

NEISA Fall Tournament
October 27-28
Hosted by Middlebury College Sailing Club at
Hopper Family Sailing Pavilion

1233 Adams Ferry Road, Panton VT

Sailing Instructions

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the ICSCA Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition, and by these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors, including boat rotations, will be posted on the official regatta notice board for this regatta on Techscore (scores.collegesailing.org).

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

4. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

4.1 FJ's will be provided for all competitors.

4.2 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted, running rigging only.

4.3 The penalty for infringing the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.

4.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water. The penalty for infringing this instruction, unless the Jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

4.5 Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots, the loss of pins or rings, except that the Jury may, but is not required to, grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot. It is the competitor's responsibility to check their boat at each rotation.

5. FORMAT

5.1 The regatta will be sailed in combined divisions due to the amount of teams. Rotations will take place on the water.

5.2 The RC reserves the right to end racing at any time for safety concerns, or to score a boat in its current position in order to not delay races or rotations.

6. ROTATION

6.1 The rotation will be posted on TechScore and at the competitors meeting. Rotate on the water. Odds up, evens down in order to swap with only one other boat.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday

1030 Report Time

1045 Competitors' Meeting (all sailors fully dressed)

1115 First Warning

1700 No Starting Signal after this time

Sunday

930 Report time

945 Competitors meeting

1015 First Warning

1500 no start after this time

On each day we plan on running 2 rotations (4 races), then taking a brief lunch break followed by 2 more rotations for 8 races per day.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be south of Button Bay on Lake Champlain.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The courses will be a W4 with the starting/finish line in the middle of the course. There will be a short beat to an upwind mark with an offset, a run past the line to a leeward gate, and repeat. Finish upwind on the second lap. The line will be open.

9.2 Rounding marks will be orange. The starting line will be between an orange ball and a blue flag aboard the committee boat.

10. START/FINISH

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

10.2 The start line will be between a blue Middlebury College Burgee on the Race Committee Boat and an orange mark at the port end.

10.3 Starting sequence will be by either horn or whistle, and may change.

10.4 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.

11. RECALLS

11.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with PR 18(b)(ii). The Race Committee will attempt to hail the boat(s) sail number(s); however, it is the responsibility of each boat to make a proper start. Failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for granting redress.

11.2 Multiple whistles and the hail of the words “general recall” will signal a general recall. No visual signal will be given. PR 18(b)(iii) shall also be in effect.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 Protests shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules. Protest forms will be available in the sailing shed.

12.2 Protests shall be filed within 20 minutes of reaching the shore after the race in which the incident occurred. Changes PR 30.

12.3 The protest committee will consist of any present coaches without a conflict of interest.

13. COACHING

In accordance with PR 19, a coach boat may be provided as described at the competitors' meeting. A radio will be provided for communication and coaches will be asked to assist with safety and adjusting the course marks. Observation from shore is available at the public boat launch at the end of the road.

14. SAFETY

14.1 A boat requesting assistance from support boats should signal by waving hands overhead.

14.2 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.'

14.3 Starts may not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

14.4 A boat that retires is asked to notify the Race Committee before leaving the course area.

15. Parking/Venue

15.1 All cars are to park off the road inside the fence to the left of the gate on the grass. Only park on the road if there is no more room inside the fence.

15.2 All competitors, coaches, spectators, and support personnel are to remain in the area near the shed, the stairs, the dock or the beach. Do not wander into the field or the other areas of the farm. It is an active, working farm.

16. Middlebury Waiver

16.1 All competitors are required to fill out a special Middlebury waiver before competing. These will be posted on TechScore, and available in the sailing shed on Saturday morning.