marion, MA.

#### ***Advanced to Championship:***

**Barnstable Qualifier:** Tabor (MA), Barnstable (MA), Dartmouth (MA).

**SailMaine;** Brewster Academy (NH), St. John's Prep (MA), Falmouth (ME). **Hotchkiss;** Hotchkiss (CT), Darien HS (CT), Greenwich HS (CT). **Community Boating;** Manchester/Essex (MA), Marblehead (MA), Milton Academy (MA), Moses Brown (RI) **St. Georges Qualifier;** St. Georges (RI), Portsmouth Abbey (RI), Rogers (RI).

#### ***Championship Regatta, April 17, 2011***

Tabor Academy, Marion (MA)

Rob Hurd

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: At 0600 it did not appear that it would be a good day of racing, but the breeze switched to SW, the harbor calmed down, and by the sailor's meeting the sun had come out. Racing began at 1000 with good 15kts on breeze and built to 18-20kts with puffs and shifts throughout the day. Race committee ran course W4 and W3 with a leeward gate all day. The conditions did not seem to hamper the sailors; there were a few capsizes. Many thanks to Tabor coaches Chirs Conley (PRO and tweeter of the day), Eric Hartell, Carolyn Warner, David Bill, and the pod of Tabor sailors who helped make the whole event run smoothly. Also thanks to Judges Noel Field, Nick Judson, Mike Levesque, and Matt Hill who hear two redress cases and one breakdown. In the end, Hotchkiss was granted breakdown points in race 9A, which slide them ahead of Tabor, who finished second. St George's (third) and Falmouth HS (fourth) also qualified to represent NESSA at the ISSA Fleet Racing Nationals (Mallory Trophy) in Austin, TX May 7-8, 2011.

### 2. NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)

**May 15, 2011**

UNH, Dover, NH PRO/*Diana Weidenbacker*

#### **2011 Mark Trophy Qualifying Round Results**

	Schools	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Wins	Losses
A	Tabor	--	W	W	W	L	L	W	W	5	2
B	St. John's Prep	L	--	L	L	L	L	L	L	0	7
C	Greenwich HS	L	W	--	W	L	W	W	L	4	3
D	Marblehead HS	L	W	L	--	L	W	W	L	3	4
E	Hotchkiss	W	W	W	W	--	W	W	W	7	0
F	North Kingstown	W	W	L	L	L	--	L	L	2	5
G	St. Georges	L	W	L	L	L	W	--	W	3	4

H	Portsmouth Abby	L	W	W	W	L	W	L	--	4	3
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## NO RACES WERE SAILED IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

SCORES CARRIED FORWARD FROM SATURDAY  
THE HOTCHKISS SCHOOL WAS CROWED 2011  
CHAMPION

### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (FROM SATURDAY)

	W	L
The Hotchkiss School	7	0
Tabor Academy	5	2
Portsmouth Abby	4	3
Greenwich Academy	4	3

### 3. NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)

North Location

Mass Maritime Academy May 22, 2011

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: Races got under way just after 10 AM with a steady NE breeze of 8-12 gusting to 15. Eight races were sailed in both A and B division. Congratulations to the Ladies from Tabor who dominated both A and B divisions to win the 2011 Herreshoff. A big thank you from NESSA to coach Ian MacLeod and his cadets for running safe, efficient races. Thank you to all coaches that helped with protests.

A division = 8 Races

B division = 8 Races

A B TOT

1. Tabor	25	33	58
2. Cape Code Academy	44	37	81
3. Portsmouth Abbey	62	40	102

South Location

Grass Island, Greenwich, CT

May 22, 2011

Regatta Highlights: Races got underway by 1100 with a steady ESE breeze of 8-12 knots. 6 races were sailed for A and B division. Congratulations to the young women from Darien High School on their win.

A division = 6 Races

B division = 6 Races

**Races** 1 2 3 4 5 6 Total

**School**

**1 Darien** A 5 1 1 3 3 1 14

B 3 6 1 1 1 7 19

8 7 2 4 4 8 33

**2 DY** A 2 4 4 1 6 2 19

B 2 3 4 4 5 3 21

4 7 8 5 11 5 40

**3 GA** A DSQ 5 3 5 1 3 26

B 4 1 3 3 2 2 15

**FALL 2011****4. 2011 NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)****October 2, 2011**

Hyannis Yacht Club, (MA)

Barnstable HS/Andrew Nugnes

Regatta Report: We had 12 Full Rig and 24 Radial Rig embark on Lewis Bay in Hyannis, MA on a beautiful October day with winds N - NW 8-18 knots throughout the day. 10 Races were sailed in each class. Special thank you to Wes Richardson, Jared Whalin and the entire staff at Hyannis Yacht Club for allowing us the space and parking for the day. Special thanks to Kathy Howes and her buddy (I misplaced her name :) ) for their daunting task of score keeping. Thank you to Nick Judson and Rob Hurd as well for their efforts on the RC and Mark set. And thank you to the many parents and coaches for making yesterday a true success. We hope to find HYC atop the list for next Fall's Cressy Trophy.

Sail	Skipper	Club	Total	Full Race1	Full Race2	Full Race3	Full Race4	Full Race5	Full Race6	Full Race7	Full Race8	Full Race9	Full Race10	
169595	Barry,James	Brunswick School	1	17	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2
199357	Ikeda,Ian	Duxbury	2	24	3	1	3	2	2	3	1	2	3	4
196116	Entwistle,Timothy	Fitch Senior	3	44	1	2	5	3	6	2	8	13 DNF	1	3
190212	Hansen,Connor	Fairfield Prep	4	52	4	9	1	4	3	6	12	4	8	1
Sail	Skipper	Club	Total	Radial Race1	Radial Race2	Radial Race3	Radial Race4	Radial Race5	Radial Race6	Radial Race7	Radial Race8	Radial Race9	Radial Race10	
1	197626	Marshall,Jack	BB&N	48	5	3	5	1	4	9	1	5	7	8
2	197622	Harvey,James	Brunswick	67	1	25 OCS	2	9	7	8	2	8	4	1
3	24	Whitmyer,Declan	The Hotchkiss School	69	6	7	19	8	3	2	10	7	2	5
4	148897	MaGuire,Jack	Greenwich	71	10	1	7	2	1	1	11	25 OCS	6	7

These eight sailors went on to represent NESSA in the Single Handed Nationals (the Cressy) in Chicago, IL.

**5. Polar Bear Open**

(Great Oakes/Fall ACC Qualifier-1)

**September 25, 2011**

Bowdoin College Brunswick, ME

Bowdoin Sailing/Frank Pizzo

16 teams competed for the 2011 Polar Bear Open in Bowdoin's 2<sup>nd</sup> year fleet of FJs. Three races were completed in each division in a light and very shifty SE-SW breeze. All courses were W-4s. A big thanks to all the Polar Bears for helping to run the event including Katharine O'Brien on scoring and Joe Henderson in the mark boat.

**Points total**

1. Tabor Academy	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	A 18 B 3	<b>21</b>
2. Falmouth HS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	A 6 B 17	<b>23</b>
3. St. John's Prep	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	A 13 B 16	<b>29</b>

Since all teams who placed above had qualified for either recent Mallory or Baker Trophies the Great Oaks berth was given to Robert E Fitch HS who finished 4<sup>th</sup> with 31 total points. Robert E Fitch also will represent NESSA at the Fall ACC's.

**6. Casco Bay Fall Open** (Great Oaks/Fall ACC Qualifier- 2)  
**September 17, 2011**

Many thanks to the following SailMaine coaches for a great day on the water: Ben Pollard, Mike Siepert, Gerry Tiernan, Carolyn Faust, Ben Rubins Terry Naylon and Chris Bergey (esp for scoring the event and getting the results out so fast). Many thanks to the Cheverus parents - esp Parent Coordinators Polly Lawson and Ian Engelman -- for an excellent BBQ!

A division = 5 Races

B division = 5 Races

	A	B	TOT
1. Robert E. Fitch HS	33	13	46
2. Southern Maine	32	20	52
3. N. Kingstown	12	45	57

**7. Arnold Brown Regatta** (Great Oaks Qualifier -3)  
**October 1, 2011**

9 Teams descended on Marthas Vineyard this weekend Sat. Oct 1st for the 11th annual Arnold Brown Trophy. A qualifier for great oaks. The competition was shuttled over to the sailing site on the lagoon with the generous support of Vineyard parents (except Bishop Stang which opted for the ocean route from Marion). Things did not look promising at 10am with dense fog and no wind, but you caught glimpses of the front as the fog lifted. The SE breeze came in and races got underway before 11am. The wind trend continued as it intensified to 12-18 from the southwest. Windward/leeward courses were used in the beginning, but as the breeze picked up a triangle windward/leeward was used to give the sailors some fun reach legs. Everyone sailed very well with good sportsmanship all around and no protests. This was definitely in line with the spirit of Arnold Brown. In the end Duxbury and North Kingstown were tied and a tiebreaker decided the winner. It was not until Race 5A and 5B that the tie was broken. North Kingstown edged out Duxbury with two bullets. Congrats to N.K. for winning the 2011 Arnold Brown, Again....

1<sup>st</sup> Place N. Kingstown 40pts

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Duxbury 40pts

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Fairfield Prep 54pts

**8. NESSA Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)** (Great Oaks/Fall ACC Qualifer – 4)  
**October 9, 2011**

Community Boating Inc.  
 \Mass Bay League/Carl Zimba

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOT
1										
Duxbury Bay	A	7	12	2	11	2	3	10	9	56
	B	1	3	4	2	1	2	8	16	37
		8	23	29	42	45	50	68	93	93
2										
Southern Maine	A	6	1	6	2	21	18	7	11	72
	B	6	8	8	8	2	6	3	1	42
		12	21	35	45	68	92	102	114	114
3										
Falmouth (ME)	A	9	6	11	19	15	11	9	13	93
	B	5	7	5	3	6	3	1	5	35
		14	27	43	65	86	100	110	128	128

## **2012 SEASON**

### **2012 Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)**

**April 21-22, 2012**

***Qualifying Regatta's*** - Saturday, April 21, 2012

Venues with 10+ boats needed. **Sites are confirmed.** NOR's out in January 2011

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Tabor, MA   | 4. Portland, ME |
| 2. Xavier, CT  | 5. Sharon, MA   |
| 3. Newport, RI |                 |

***Championship Regatta*** – Sunday, April 22, 2012

TBA.

Possible “Wianno Yacht Club, Osterville, MA”

### **2012 Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)**

Saturday and Sunday – May 19-20, 2012

Site needed for 8 teams. 18 boats

Possible “Harvard University”

### **2012 Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)**

Sunday – May 27nd, 2012

University of New Hampshire

### **2012 Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)**

Sunday – October 7th, 2012

Possible “Hyannis YC, Hyannis MA”

### **2012 Polar Bear Open** (tentative)

Sunday September 23rd, 2012

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

### **2012 Arnold Brown Regatta** (tentative)

Saturday September 30th, 2012

Vineyard Haven YC, Martha's Vineyard

### **2012 Casco Bay Fall Open** (tentative)

Sunday September 16th, 2012

Sail Maine – Portland ME

### **2012 Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)**

Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Community Boating, Boston

Regatta Chair- Carl Zimba



<b>Proposal #1 – Wild Card Proposal – Rob Hurd</b>
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## ***Wild Card Weekend Procedures and Policies***

Proposed at the NESSA Annual Meeting: Nov 6, 2011.

**Historical reference:** In November 2004, several coaches asked if would be possible to increase the number of teams that qualified for the NESSA Teams from the long standing 8. In November 2005, the “wild card weekend” plan was presented, effective increasing the number of qualifiers from 8 to 12. The effectiveness of this plan was evaluated at the November 2006 NESSA Annual meeting. In November 2007, the NESSA Membership approved the format as the “official” NESSA Team Racing format replacing the 8 school round robin format.

**How it works:** Teams ranked first thru last by a combination of their positioning on the following scales: (1) Overall winning percentage, (2) RPI ranking, (3) coaches poll. Rankings are posted on the NESSA Standings site.

1. Teams ranked 1-4 receive automatic bids into the NESSA Team Racing Championship.
2. Teams ranked 5-8, who have qualified for *and participate in* the Mallory, receive automatic bids into the NESSA Team Racing Championship. If all four of the schools ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> qualify for *and participate in* the Mallory, there is no wild card round.
3. Teams 5-8, who have not qualified for the Mallory, will sail-off during wild card weekend on the Mallory Weekend with schools ranked 9-12 and lower using the format below.
  - A. If none of the schools ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> qualify for the Mallory, they would sail a wild card round with the teams ranked 9<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> for the remaining four spots. The schools will be seeded into one of *four* four-team regions, hosted by the highest remaining teams, if they are able. Region A will have seed #5, #12, #13, and #20; Region B will have seed #6, #11, #14, and #19. Region C will have seed #7, #10, #15, and #18; Region D will have seed #8, #9, #16, and #17. A triple-round robin will be sailed and the top team from each regional will advance to the NESSA Team Racing Championship.
  - B. If one of the schools ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> qualifies for the Mallory, they receive an automatic bid to the NESSA team racing Championship. The remaining three teams would sail a wild card round with the teams ranked 9<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> for the remaining three spots. The schools will be seeded into one of three *four*-team regions (region assignments depend on which seed qualified for the Mallory), hosted by the highest remaining teams, if they are able. A triple-round robin will be sailed and the top team

from each regional will advance to the NESSA Team Racing Championship.

- C. If two of the schools ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> qualify for the Mallory they both receive an automatic bid to the NESSA team racing Championship. The remaining two schools would sail a wild card round with the teams ranked 9<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> for the remaining two spots. The schools will be seeded into one of two four-team regions (region assignments depend on which seeds qualified for the Mallory), hosted by the highest remaining teams, if they are able. A triple-round robin will be sailed and the top team from each regional will advance to the NESSA Team Racing Championship.
- D. If three of the schools ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> qualify for the Mallory they all receive an automatic bid to the NESSA team racing Championship. The remaining school would sail a wild card round with the teams ranked 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> for the remaining one spot. In this case, the schools will be seeded into one five-team region, hosted by the highest remaining team, if they are able. A triple-round robin will be sailed and the top team from each regional will advance to the NESSA Team Racing Championship.
- E. If all four of the schools ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> qualify for the Mallory, they all receive an automatic bid to the NESSA Team Racing Championship and there is no wild card round.

**Some Notes about Wild Card Regional rounds:**

- The wild card rounds are scheduled for two days (Saturday and Sunday of Mallory weekend) to ensure that racing will take place. If the triple round robin and any sail-offs that are necessary, have been completed in one-day, then that wild card regional is over.
- If one round of the triple round robin is completed, then that wild card regional is a valid regatta and the results would stand, if no other round robins could be completed over two days.
- Only a complete round robin can count. If a round robin is not completed, then results go back to the results posted after the last completed round robin, except results from an incomplete round-robin may be used to break a tie in accordance with ISSA PR 12.1.
- If it is not possible to complete any round robins in the time allotted over the weekend, then the highest seed(s) would be declared the wild card regional winner and move on the NESSA Teams.

### **Proposal #2 – Eligibility – Brent Jansen**

There are other regions besides NESSA that would agree with this proposal, namely the Virgin Islands who are bound by their small school populations. As the economy continues to lag and states are being stretched beyond their capacities it will become more common to find districts moving towards the 8-12 model school to deal with budgetary problems. New England is one of those districts that have already begun implementing this model school, even in districts that are Division I school systems. These students have the ability to play on the varsity squads, compete at the state championship level and truly be a part of the team. Currently, the procedural rules allow for PG's, and even though our district is the main beneficiary of this it does create inequity. Therefore I would like to propose the following:

Proposal:

ISSA procedural rule should be changed from the current wording to: Eligibility shall be 8th grade and above.

It might also be worth exploring this other option: Eligibility shall reflect the school systems Varsity requirements. This would align more with other sports and associations.

### **Proposal #3 – Wording in NESSA By-Laws about Fall Sailing in New England**

The first topic is a clarification to the By-Laws that would specifically allow coaches to coach both the spring and fall seasons. Motion: Move to add a paragraph f to Article K, NESSA Regattas, Section 2. It would read: Schools may be active in either the Fall or Spring seasons, or both, and may use the same coaches in both seasons.

The second topic is a discussion of a more structured NESSA fall season that would lead to a Fall Regatta Series champion. It will be interesting to see it this goes anywhere. To start it off I will make the following motion: Move that NESSA institute a "Fall Regatta Series Championship." NESSA would sanction a series of weekend fleet race regattas, the results of which would be scored as a season series. The series would culminate in determining a Fall Series Champion. The NESSA officers would determine which events count toward the series, how teams qualify, and how the series is scored.

### **Proposal #4 – Spring 2012 Regatta Dates – Roger Rawlings**

Move the O'Day to April 28-29, and the possibility of pre-purchasing airline tickets to NWISA.

### **Proposal #5 – Great Oaks, Fall ACC, Spring ACC Qualifying Procedures – Andrew Nugnes**

Over the past few years we have used our 4 Fall Regattas as Great Oaks Qualifiers. This past Fall we used them for both GOR and Fall ACC's. Here are a few options for suggestion to use moving forward to this Spring ACC's and next Fall's GOR and ACC's

1. Schools wishing to participate in the Spring Team Race ACC must let the NESSA officers know of their intention prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the Spring Sailing Season. Schools that finish 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> at the Mark Trophy will be granted automatic berths to the Spring ACC's.
2. If any of those schools opt out of participation, the next placed school at the Mark will be given the open berth.
3. If non of the placed Mark schools attend the Spring ACC's, berths will be handed down to those schools, who registered with NESSA officers before May 1, in order of registration.

#### **Fall Great Oaks Qualifications (Adopted Last for Spring 2011)**

1. Schools interested in representing NESSA at either the Fall ACCs or the ISSA Great Oaks (GOR) must register their interest with the NESSA VP by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Schools interested in the either the Fall ACCs and/or the Great Oaks must meet eligibility requirements as prescribed in the Notice of Race (NOR).
2. The top finisher(s) at each of the ACC qualify regatta will earn the opportunity to represent NESSA at the Fall ACCs. The NESSA officers will determine which regatta(s) are qualifiers by August 15<sup>th</sup> each year based upon the criteria listed below
3. The top finisher(s) at each of the GOR qualify regatta will earn the opportunity to represent NESSA at the GORs. The NESSA officers will determine which regatta(s) are qualifiers by September 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
4. A school can represent NESSA at either the Fall ACCs or the GOR but not both.

#### **Fall ACC and GOR Qualifying regatta guidelines.**

To be considered as a Fall ACC qualifying regatta or a GOR qualifier, a regatta host must agree to the following guidelines.

1. The event must have at least 10 schools competing.
2. Regattas must submit NORs for posting by Sept 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
3. Regatta must use NESSA registration procedural rules when dealing with non-NESSA teams that are not host schools/teams.
4. Regattas agree to use the Navy Scoring program with Race Participation data included.