



**SMC Open**  
**September 26-27, 2026**  
**St. Mary's College of Maryland**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ICSCA Procedural Rules and by these Sailing Instructions (SI).

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the rolling white board on the lower deck of the River Center and electronically on the Tech Score notice board as soon as possible thereafter.

**3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted as soon as practicable.

**4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, Sept 26**

1130 Report Time  
1140 Competitors' Meeting  
1200 First Warning

**Sunday, Sept 27**

0930 Report Time  
0100 First Warning  
1300 No starting signal after

**5. FORMAT**

- 5.1. A division will sail in FJ's Sat and 420's Sun. B division will sail in 420's Saturday and FJ's Sunday

**6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1. Collegiate Dinghy FJ's and 420's will be provided for competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Competitors have the option of rigging the mainsheet purchase either 3:1 or 4:1.  
6.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.  
6.3. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to a member of the Race Committee on the water or immediately after arriving ashore.

**7. ROTATION**

- 7.1. Boats will be assigned. There will be no rotation.

**8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The courses will be announced orally and taken from the course diagrams on the official regatta notice board.  
8.2. Rounding marks will be red marks.

**9. START/FINISH**

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with PCR 18(b)(i).  
9.2. The start line will be between an orange staff on the Race Committee Start Boat a green mark.  
9.3. The finish line will be between two green marks on downwind finishes (W-4); or two yellow marks on upwind finishes (W3 & W5) .

**10. PROTESTS**

- 10.1. Protests shall be filed at the Race Committee Finish Boat in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 10.2. Written protests, including requests for redress and breakdowns, shall be filed with the organizing authority as per PR 30.

**11. SAFETY**

- 11.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify so by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

**12. COACHING**

- 12.1. PCR 19 will apply. Coaches may be afloat on OA supplied boats.
- 12.2. The piers and floating docks shall be considered "Field of Play" areas which are restricted to team members including any team staff, coaches, facility staff, race officials, and regatta organizers.

**13. MAISA REPRESENTATIVE**

- 13.1 Coach KJ Jones, USNA