

2026 SEISA Open Team Race Conference Championships Hosted by Tulane University April 3, 2026 Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

These regattas will be governed by the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028), including Appendix D for the Team Race Championships, the ICSA Procedural Rules (2021-2024), and the ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located online on Techscore.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

Friday, April 3

0900 Report Time
1910 Coach/Team Rep Meeting
1000 First Warning
1700 No Race after this time

5. FORMAT

5.1. For the Open Team Race Championship the preferred format will be 3 round robins.

5.2.1. If in the opinion of the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire, with consultation from the SEISA Commissioner the format needs to be shortened due to weather, time constraints or other, the format may be changed. One full round robin or at least 6 races, whichever is greater, must be completed to constitute a regatta.

5.3 ICSA Procedural rules to apply for breaking ties, and scores shall carry forward from each round.

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

6.1 18 Zim 420s or FJs 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.

The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 or 6.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

6.3. Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the dock/Finish Boat immediately after finishing or to the Race Committee Signal Boat on the water.

6.4. Breakdowns will be decided using PR 23, and RRS Appendix D (as necessary). Breakdown consideration will not be given for the failure of knots (except at the head of the main when it was determined there was not an opportunity to check it), or loss of cotter pins and rings.

7. ROTATION

7.1 The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the rotation listed on Techscore. Boat exchanges will occur either on the Community Sailing New Orleans/Tulane Docks, or the Northern side of the outermost Municipal Yacht Harbor Pier

7.2 Specific instructions will be given after each round. Under no circumstances are boats to rotate at Southern Yacht Club, nor the Eastern side of the docks closest to Southern Yacht Club. A discretionary penalty of a race win/loss may be imposed for violation of SI 7.2

8. RACING AREA

The intended racing area will in just to the North of the Municipal Yacht Harbor.

9 MARKS

9.1 Starting and Finish Marks will be Yellow Balls. Marks 1&2 will be Red balls. Marks 3&4 will be Green Balls

10. COURSES

10.1 10.2 The Course will be the standard ICSA Starboard Digital N for Team Racing and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.

10.2. The starting and finishing lines will be between a staff from which an Orange flag is displayed and the course side of a Yellow ball.

11 STARTING SYSTEM

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

12 PROTESTS

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

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.

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

15. Drones

15.1 Drones may be used, however all Federal and Local laws/rules must be followed.

16. SAFETY

16.1 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.

16.2 Starts may not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats

16.3 If in the opinion of a Race Official it is in the best interests for the safety of competitors or equipment that a boat is in need of outside assistance, that boat will be required to accept that assistance and be scored DNF for that race.

17. Coaching

PR 19 shall apply, and it is the intention to have support boats available to take at least one support person and 1 substitute sailor afloat at a time. Should a team need to make an additional substitution, the Regatta Chair may allow for a support boat to pick them up from the harbor to be brought out.

18 OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tulane Sailing operates out of Community Sailing New Orleans. Under no circumstances are competitors or coaches permitted to be inside Southern Yacht Club while the regattas are taking place . Any questions about spectating or where teams can be should be directed to the Tulane Coach. Violation of this policy is subject to the same discretionary penalty as SI 7.