

Tom Noble Team Race
Washington College – March 2-3, 2024
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Jurisdiction**
Races will be sailed under the management of the Regatta Chairman and the Race Committee with the advice of the Protest Committee (if applicable).
- 2. Rules**
The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* (RRS) including appendix D, the ICSA Procedural Rules and Appendix D rules, which modify the RRS for Team Racing. When Rule 20 applies, arm signals are not required.
- 3. Notices**
Notices to competitors will be posted on a board near the Washington College Sailing Locker Rooms at the Hodson Boathouse. It is the responsibility of each crew to check this notice area for information. Posted instructions may be superseded by verbal instructions from the Race Committee.
- 4. Boats and Equipment**
Boats shall be sailed as supplied. Standing rigging shall not be adjusted. Equipment problems should be reported to a race committee official as soon as possible. Breakdowns must be reported to the Race Committee immediately after finishing. Breakdown requests must be in writing on protest forms located on the board.
- 5. Rotations**
A schedule for boat rotation will be distributed at the Competitors Meeting and posted throughout the venue and on the official notice board. Boat rotation area and procedure will be announced at the Competitors Meeting.
- 6. Series**
The intent is to complete as many round robins as possible and to end on an odd number of round robins completed. If an even number of round robins is completed, a sail off round will occur.
- 7. Schedule**
Report time for Saturday and Sunday is 0900. There will be a competitors meeting at 0915. Contestants should be ready to race immediately after the competitors meeting. Races will be conducted as expeditiously as possible with due consideration for unavoidable delays. The Race Committee may commence the starting sequence prior to the arrival of a boat or boats taking an inordinate amount of time arriving in the starting area. No race will be started after 1500 on Sunday.
- 8. Race Area**
The Race Area shall be described at the Competitors Meeting.
- 9. Course**
Courses will be the Collegiate Digital N.
- 10. Changing the Course**
After the starting signal, the Race Committee may change the position of one or more marks of the course provided no competitor is on that leg. There will be no signal for such a course change (this alters RRS 33).

- 11. Abandonment**
An abandonment will be signaled by a series of short whistles (alters RRS 32.1).
- 12. Marks**
Marks will be orange balls.
- 13. Starts and Finishes**
Races shall be started in accordance with *US Sailing Prescription* Appendix U3 (3 Minute Starting Sequence). The starting line will be defined by a staff displaying a Maryland state flag on the course side of the nearby orange mark. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a Yellow Flag on the course side of the nearby orange mark. If a competitor is delaying the finish of a race the race committee may terminate the race and score the competitor in place.
- 14. Recalls.**
Individual recalls will be signaled by the display of code flag X without an accompanying sound signal, and with the hail of the individual sail numbers.
- 15. Safety**
USCG approved Type III PFD's shall be worn when afloat. Dry suits are required. Competitors who require assistance should signal by waving both arms overhead. Capsized yachts may be righted and sailed by its crew. If the safety of the yacht or crew is in jeopardy, or if the progress of the regatta is affected, the Race Committee may require that assistance be accepted and the yacht retired from the race. Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized yachts. A yacht which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area, or, if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from that day's races. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 16. Protests**
Expedited hearing procedure, PR Appendix G shall be in effect. Protests shall be lodged and filed as per the Procedural Rules. A written protest must be submitted to a regatta official from Washington College, at the first reasonable opportunity, no later than 20 minutes, after the signal boat has docked. A boat intending to protest must be indicated by hailing the word "protest" and the sail number of the protestee immediately following the incident. A protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, notify both the Race Committee and the protested boat of intent to protest. Failure to do so may be grounds for dismissing the protest under RRS 63.5.
- 17. Alternative Penalties**
Appendix D2 shall apply for penalties.