

William & Mary Spring Open 2026

Organizing Authority: MAISA

Host: The William & Mary Sailing Team

Site Address: 1010 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

September 19-20, 2026

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, and ICSA.

2. Notice to Competitors

2.1 Notices and changes will be announced verbally at the rotation area or competitor meetings and/or to all competitors on the water, may be posted at the registration table on the beach, and may be posted on the regatta notice board on Techscore.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals made ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the registration table.

4.2 Signals made regarding on-shore postponement shall be announced verbally at the rotation area or via competitor meetings.

5. Schedule of events

Saturday	Sunday
9:00-9:30 Report time	10:00 First Signal
9:30 Competitors Meeting	15:00 No starts after this time
10:00 First Signal	

6. Format

6.1 The regatta shall be sailed in one fleet, divided into A and B divisions.

6.2 The race committee will attempt to complete one full round-robin rotation (with the number of races being equal to the number of participating teams). If time and conditions allow, additional rounds may be started.

6.3 The race committee may shorten or conclude racing at its discretion, even if all planned rounds are not completed.

7. Rigging/De-rigging

7.1 Each team should rig the boat they are assigned to at the beginning of each day and should de-rig the boat they sailed in at the end of each day. William & Mary sailors will assist with rigging and de-rigging.

8. Racing area

8.1 Racing will take place to the south of Kingsmill Marina.

9. Courses

9.1 Courses will be chosen from the course diagram in Appendix A (see below), will be hailed before the beginning of each starting sequence, and may be posted on the committee boat.

10. Marks

- 10.1 Marks will be as pictured in Appendix A (see below).

11. Start

- 11.1 The starting sequence shall be as described in Appendix U of *RRS*, with the warning given 1 minute before the start. Sounds may be whistles and/or horns.
- 11.2 The starting line will be set up as shown in Appendix A. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and by a mark at the port end of the line.
- 11.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the time of the start, the Race Committee will raise the individual recall flag and will attempt to verbally hail the sail number of the boat. Failure to hear the Committee's attempts to hail will not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 11.4 After the first general recall of a race, *RRS* 30.1 will be in effect.

12. Time Limits

- 12.1 There will be no time limits for this event. However, the Race Committee may choose to finish boats on the course if their position in the race has been established, in order to expedite the next start or rotation. Boats that continue to race after such a hail may miss the next start.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 13.1 Protests and requests for redress must be filed within 30 minutes of the last boat reaching the rotation area for each rotation. Protest forms will be available at the registration table on the beach.
- 13.2 If time permits, protests may be heard during rotational breaks.

14. Rotations

- 14.1 The rotation schedule will be posted online at scores.collegesailing.org. There will also be copies of the rotations at the registration table on the beach.
- 14.2 The Race Committee may keep a division on the water for a third race in a row in the same boat and choose not to rotate if deemed necessary due to weather or other credible reasons.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 Scoring shall be completed in accordance with ICSA procedural rules.

16. Safety & Retirement

- 16.1 Coast Guard Approved PFDs must be worn at all times on the water. Proper gear must be worn for harsh weather conditions. Unprepared teams may be sent back to dock at the discretion of the Race Committee. There will be no redress given for such an action.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. This can be done ashore at the registration table if necessary.

17. Disclaimer of Liability

- 17.1 Sailing is an inherently dangerous sport. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS* 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for any material damage nor personal injury nor death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Appendix A: Course Diagrams

Key:	
W	Windward mark
O	Offset mark
Gt	Gate
R	Reach/Gybe mark
L	Leeward mark

Windward/Leeward Courses

Downwind finishes

W2 (Course 1): Start – W&O – Finish

W4 (Course 2): Start – W&O – Gt – W&O – Finish



Upwind finishes

W3 (Course 3): Start – W&O – Gt – Finish

W5 (Course 4): Start – W&O – Gt – W&O – Gt – Finish



Triangular Courses

Course 5: Start – W – R – L – Finish

Course 6: Start – W – R – L – W – R – L – Finish

Course 7: Start – W – R – L – W – L – Finish

