



Naval Academy Sailing

2026 John F. Kennedy Memorial Regatta

October 30, 2026 – November 1, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Naval Academy Sailing. The host is Navy Offshore Sailing.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is Naval Academy Sailing.
- 1.2. This regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), ICSA Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition (ICSA PR), and this Notice of Race, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available prior to the competitors' meeting and on the event notice board found online at scores.college.sailing.org.

3. CREWS, BOATS, & EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. The event will be sailed on Navy 44 MK2 Sloops provided by the host.
- 3.2. Teams will rotate boats between each racing day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Boats will be drawn at the Competitors Briefing on Friday Morning.
- 3.3. Teams will sail with a crew of nine (9) at any one time and at least two (2) crew members must be female.
- 3.4. One (1) alternate will be allowed during the course of the regatta.
- 3.5. There shall be no crew substitution during any day after the first warning signal of the first race of the day, except in the case of an emergency due to injury to a crew member. This modifies ICSA PR 14.b
- 3.6. Navy 44 MK2 sloops will be used for the competition. All standing rigging will be preset before the regatta to make the boats as evenly matched as possible. Standing rigging, with the exception of the backstay, shall not be adjusted or modified without the authority of the race committee. Bottom cleaning of any kind is not allowed. Equipment, as outlined in Attachment B - NAVY 44 SETUP and PROCEDURES shall not be moved. In addition to the special equipment permitted in ICSA Procedural Rules, competitors are permitted to bring a personal topping lift pennant and the foreguy may be rigged to a 1:1 ratio.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. Every conference is given a berth at Kennedy Cup with berths determined by each conference. McMillan Cup is used as a qualifier for two berths, awarded to the first two teams overall. In the event that a conference doesn't fill their berth, the

openings get awarded in the following order: PCCSC, NEISA, MAISA, MCSA, SAISA, SEISA, NEISA, PCCSC, MAISA, MCSA, SAISA, SEISA, NEISA

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. All team briefings and skipper's meetings will take place in the Offshore Classroom on the ground floor of the Robert Crown Sailing Center.

Friday 30 October	Saturday 31 October	Sunday 01 November
1000 Competitor Briefing 1015 Safety Officers available for dock departure 1245 All coaches removed from competitor boats and moved to the spectator boat 1300 Three Practice Starts 1330 First Warning	0815 Safety Officers available for dock departure (no coaches allowed on board) 1015 First Warning	0815 Safety Officers available for dock departure (no coaches allowed on board) 1015 First Warning 1400 No Start Signal After End of Day Awards Presentation (time TBA)

6. VENUE & PARKING

- 6.1. The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.
- 6.2. Parking is available on Sims Road in unmarked parking spaces or those marked F/S only.
- 6.3. Vehicle access to the yard for visiting teams must be requested 7 days prior to arrival. [USNA Yard Vehicle Access Request for Visiting Teams](#). (password: go2navy!)
- 6.4. All coaches and team members must present a valid REAL ID compliant state ID, a passport, or other accepted government ID to the installation security personnel at the gate to be permitted entry.

7. COACHING

- 7.1. On the water spectator access for coaches and alternates will be made available as space allows.

8. SAFETY

- 8.1. All teams must be eligible to compete in ICSA competitions and comply with the most recent *ICSA Medical Guidance for ICSA Competition*.
- 8.2. Teams will be assigned an on the water safety officer for the duration of the event.
- 8.3. Should Navy Sailing or the assigned safety officer conclude that the crew is not competent to safely compete, the team's entry may be rescinded.
- 8.4. Visiting teams and coaches are expected to provide their own type III PFDs.

- 8.5. PFDs must be donned prior to boarding and closed toed shoes must be worn at all times aboard USNA vessels.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall.
- 9.2. The name of the winning team shall be engraved on the John F. Kennedy Memorial Trophy.
- 9.3. The name of the second-place team shall be engraved on the Lieutenant Jeff Stanley Memorial Award

10. QUESTIONS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 10.1. Navy Offshore Sailing Office
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