

Victorian Coffee Urn and Erwin Schell Trophy



U.S. Coast Guard Academy
New London, CT
October 29-30, 2016



INFORMATION FOR COACHES AND COMPETITORS

Welcome to the 2016 Women's Victorian Coffee Urn and Erwin Schell Trophies! Coast Guard, with help from Connecticut College, is excited to host this big event. Please read the following information, which will serve as supplemental information to the already published Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. This is for your information only and will not take precedence over either of the previously mentioned official documents.

Arrival/Parking

- All passengers travelling to the US Coast Guard Academy should have some form of legal ID to present to the guard at the front gate. They do not always ask for everyone's IDs. But if they do and you don't have it you will likely be turned around.
- The 15 mph speed limit is strictly enforced on campus.
- There is ample parking on Eagle Drive and in the lot surrounding Pine Hall. On the south side of the causeway, vehicles should be parked perpendicular to the curb.
- The report time is 10:30 on Saturday and 9:30 on Sunday. **Do not arrive prior to 10:15/9:15.**

Jacobs Rock

- Jacobs Rock we will be at maximum capacity this weekend. Here is our plan to handle this:
 - Competitors, coaches, race officials and CGA employees will be allowed past the circle 'turn-around' of Jacobs Rock and on all floating docks. Visitors and spectators must remain on the west side of the circle. Please pass this along to anyone who plans to attend the event. There are plenty of viewing opportunities from the shore along Eagle Drive and on the Main Pier near Pine Hall. **Spectators, parents, and visitors will not be allowed inside the building.**
 - We will establish aisles marked in masking tape on the floors of the main rooms on the second story of Jacobs Rock. Gear, food, bodies, etc. must remain outside the aisles. Once the space outside the aisles is taken teams will need to set up on the Observation Deck or along the causeway.
 - The chairs and tables that are stored at Jacobs Rock will be off limits. However, teams are encouraged to bring folding chairs and pop-up tents. The forecast has rain in it during various times throughout the weekend and we do not think everyone will fit indoors. Plan accordingly.
 - The bathrooms on the second floor will be reserved for coaches and race officials only. Competitors must use the locker rooms or porta potties.
 - The shop and the silo are off limits to all.
 - (This modifies the NOR and SIs. Since we can't penalize non-competitors, we won't be making an amendment to either document. Please help us to enforce these rules in an effort to make the event better for you and your team.)
- The water at Jacobs Rock is non-potable. Team should bring 2.5 gallon jugs to refill their multi-use water bottles.
- We will be operating on a carry-in, carry-out program regarding trash. Treat Jacobs Rock like a campground this weekend. Bring trash bags. Be prepared to take all your trash with you at the end of the day.
- Competitors may not change under layers in public places. Use the locker rooms. This will be strictly enforced!

Racing

- The Sailing Instructions are posted online.
- Competitors should pay close attention to SI 8.2. This allows the Race Committee the option to use a different color (green) weather mark in the case of a wind shift with a fleet already sailing that leg of the course. The green mark and offset will only be present on any race's first leg. All subsequent marks will be orange.
- In-set rotations will be allowed but at the risk of missing the next warning signal. You must still land on the leeward side of the dock.

Boats

- We will be using Connecticut College FJs, Coast Guard FJs, and Coast Guard Z420s. Sails and tillers will remain in the boats throughout the weekend. For Coast Guard boats, competitors are asked to bring sails and tillers back to the sail locker at the end of racing on Sunday.
- The last division to Connecticut College FJs on Sunday will sail the fleet back to Connecticut College. Judge and RC boats will pick competitors up to bring them back to CGA.
- Competitors are asked to take good care of our fleet:
 - Tie your sail bags down before beginning to rig.
 - Always land on the leeward side of the dock. If there isn't enough room, wait.
 - Do not step on the foredeck.
 - Do not put your rudder on while the boat is on the dock.
 - Boats should be tied down to the cradle whenever on the dock.
 - Do not put either sail up until you are ready to go sailing.
 - Do not sail within 20 yards of Jacobs Rock.
- There are more teams sailing in the Schell than the Urn. And the Urn has a bye boat in the rotation. Teams in the Urn should notice when the boat they are rotating into is on the dock. Extra time will not be given to teams who forgot to rig their boat that was on the dock.
- Rotations need to happen quickly. There will be someone from CGA on the dock closely monitoring when the last boat arrives to the rotation dock. Ample time will be given, but not extra time. The Race Committee will be urgent about starting races. Competitors and coaches should be urgent about rotation.

Judges

- Judges will be on the water and available throughout the weekend to hear protests. Most protests will happen at the end of the day unless there is a break in racing.
- All questions related to the Sailing Instructions should be submitted in writing to Chief Judge Peter Johns. His email can be found on the Sailing Instructions.

Questions?

- Send questions about logistics to Brian Swingly – Brian.W.Swingly@uscga.edu.