

Hello:

We are excited to host your teams for the Mrs. Hurst Bowl! Mrs. Hurst's daughter, Nancy Hurst Goss, may be around on Saturday. As you all know, this is our second year without Mrs. Hurst, and while bittersweet we are thankful to have the chance to remember and celebrate her this weekend.

If you don't read any further, here are some critical pieces of information:

1. **SATURDAY'S FORECAST IS COLD AND WINDY.** This is improving, but current forecasts suggest temps may be in the 40s when we start racing each day, breeze potentially high teens low twenties. Please come dressed to sail an entire day in those conditions. We may need to go to 420s only for some of Saturday if the high end of the forecast comes through.
2. **11:30 AM Report Time Saturday. Do not show up before 11:00. We will not take a lunch break once racing begins.**
3. **14 Race Maximum for the weekend.** We will plan to switch fleets after 8 races, or Sunday, whichever comes first.
4. Our gooseneck pins very occasionally fall off, particularly in the FJ. We recommend taping them, and if you need tape ask a Dartmouth player. If you need a pin replaced be sure to ask before you go sailing.
5. When your team arrives on Saturday, please rig your 420 and splash your 420, then keep the dolly to rig your FJ, but **DO NOT LAUNCH** your FJ until all of the 420s are in the water.
6. Our boats have sta-masters and they can be fragile. Please make sure you slide the plastic cover all the way down to the deck before launching your boat, most of the damage to the sta-masters happens when the boats are unattended at the docks.

We will be racing in 2 divisions on the water. To start, A division will be in z420s, and B division will be in FJs. Courses will be either W variants or trapezoid variants, based on breeze, and both options will be posted on TechScore, which will be the official notice board.

Competitors **MAY NOT** adjust standing rigging.

Finally, dogs are welcome.

The regatta is on techscore so you should be able to enter your starting teams. I will post the SIs and courses, as well as some other notes, Thursday or Friday. We plan on a 11:40 competitor's meeting on Saturday, with racing to follow. We will plan for a 10:00 first start on Sunday.

Lastly, we are looking for someone to bring a spare tiller or two, and a #7 Blue Ribbon Main. One of our FJ mains has a funny thing going on with the bolt rope - it should be fine for the weekend, but I'd feel more comfortable with a spare if there were someone able to bring one.

Thanks, and let me know if you have any questions!

-Justin

Hi everyone:

A second update:

1. The forecast continues to be cold and windy tomorrow. Please make sure your athletes are prepared to compete in these conditions.
2. We may need to go to one division on the water if the breeze comes through as forecasted. If it is marginal, we may consider having A sail FJs on Saturday given the forecast. These will need to be a "measure on site" decisions - I am sorry for the uncertainty.
3. We will not have judges. To make things fair, I am going to pick teams out of a hat to create a list of judges to hear protests. If your team is not going to have a graduate representative at the regatta, please let me know. Rebecca and I will work to get these lined up each day.

Thanks,

Justin