



Schell Trophy

October 31 – November 1, 2026



Hosted by the University of Vermont Sailing Team and Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS), the ICSA Procedural Rules (PR), the Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, and the NEISA Rules and Regulations, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 PR 32 will be in effect.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors, including boat rotations, protest time limits, protests filed, harbor start times and changes to the boats sailed, will be posted on Techscore and/or the official regatta WhatsApp group. Access to the WhatsApp group will be provided at the competitors' meeting.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made at any time. Changes made ashore will be posted on Techscore and/or the official regatta WhatsApp group before the warning signal of the first race in which they take effect. Changes made on the water will be announced orally by the Race Committee to the affected boats before the warning signal of the race in which they take effect, and will be posted in the WhatsApp group when possible.

4. FORMAT AND ROTATIONS

- 4.1 14 races per division are scheduled. Teams will rotate boats after every two races (one set), in accordance with the rotation posted on Techscore.
- 4.2 Two divisions will compete. Divisions A and B will be on the water at the same time and will start separately. The order of starts will be at the discretion of the Race Committee, and the Race Committee will hail the division before each warning signal.
- 4.3 A Division will start in E420s and B Division in FJs.
- 4.4 The divisions will switch fleets after race 8 or Sunday morning, whichever comes sooner.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday

- 1030 Report Time
- 1045 Competitors' Meeting outside Community Sailing Center (A Division sailors dressed)
- 1110 First Warning
- 1723 No warning signal after this time

Sunday

- 0930 Report Time
- 1000 First Warning
- 1500 No Starting Signal after this time

**Daylight saving time ends at 0200 on Sunday, November 1. All Sunday times are Eastern Standard Time.*

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 FJ's and E420s will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Competitors have the option of rigging the mainsheet purchase either 3:1 or 4:1.
- 6.2 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 6.3 The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 or 6.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 6.4 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Regatta Chair immediately after arriving ashore, or to the Race Committee Signal Boat on the water.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be north of the mooring field in Burlington Bay or West of the breakwall.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be windward-leeward with an offset mark: W3 (3 legs, upwind finish), W4 (4 legs, downwind finish) or W5 (5 legs, upwind finish), at the discretion of the Race Committee. Course diagrams will be posted on Techscore. Rounding marks will be colored balls.
- 8.2 The leeward mark will be a gate formed by two marks. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If a gate mark is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 8.3 Courses will be verbally announced by the RC boat with a megaphone.
- 8.4 Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i). PR Appendix B may be used and will be announced orally. Recalls will be in accordance with PR 18(b)(ii) and 18(b)(iii). Failure to hear a hail is not grounds for redress.
- 8.5 The start line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee Boat and a mark to port.
- 8.6 For downwind finishes (W4), the finish line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee Boat and a finishing mark to starboard of the Race Committee Boat. For upwind finishes (W3 and W5), the finish line will be between the windward mark and the offset mark.
- 8.7 If a boat is delaying the finish of a race or the rotation, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position.

9. PROTESTS

- 9.1 Protests and requests for redress, including breakdowns, shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules. Forms will be available at the Community Sailing Center.
- 9.2 Protests and requests for redress, including breakdowns, shall be filed within 30 minutes of the last competitor's arrival ashore after the race or set of races in which the incident occurred. If boats remain on the water for more than one set or during a postponement, the time limit will begin when boats next come ashore. Protest time limits will be posted on Techscore and/or the official regatta WhatsApp group. This changes PR 30.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1 Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 10.2 Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.
- 10.3 A capsized boat may be righted and sailed by its crew unless, in the sole judgment of the Race Committee, safety or the progress of the regatta would be affected, in which case the crew shall accept assistance and the boat will be scored DNF.

11. COACHING

- 11.1 PR 19 will apply. Coaching will be done from shore at the Community Sailing Center. If coach boats are available, this will be posted on Techscore and/or the official regatta WhatsApp group, and all coaches will have equal access.
- 11.2 Drones may be flown from the rotation dock or pier, or from coach boats when conditions allow safe launch and retrieval.

12. WHATSAPP

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