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2017 Captain Hurst Trophy

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Coaches and Sailors:

We are excited to host your teams for the Captain Hurst Bowl! Report time for Saturday is 10:30 AM.

If you don't read any farther, here are 3 critical pieces of information:

- 1) The forecast is unseasonably warm, with lows in just the 50s and highs in the low 70s. However, as Mark Twain famously said about weather in New England, "If you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes." Please come prepared to sail in anything, and be aware that drysuits may be required if the air temp is in the high 30s or low 40s and it is windy.
- 2) When your team arrives on Saturday, please rig your 420 and splash your 420, then keep the dolly to rig your FJ, but **DO NOT LAUNCH** your FJ until all of the 420s are in the water.
- 3) Our boats have sta-masters and they can be fragile. Please make sure you slide the plastic cover all the way down to the deck before launching your boat - most of the damage to the sta-masters happens when the boats are unattended at the docks.

We will be racing in 3 divisions on the water. To start, A division will be on land, B division will begin in FJs, and C division will begin in z420s. The latest start for the first B division (FJ) race will be during the gate rounding of the *FIRST* C-division (420) race, to appropriately stagger the fleets - however, if all of the FJs are on the water earlier, we may start earlier than the gate rounding. Courses will be either W variants or trapezoid variants, based on breeze, and both options will be posted on the notice board.

Competitors MAY NOT adjust standing rigging.

Kelsey Wheeler (Dartmouth '14) will be judging. She will likely ask a coach or two to help hear protests.

Additionally, our Dartmouth parents will be up and will be hosting a BBQ at the lake for the Dartmouth team as well as spectating. The grills will be going for BYOB food.

Finally, dogs are welcome. My dog Millie will be around, she is a little bit shy but loves a good scratch on the chin.

The regatta is on techscore so you should be able to enter your starting teams, as well as reviewing courses and Sailing Instructions. We plan on a 10:40 competitor's meeting on Saturday, with racing to follow. We will plan for a 10:00 first start on Sunday.

Thanks, and let me know if you have any questions!

-Justin

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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