# 2015 Stuart Walker Open

September 19-20, 2015 Hosted by Middlebury College Sailing Club at Lake Dunmore, Salisbury, VT

# **Sailing Instructions**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the ICSA Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition, and by these Sailing Instructions.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

**2.1** Notices to competitors, including boat rotations, will be posted on the official regatta notice board for this regatta on Techscore (scores.collegesailing.org).

### 3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**3.1** Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally by the Race Committee and posted before the first race in which they are to take effect.

## 4. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- **4.1** FJ's will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way, except that competitors may adjust lines and controls normally adjustable.
- **4.2** The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- **4.3** The penalty for infringing the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.
- **4.4** Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the boat repair committee immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water. The penalty for infringing this instruction, unless the Jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.
- **4.5** Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots, the loss of pins or rings, except that the Jury may, but is not required to, grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot.

# 5. FORMAT

- **5.1** The regatta will be sailed in combined divisions with all boats racing at once on the same course.
- **5.2**The RC reserves the right to end racing at any time for safety concerns.

# 6. ROTATION

**6.1** The rotation will be posted at the competitors meeting.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Saturday

0930 Report Time

**0940** Competitors' Meeting (all sailors fully dressed)

1035 First Warning

**Lunch Break** 

1530 No Starting Signal after this time

# Sunday

0930 Report Time

0940 Competitors' Meeting

1030 First Warning

1500 No Starting Signal after this time

#### 8. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be on Lake Dunmore.

### 9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 The courses will be announced orally prior to first warning signal on 9/19
- **9.2** Rounding marks will be orange/yellow.

## 10. START/FINISH

- **10.1** Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i)
- **10.2** The start line will be between a blue Middlebury College Burgee on the Race Committee Boat and an orange mark at the port end.
- **10.3** For downwind finishes, the finish line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Boat and an orange mark. For upwind finishes, the finish line will be between two orange marks (the windward and offset marks).
- **10.4** If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, or the rotation, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position.

## 11. RECALLS

- **11.1** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with PR 18(b)(ii). The Race Committee will attempt to hail the boat(s) sail number(s); however, it is the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start. Failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for granting redress.
- **11.2** Multiple whistles and the hail of the words "general recall" will signal a general recall. No visual signal will be given. PR 18(b)(iii) shall also be in effect.

### 12. PROTESTS

- **12.1** Protests shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- **12.2** Protests shall be filed within 20 minutes of reaching the shore after the race in which the incident occurred. Changes PR 30.

## 13. COACHING

In accordance with PR 19, a coach boat may be provided as described at the competitors' meeting.

### 14. SAFETY

- **14.1** A boat requesting assistance from support boats should signal by waving hands overhead.
- **14.2** A capsized boat may be righted and sailed by its crew, unless, in the sole judgment of the Race Committee, safety or the progress of the regatta would be affected, in which case the crew shall accept assistance, and the boat will be scored 'DNF.'
- **14.3** Starts may not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.
- **14.4** A boat that retires is asked to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area