



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

### **2022 MCSA Fall Championship**

**November 5-6, 2022**

***Organizing Authority - Columbia Yacht Club and the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association, Inc.  
Hosted at the Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)***

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) in conjunction with the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (MCSA) and Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC).
- 1.2 This regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), ICSA Procedural Rules, ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, General Conditions for ICSA Championships, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Procedural Rule 32 (immediate Penalties For Breaking RRS 42) will be in effect.

#### **2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 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 posted before the first race in which they are to take effect. As a courtesy, such changes will be announced to competitors, but the failure of a competitor to hear such announcement will not be grounds for redress.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 4.1 The regatta format will be a single round robin as per ICSA PR 22 and the event conditions.
- 4.2 The schedule shall be as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
Saturday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	0830-0915	Registration/Check In
	0915	Competitors Meeting

	1000	First Warning
Sunday, November 6 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Report Time
	0945	First Warning
	1500	No Warning after this Time
	Target Time, 1530	Awards

## 5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 5.2 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 5.3 Collegiate Dinghy C420 mainsheets may be rigged with a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.
- 5.4 The penalty for infringing the above instructions shall be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.
- 5.5 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the boat repair 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.
- 5.6 Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots, the loss of pins or rings, except that the Jury may grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot.

## 6. ROTATION OF BOATS

- 6.1 The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the provided rotation sheet on the official notice board and on Tech Score.
- 6.2 The rotation of boats will occur at the Columbia Yacht Club dock.

## 7. THE COURSE

- 7.1 The courses will be W3s, W4s, or W5s and will be announced orally and located on the course diagram(s) on the Notice Board and in Appendix 1.
- 7.2 Rounding marks will be orange.
- 7.3 Any mark of the course may be moved in accordance with PR 18 (c)(i).

## 8. START/FINISH

- 8.1 Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b).
- 8.2 Code flags "A" and "B" may be used to signal each division's start.
- 8.3 The "I" Flag may be displayed at any time. When the "I" Flag is displayed, RRS 30.1 "The Round the Ends Rule" is in effect.
- 8.4 The start line will be between an orange flag staff on the Race Committee Boat and a white mark on the port end of the line.
- 8.5 The finish line for downwind finishes (W4) will be between an orange staff on the Race Committee boat and a nearby whitemark. For upwind finishes (W3 and W5), the finish line will be between an orange staff on the Race Committee boat and the orange windward mark.

- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 Starts may not be delayed due to capsized boats. This decision is at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **9. RECALLS**

- 9.1 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). Failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for granting redress.
- 9.2 Multiple horns/whistles and the hail of the words "General Recall" will signal a General Recall. The "first substitute" flag may be displayed to help with general recalls.

## **10. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES**

- 10.1 Protest shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules except that "Race Committee" in PR 29(b) is changed to "Race Committee Finish Boat."
- 10.2 PR 30 is in effect. Protests shall be delivered to the race office no later than 30 minutes after the last boat reaches the shore after the last race of the day.
- 10.3 Protest forms will be available on the CoLYC rail deck and shall be filed with the Race Committee or member of the Organizing Authority that is present on the rail deck of Columbia Yacht Club.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 Penalties for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 will be in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 10.6 All student-athletes shall register annually with ICSA prior to competing.
- 10.7 A college team representative shall enter completely on the Record of Participation Form the names and class years of all skippers and crews who competed, as well as the races in which they competed. A team failing to properly complete the Record of Participation Form before the expiration of protest time at the end of the regatta, shall be rescored according to PR 33(a) for fleet racing and PR 33(b) for team or match racing. (See also PR 23, PR 24 and PR Appendix D - ICSA FORMS).

## **11. JUDGING**

- 11.1 Coaches of uninterested parties to a protest may need to serve as part of the regatta protest committee.

## **12. COACHING**

- 12.1 In accordance with PR 19.

## **13. SAFETY**

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 [DP] All coaches, competitors, and alternates must wear USCG approved PFDs when afloat.

- 13.3 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".
- 13.4 A boat that retires is asked to notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately upon arriving ashore.
- 13.5 Team Uniforms - All student-athletes competing in ICSA regattas shall wear a uniform designating their college. The uniform shall be a lightweight jersey, bib, or pinnie worn over the lifejacket, or like-colored lifejackets. To designate the college, any combination of the college's name, nickname, mascot, or other identifying image shall be present on the back of the uniform and, except for an individual's name or number, shall be the same for all team members competing. ICSA recommends that the image used to designate the college be at least 8" X 8" in size.

#### **14. MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH**

- 14.1 Races should not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the wind strength in the starting area, and to the best of its belief on the rest of the course, is in excess of an average of three knots (3.45 mph) for a reasonable period of time before the start as measured using instrumentation and while not moving over the bottom or anchored.
- 14.2 If the wind speed is less than three knots (3.45 mph) in the starting area at any time during the last minute prior to the start signal, the start should be abandoned.

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

- 15.1 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.

#### **16. CAMERAS, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, DRONES, AND U.A.V.s**

- 16.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras and/or sound equipment as specified by the OA.
- 16.2 Individuals and their teams are permitted to use personal video/film/camera or sound recording equipment on their boats, however, the video and audio obtained by their personal cameras may not be used during a protest hearing. Video/film/camera equipment includes, but is not limited to, GoPro and other action cameras, U.A.V.s, and Drones.

#### **17. COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

- 17.1 At the regatta venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, all teams must follow the most recent COVID-19 safety guidelines provided by the ICSA.

Appendix 1

