

# Princeton Fall Open

Hosted by Princeton University at the Raritan Yacht Club, Perth Amboy, NJ  
September 29-30, 2018

## Sailing Instructions

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ICSA Procedural Rules (PR), and these Sailing Instructions.

### **2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

### **3. SCHEDULE**

- 3.1. Saturday 29  
0900 – Skippers meeting at Raritan Yacht Club  
1000 – Warning Signal for first race  
1700 – No races may start after this time  
Sunday 30  
0900 – Skippers meeting at Raritan Yacht Club  
1000 – Warning Signal for first race  
1500 – No races may start after this time

### **4. COURSES AND MARKS**

- 4.1. Windward-leeward courses will be used. There will be an offset mark to port of the windward mark and a leeward gate to windward of the starting line. General Course W4 with downwind finish will be used, however Course W3 or W5 with upwind finish may be used depending on wind direction and wind strength; the course for each race will be announced by the race committee prior to each race.
- 4.2. All marks will be orange inflatable. Marks will be described at the competitors' meeting.
- 4.3. Per ICSA PR 18 (c), after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required.

### **5. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES**

- 5.1. Per ICSA PR 18 (c), races may be abandoned at the Race Committee's discretion in the event of dying breeze or an excessive wind shift. No signals are required. Races may not be shortened.

### **6. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS**

- 6.1. A three-minute starting sequence will be used.
- 6.2. The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and an orange inflatable buoy.
- 6.3. The finish line will be between an orange flag on the finish boat (which may or may not be the race committee boat) and an orange inflatable buoy.
- 6.4. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with ICSA PR 18(b).
- 6.5. General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles or horn signals; First Substitute need not be displayed per ICSA PR 18(b).

### **7. BREAKDOWNS**

- 7.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ICSA PR20. Compensation shall be consistent with ICSA PR 20(c). Sailing Instructions will be available on the event web-site

## **8. PROTESTS**

- 8.1. Protests procedure will be in accordance with ICSA PR.

## **9. SAFETY**

- 9.1. Wetsuits and dry suits are highly recommended and strongly encouraged and will be required if both air and water temperatures are 50 degrees Fahrenheit or less.
- 9.2. Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III lifejackets. Inflatable type lifejackets are not permitted. Competitors are required to wear school pinnies. Any sailor who fails to comply with these rules will be penalized by the Regatta Chairman, without a hearing, by disqualification from the race(s) sailed.
- 9.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.
- 9.4. Racing may be postponed or cancelled for the day if (a) the sustained winds exceed 20 knots OR gusts exceed 25 knots, or (b) if the Regatta Chair determines that conditions warrant postponement or cancellation.
- 9.5. A boat requesting assistance from a support boat should signal by waving hands overhead. A capsized boat may be re-righted and sailed by its crew unless, in the sole judgment of the Race Committee, safety may be in question or the progress of the regatta would be affected, in which case the sailors will accept assistance, and the boat will be scored DNF for that race. Starts may not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

## **10. REGATTA PARTICIPATION FORMS**

- 10.1. Each coach or team must complete a Record of Participation form for the team on Techscore.

## **11. WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

- 11.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 12.1. For further information please contact Elizabeth Bailey at [edbailey@princeton.edu](mailto:edbailey@princeton.edu)