



Naval Academy Sailing
2026 Service & Maritime Academy
Championship *for the* SHIELDS TROPHY
September 19-20

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Naval Academy Sailing. The host is Navy Offshore Sailing.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Naval Academy Sailing.
- 1.2. This regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), ICSA Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition (ICSA PR), and this Notice of Race, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the competitors' meeting and on the event notice board found online at scores.collegesailing.org.

3. CREWS, BOATS, & EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. The event will be sailed on Navy 44 MK2 Sloops provided by the host.
- 3.2. Initial boats will be drawn at the Competitors Briefing on Saturday Morning. Teams will rotate boats between Saturday and Sunday.
- 3.3. Teams will sail with a crew of nine (9) at any one time with a minimum of 2 female crew members.
- 3.4. Two (2) alternates will be allowed during the course of the regatta.
- 3.5. There shall be no crew substitution during any day after the first warning signal of the first race of the day, except in the case of emergency due to injury to a crew member. This modifies ICSA PR 14.b.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. Service and Maritime Academy teams will automatically receive an invitation from the OA..
 - 4.1.1. Non-academy teams must contact the Organizing Authority via email, haberlan@usna.edu, to request a berth.
- 4.2. If requested by the OA, teams must submit sailing resumes for their skipper as well as each of at least three other crew members at least two days prior to competition. Resumes may be submitted via email to

haberlan@usna.edu.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. All team briefings and skippers meetings will take place in the Offshore Classroom on the ground floor of the Robert Crown Sailing Center.

Friday, 18 September	Saturday, 19 September	Sunday, 20 September
1400-1800 Open Practice	0900 Competitors Briefing 0930 Mandatory Practice 1100 First Warning	1015 First Warning 1400 No Start Signal After 1600 Awards Presentation (TBA)

6. VENUE & PARKING

- 6.1. The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.
- 6.2. Parking is available for visiting teams on Sims Road in the unmarked parking spaces or those marked F/S only.
- 6.3. Vehicle access to the yard for visiting teams must be requested 7 days prior to arrival. [USNA Yard Vehicle Access Request for Visiting Teams](#). (password: go2navy!)

7. COACHING

- 7.1. On the water spectator access for coaches and alternates will be made available as space allows.

8. SAFETY

- 8.1. All teams must be eligible to compete in ICSA competitions and comply with the most recent *ICSA Medical Guidance for ICSA Competition*.
- 8.2. Teams will be assigned an on the water safety officer for the duration of the event.
- 8.3. Safety officers and boats will be made available from 1400-1800 on the Friday preceding the event for open practice to all teams competing. In addition, a mandatory practice will be held for all teams on Saturday morning prior to the start of racing.
- 8.4. Following all on the water sessions, should Navy Sailing or the assigned safety officer conclude that the crew is not competent to safely compete,

the team's entry may be rescinded.

8.5. Visiting teams and coaches are expected to provide their own type III PFDs.

8.6. PFDs must be donned prior to boarding and closed toed shoes must be worn at all times aboard USNA vessels.

9. PRIZES

9.1. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall.

9.2. The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded (as further described in the SIs):

The Shields Trophy: the best overall performance of a Service or Maritime Academy team.

10. FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

10.1 The winning team shall be given an automatic berth to the 2026 MacMillan Cup. Should Navy be the winning team or the first place team decline the invitation, then the MacMillan berth will be offered to the second place team, then third, etc until the berth is filled.

11. QUESTIONS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10.1. Navy Offshore Sailing Office

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