

**United States Merchant Marine Academy
Department of Waterfront Operations and Training**

Procedures in place for hosting of the MAISA North Laser Qualifiers
and the Kings Point Women's Open
11-12 September 2021



OVERVIEW

The US Merchant Marine Academy has been selected host the Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) North Laser Qualifiers and the Kings Point Women's Open. These qualifiers will be run concurrently on the weekend of 11-12 September 2021. In this document, please find the procedures in place for hosting these events. These include the following:

- the operational protocols for how the event will be conducted at USMMA

OPERATIONAL PROTOCOLS

1. The following operational protocols and logistics will be the standard for the running of the events, following on local, state, and national guidelines as well as those guidelines set forth by USMMA, MAISA, and ICSA.
 - a. These protocols shall be disseminated electronically to all competition teams prior to the event as well as published online.
 - b. These social distancing plans for all regatta operations are outlined below. They include, but are not limited to, equipment, rigging and de-rigging, coaching, facilities and restroom use, and meal breaks.
2. All individuals (regardless of vaccination status) shall wear a face covering at all times while indoors at the regatta venue. Fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear face coverings outdoors. Athletes are not required to wear masks while racing.
3. All large meetings that need to be held prior to or following the event will be conducted virtually or outdoors, if necessary.

Event Logistics

- 1. Prior Preparation and Communication**
 - a. Basic operational plan will be circulated virtually several days in advance to all sailors and coaches. This will include all on-site protocols and operational procedures.
 - b. Communication in advance eliminates all need for pre-competition group meetings. Any updated announcements will be announced via megaphones to allow organizers to communicate at a safe distance

2. On-Shore Operations

a. Dock and Facility

- i.** Masks must be worn indoors by all individuals regardless of vaccination status
- ii.** Fully-vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear masks while outdoors, and all athletes are not required to wear masks while racing.
- iii.** Teams and individuals will be outdoors for almost the entirety of the event, apart from the use of restrooms, changing areas, etc.
- iv.** Each team should keep their gear and food in their vehicles. When we break for lunch, we encourage that visiting teams remain outdoors or near their vehicles.

b. Restrooms

- i.** Additional restrooms apart from the Yocum 1st floor restrooms may be made available to eliminate any congestion indoors.
- ii.** These options include:
 - 1.** Yocum 1st floor restrooms & locker rooms – reserved for USMMA team
 - 2.** Yocum 2nd floor restrooms
 - 3.** Restrooms in Prosser Boathouse

3. On-The-Water Operations

- a.** Use of facial covering is mandatory for all un-vaccinated competitors, coaches, and staff, except for athletes while racing.
- b.** It is our intention to have coaches on the water if conditions allow. We ask that each team limit themselves to one alternate on the water at a time, in order for adequate room to accommodate all teams.