



## **2023 College Sailing Open Team Racing National Championship**

For the Walter C. Wood Trophy

*Hosted by the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point*

May 27-29, 2023

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024), including Appendix D; the PRs (PR) and Current Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition; except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. RRS D2 will apply for all races as modified by the ICSA Procedural and Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules.
- 1.3. In accordance with RRS D4.3(c), results from previous round robin stages shall carry forward, except as provided in SI 5.4.
- 1.4. Any questions regarding these SIs should be submitted in writing to the ICSA Representative.

## **2. REGISTRATION & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 ICSA Board-approved entries shall complete registration on the ICSA Championships [website](#).
- 2.2 Notices will be posted on 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**

**May 26** 1800 Competitors' Meeting, Zoom link to be posted to Techscore

**May 27** 1000 First Warning Signal

**May 28** 1000 First Warning Signal

**May 29** 1000 First Warning Signal

1700 No Start Signal After

After Racing - Awards Presentation - Event Tent at Eldridge Pool Lawn

## **5. FORMAT**

- 5.1 Teams will be put in two seeded groups (SI Appendix A) by the ICSA Selection Committee. The rotation will be set up such that these seeded groups sail against the others in their group at the beginning of Stage 1.
- 5.2 The format is:
  - Stage 1 - a round robin of all sixteen teams
  - Stage 2 - a round robin of the top 8 teams from the Stage 1

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

5.3 If the format in SI 5.2 cannot be completed, the format may be changed to:

- Stage 1 - a round robin of all sixteen teams
- Stage 2 - a round robin of the top 4 teams from the Stage 1

5.4 If, in the opinion of the PRO in consultation with the ICSA Rep, after race 56 and prior to race 91, it becomes unlikely that round robin of 16 can be completed, the format may be changed to:

- Stage 1 - a round robin of each of the seeded groups of 8 (this will have been accomplished during the first 56 races of the 16 team round robin)
- Stage 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 Stage 2.
- Stage 3 - a round robin of the top 4 teams from stage 2

## **6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1. Collegiate FJ's and 420E's 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 boatswain immediately after arriving on shore or to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water.
- 6.5. Both Collegiate FJ's and 420E's will be used in Stage 1. 420E's will be used for Stage 2 and 3.

## **7. ROTATION**

- 7.1. The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the online rotation.

## **8. MARKS**

- 8.1. Rounding marks 1 & 2 will be red marks.
- 8.2. Rounding marks 3 & 4 will be green marks.
- 8.3. The starting line will be between a flag on the Race Committee Boat and a yellow mark.
- 8.4. The finishing line will be between a flag on the Race Committee Boat and a yellow mark.

## **9. COURSE**

- 9.1. The Digital N - see course diagram.

## **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. RECALLS**

- 11.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with PR 18(b)(ii) except that there will be no sound signal (this changes PR 18 (b)(ii)).
- 11.2. A general recall will be used in accordance with PR 18(b)(iii), except that the "1 minute rule" (RRS 30.1) will not be used. (Changes PR 18(b)(iii))

## **12. REQUESTS FOR HEARINGS**

- 12.1. Requests for Hearings shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 12.2. Requests for Hearings shall be filed within 20 minutes of boats returning to shore for a break in racing after the race or set of races in which the incident occurred. This changes PR 30.

- 12.3 Request for Hearing forms will be available with the Jury Secretary.
- 12.4 Boats (and their witnesses) may not present video, data and/or photographic evidence in Hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 12.5 RRS 66.2 is changed to read "A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening of a hearing held during a round robin, no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the round robin in question."
- 12.6 The posting of the Hearing Schedule of a Request for Redress is considered to meet US Sailing prescription to rule 63.2. Requests may be made orally to the Protest Committee when the hearing is called.

### **13. BREAKDOWNS**

- 13.1. 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.

### **14. SCORING**

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

### **15. SAFETY**

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats

### **16. COACHING**

- 16.1. PR 19 will apply. Coaching shall be from land for Stage 1. For Stage 2 and 3, coaches may be provided the ability to go afloat. For Stage 2 and 3, teams may be provided with the ability to bring up to two alternates afloat. The PRO and ICSA Rep reserve the right to keep coaches and/or alternates on land at their discretion during Stage 2 and 3.

### **17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 17.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

### **18. DRONES**

- 18.1. Only drones operated by the organizing authority are authorized to be used for viewing the racing area.

# Appendix A (Seeded groups of 8)

## **Group A**

Yale University  
Stanford University  
Georgetown University  
Brown University  
U.S. Coast Guard Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy  
Tufts University  
Purdue University

## **Group B**

Roger Williams University  
Harvard University  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
Dartmouth College  
Tulane University  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Miami  
Fordham University