



NEISA Open Team Race Championship for the Fowle Trophy

Ted Turner '60 Sailing Pavilion/Edgewood Yacht Club
w/ Roger Williams University
Cranston, RI
April 8-9, 2023



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024), the Procedural Rules and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition, and the NEISA Rules and Regulations, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All Races will be umpired. RRS D2 will apply as modified by the Procedural Rules.
- 1.3. RRS D4.3(b) is deleted.
- 1.4 Results from each round robin will carry forward.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices will be posted to the notice board on Techscore.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted before the first race in which they are to take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 8

Report Time 0930
Competitor's Meeting 0940
First Warning TBD
No Starting Signal After 1800

Sunday, April 9

Report Time 0930
First Warning 1000
No Starting Signal After 1630 (re-sails and sail-offs can go beyond 1630)
Awards to follow TBD

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. Teams will be put in two seeded groups (SI Appendix A) by the NEISA Seeding Committee. The rotation will be set up such that these seeded groups sail against the others in their group at the beginning of Round 1.
- 5.2. The format for the regatta is as follows:
 - 5.2.1. Round 1 - Round Robin of all 12 Teams
 - 5.2.2. Round 2 – Round Robin of the Top 8 Teams after Round 1

5.2.3. Round 3 – Round Robin of the Top 6 Teams after Round 2

5.3. If, in the opinion of the PRO in consultation with the officials stated in PR 25(F) it becomes unlikely that round robin of 12 can be completed, the format may be changed to:

Round 1 - a round robin of each of the seeded groups (this will have been accomplished during the initial races of the 12 team round robin)

Round 2 - a round robin of the top 4 teams from each of the seeded groups. Races already sailed will not be repeated. Race results will only be brought forward from Stage 1 in races sailed against teams qualified for Round 2.

Round 3 - a round robin of the top 4 teams from Stage 2.

5.2.4 Our intention is to use 420s and FJs in Round 1; FJs in Round 2 and Round 3, but we may use only 420s if the wind velocity becomes too strong for FJs or there are significant boat issues with the FJs.

5.3. Any changes to this format will be in accordance with PR 25(f), except as changed by these SI.

5.3.1. PR 25(f) is changed to: When conditions make the announced format unmanageable, the NEISA Rep, Regatta Chairman, and Chief Umpire may alter the format to ensure an equitable determination of the winner.

5.4. In the event SI 5.2.2 cannot be completed, races completed between teams sailing in SI 5.2.2 shall count as races sailed in a subsequent new round.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

6.1. 2022 Zim 420e's and 2017 Zim FJs will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.

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 Race Committee Boat on the water.

7. ROTATION

7.1. Boat Rotation will be on Techscore.

7.2 All rotations and substitutions will take place at the docks of the Edgewood Yacht Club.

8. MARKS

8.1. Rounding marks will be orange/pink buoys.

8.2. The start line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the Race Committee Start Boat and a white buoy at the port end (start mark).

8.3. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a flag on the finish boat and an orange buoy at the port end.

9. COURSE

9.1. The course will be a Digital N.

10. STARTING SYSTEM

10.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).

10.2. The Race Committee may opt to use a rolling starting system; that is a system where the warning signal for a subsequent race is the starting signal for the previous race.

11. PROTESTS

11.1. Protests shall be initiated in accordance with RRS D2 as modified by Procedural Rule 25.

11.2. Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.

12. BREAKDOWNS

12.1. When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, she may request a score change by hailing an umpire or the race committee to that effect at the first reasonable opportunity after the breakdown, until the hail is acknowledged. If possible, she shall continue racing. This changes RRS D5.2 and PR 25.

13. SCORING

13.1. RRS D3 and D4 shall be used, as modified by PR 25 and these Sailing Instructions.

13.2. Breakdowns will be scored in accordance with RRS D.5 as changed by PR 20.

14. SAFETY

14.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should so signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14.2. Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

15. COACHING

15.1. Coaches will be on land.

15.2. Visiting Teams may fly a drone.