BALBOA YACHT CLUB

ICSA Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America

ICSA Match Racing National Championship

for the

Cornelius Shields Sr. Trophy

November 13-15, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA), University of Southern California (USC) and Balboa Yacht Club (BYC).

2. VENUE

2.1. The venue will be in the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Newport Beach, California, USA, or alternatively, at the discretion of the OA, inside Newport Harbor.

3. EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. **PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

4.1. Schedule

Friday November 13, 2026

Early weigh in/check in	1500-1700

Saturday November 14, 2026

Weigh in/check in	0800-0900
Competitor's Briefing	0900
First Warning	1100
Umpire Debriefing	Immediately Following Racing

Sunday November 15, 2026

Competitor's Briefing	0900
First Warning	1100
No flight shall begin after 1500.	
Awards	Immediately following racing

4.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at daily Competitors Briefing for skippers is mandatory.

5. SKIPPER'S ELIGIBILITY

ZIM SAILING

5.1. Ten (10) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. The skippers will be selected based upon the Conditions of the ICSA Match Racing National Championship.
5.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times, except in emergency.
5.3. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation by returning the entry form, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
5.4. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2.
5.5. All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/ Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

6. ENTRIES

6.1. The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by check, cash or credit card.
6.2. An entry fee of $500.00 per team shall be paid at registration.

7. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

7.1. An initial damage deposit of $2,000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA, by separate check made payable to Balboa Yacht Club. The amount of the initial damage deposit is the maximum payable by a skipper for each damage-causing incident the skipper is deemed, by the OA, responsible for. The damage deposit shall be replenished to $2,000 following an assessment of damages by the OA and prior to any further racing.
7.2. When damage occurs, the cost of repairs will be paid from the deposit of the skipper responsible for the damage.
7.3. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days of the completion of the championship. A detailed accounting of expended funds will be rendered to any skipper not receiving their full deposit back.

8. RULES

8.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C, the ICSA Procedural Rules, the ICSA Championship Conditions, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
8.2. Sailing Instructions will be available on or before Friday, November 13th, 2026.
8.3. The rules for the boats, equipment and the handling of the boats will be distributed with the Sailing Instructions.
8.4. Competitors shall wear inherently buoyant personal floatation devices (USCG Certified Non inflatable Type III) while on the water. PFDs shall be worn outside all clothing and foul weather gear, except that a thin shirt or team uniform may be worn over the PFD. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4. **Competitors are responsible for providing their own PFDs.**

9. BOATS & SAILS

9.1. The event will be sailed in Governors Cup 22 (GC22) boats provided by the OA.
9.2. Up to ten (10) boats will be provided.
9.3. The following sails will be provided: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
9.4. Boats will be assigned by daily random draw for all races that day. Spinnakers shall be drawn on the first day of racing and will stay with the team for all races. Condition or assignment of boats or sails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

9.5. Boats will be checked in and checked out in accordance with the host procedures. Skippers shall not leave their boats after racing before completing the check-in procedure.

10. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

10.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three or four. All registered crew shall sail all races. Each team shall include at least one female.

10.2. The maximum total crew weight, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 660 lbs. determined at the time of registration. No additional weigh-in will be required unless there is a substitution of crew.

10.3. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment provided the individual meets all ICSA eligibility requirements to represent the school.

10.4. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in an event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

10.5. Each team member shall be registered with World Sailing/ISAF and have a SailorID prior to competition in the championship. The OA shall be notified of their SailorID.

11. EVENT FORMAT

11.1. The Regatta Chairman with the consultation of the Chief Umpire and the PCCSC Representative may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format. The intended format for the championship is set forth below.

11.2. The intended format will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – Round Robin of 10 teams
Stage 2 – Quarter Finals Top 8 Teams seeded 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5 knockout first to 2 pts.
Stage 3 – Semi Finals (highest seed picks opponents). Knockout first to 3 pts.
Stage 4 – Finals: Semi final winners race for 1st and 2nd, first to 3 pts. Petit Finals: Semi Final losers race for 3rd and 4th place, first to 2 pts.

12. COURSE

12.1. The course will be either windward/leeward, finishing downwind, or windward/leeward, windward/leeward, finishing downwind. All single marks to be rounded to starboard. A leeward gate may be used.

13. ADVERTISING

13.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

14. PRIZES

14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) skippers and crews.

14.2. The winning team's names and college shall be engraved on the Cornelius Shields Sr. Trophy.

14.3. The winning skipper will receive an invitation to participate in the 2027 Governor's Cup to be held July 19-24, 2027.

15. **MEDIA, IMAGES & SOUND**

15.1. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

16. COACHING & COACH BOATS

16.1. One coach boat will be provided for all competitors' coaches. Individual coach boats will not be permitted.

16.2. Coaching shall be in accordance with ICSA Procedural Rule 19.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1. Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE). The organizing authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1. Direct all questions and requests for additional information to the BYC Sailing Director, Becky Lenhart, at sailing@balboayachtclub.com or (949) 673-3515 x133.

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