



**2023 ICSA Match Race National  
Championship for the Cornelius  
Shields, Sr. Trophy  
November 03-05, 2023**



Organizing Authority: Intercollegiate Sailing Association of North America  
Host: College of Charleston (CofC)

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**NOR Amendment #1 – changes in bold RED – posted 10/26/2023 (NOR 4.1, 4.2, 9.3)**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* RRS, including RRS Appendix C, the ICSA Procedural Rules, the ICSA General Championship Conditions, the ICSA Match Race Championship Conditions, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Sailing Instructions, boat assignments and rotations will be available on the event website:  
<https://scores.collegesailing.org/f23/icsa-match-race-national/>
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) and the host is the College of Charleston Sailing Association (CofC).

**2. VENUE**

- 2.1. The primary intended racing area will be in the vicinity of the USS Yorktown in Charleston Harbor. An alternate racing area may be chosen at the discretion of the PRO and the ICSA Representative.
- 2.2. **Course Limits – see NOR Attachment #1:**
  - (a) While afloat, no part of a boat's hull shall sail on the west side of a line drawn from Cooper River marks R36, R38 and R42.
  - (b) These lines are obstructions and are the limit of safe pilotage for the purposes of Part 2 of the RRS.
  - (c) There is no penalty for touching these buoys or objects defining these areas.
  - (d) A breach of this sailing instruction is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2 (while racing), and RRS C8.4 (when not racing). This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.

**3. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Friday, Nov. 03rd	0800-0900	Registration and Weigh-in	CofC Sailing Center
	0900	Competitors' Meeting	CofC Sailing Center
	1000	First Attention Signal	
	After racing	Umpire Debrief	CofC Sailing Center
Saturday, Nov. 04th	0900	Competitors' Meeting	CofC Sailing Center
	1000	First Attention Signal	
	After racing	Umpire Debrief	CofC Sailing Center
Sunday, Nov. 05th	0900	Competitors' Meeting	CofC Sailing Center
	1000	First Attention Signal	
	1630	No start after time	
	Awards will follow racing		CofC Sailing Center

#### **4. SKIPPER'S ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1. **Conference Champions from eligible Regular Member Conferences are entitled to receive an automatic berth to each championship round.**
- 4.2. **All remaining berths and two alternate berths per Championship shall be awarded by the ICSA Match Race Selection Committee.**
- 4.3. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times, except in an emergency.
- 4.4. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the ICSA Procedural Rules.

#### **5. ENTRIES**

- 5.1. Teams wishing to compete may contact Ned Goss (843-270-2172 or [gossep@cofc.edu](mailto:gosseped@cofc.edu)).
- 5.2. The entry fee is \$500 per Team. The skipper will be considered entered at the completion of registration and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments may be made by check, cash or credit card on-site.
- 5.3. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility.
- 5.4. Each skipper is responsible for damage or loss to their boats unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or OA.

#### **6. DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

- 6.1. An initial damage deposit of \$1,000 shall be paid at on-site registration, unless extended by the OA, by a separate check made payable to CofC. The amount of the initial damage deposit is the maximum payable by a skipper for each damage-causing incident the skipper is deemed, by the OA, responsible for. The damage deposit shall be replenished to \$1,000 following an assessment of damages by the OA and prior to any further racing.
- 6.2. When damage occurs, the cost of repairs will be paid from the deposit of the skipper responsible for the damage. If fault cannot be determined from an incident where damage occurs, all boats involved shall be found at fault and repair expenses shall be divided equally among the boats involved. This will not be grounds for protest or redress by any boat. This is added to RRS 62.
- 6.3. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days of the completion of the championship. An accounting of expended funds may be rendered to any skipper not receiving their full deposit back.

#### **7. BOATS & SAILS**

- 7.1. The event will be sailed in J/22's provided by CofC with sails.
- 7.2. If spinnakers are not to be used, RC will make an announcement prior to the attention signal.
- 7.3. Boats will be assigned by daily random draw for all races that day. Condition or assignment of boats or sails shall not be grounds for redress. This is added to RRS 62.1(a).

#### **8. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- 8.1. The total number of crew shall be three or four and shall include at least one female. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 8.2. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in an event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 8.3. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment provided the individual meets all ICSA eligibility requirements to represent the school.
- 8.4. The maximum total crew weight, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 660 lbs. No additional weigh-in will be required unless there is a substitution.

#### **9. EVENT FORMAT**

- 9.1. The Regatta Chairman with the consultation of the Chief Umpire, PRO and the ICSA Representative may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format. The intended format for the championship is set forth below.
- 9.2. The racing days are scheduled as November 03-05, 2023.

**9.3 The intended format will consist of the following stages:**

**Stage 1: Round Robin of 10 Teams.**

**Stage 2: Gold Round Top 6, RR to determine Seeding and Repechage Bottom 4 Teams, Single RR.**

**Stage 3: Quarter Finals Top 8 Team seeded 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5. Knockout first to 2 pts.**

**Stage 4: Semi Finals: Winners of 1v8 and 4v5, 2v7 and 3v6. Knockout First to 2 pts.**

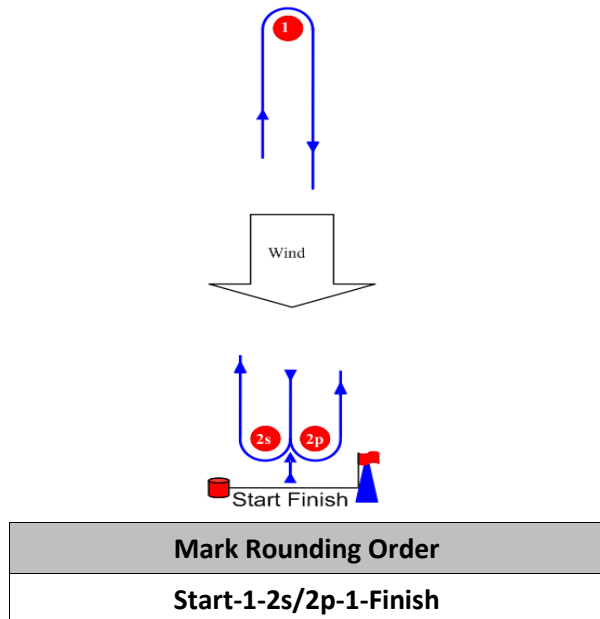
**Finals: Semi Final's winners race for 1st and 2nd, first to 3 pts. Petit Finals: Semi Final's losers race for 3rd and 4th first to 2 pts.**

The sailing instructions may change this format.

9.4 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC.

**10. COURSE**

10.1. The course will be a four-leg windward/leeward course with a single weather mark, a leeward gate consisting of two marks and finishing downwind.



10.2. While the boats are on the first half of a downwind leg the gate or finish line may be adjusted without signals to maintain course geometry. This changes RRS 33.

**11. PRIZES**

The winning team be declared the 2023 ICSA National Match Race Champions and will have their college engraved on the Cornelius Shields Sr. Trophy, which is on display at the ICSA Hall of Fame in the Robert Crown Center at the U.S. Naval Academy.

**12. COACHING & COACH BOATS**

12.1. Coach boats may be provided but individual coach boats will not be permitted.

12.2. Coaching shall be in accordance with ICSA Procedural Rule 19.

**13. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

# NOR Attachment #1 – Venue Map with Exclusion Area

