



GRAHAM HALL TEAM RACE
US NAVAL ACADEMY
MARCH 19-20, 2016
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1 **RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016), including Appendix D, and the prescriptions of US SAILING; the Procedural Rules and Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition 2013-2016; except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 RRS D2 will apply for all races. RRS D2.6 will not apply.

2 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located in the lobby of the Robert Crown Center.

3 **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted before the first race in which they are to take effect.

4 **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday

Report Time	0900
Competitors' Meeting	0920

Sunday

Report Time	0900
Harbor Start	0920
No Starting Signal After	1500

5 **FORMAT**

The format will be determined by the regatta chair depending on time and conditions. The following possible formats are listed in order of preference:

- 5.1 A 16 team round robin, potentially followed by top 8 / bottom 8 rounds, and / or final round(s) of four or six.
- 5.2 Two 8 team round robins, followed by the completion of top 8 / bottom 8 rounds and a potential final four or six.
- 5.3 An alternate format determined by the regatta chair.

6 **BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1 Flying Juniors and Z420's will be provided for all 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 on the FJs. The shroud adjusters on the Z420s may be adjusted between races.
- 6.3 The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 or 6.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 6.4 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the dock/boat committee immediately after arriving on shore or to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water.
- 6.5 Breakdowns will be decided using PR 20. Breakdown consideration will not be given for the

failure of knots (except at the head of the main when it was determined there was not an opportunity to check it), or loss of cotter pins and rings.

7 **RACING AREA**

The Racing Area will be the Severn River.

8 **ROTATION**

The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the provided rotation on Techscore. Boat exchanges will occur at locations determined by the Regatta Chair.

9 **MARKS**

- 9.1 All rounding marks and starting mark shall be orange balls.
- 9.2 Finish marks will be yellow balls.

10 **COURSES**

- 10.1 The course is illustrated on the Official Notice Board.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing lines will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed and a ball.

11 **STARTING SYSTEM**

Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).

12 **RECALLS**

- 12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with Procedural Rule 18(b)(ii).
- 12.2 A general recall will be used in accordance to PR 18(b)(iii), except that the "1 minute rule" (RRS 30.1) will not be used. (Changes PR 18(b)(iii))

13 **PROTESTS**

- 13.1 Protests shall be initiated in accordance with RRS D2, except that RRS D2.2(a) is changed by replacing the phrase "display a red flag" with "display a raised open hand."

14 **SCORING**

- 14.1 RRS D3 and D4 shall be used, as modified by PR 25.
- 14.2 Breakdowns will be scored in accordance with RRS D.5 as changed by PR 20.

15 **SAFETY**

- 15.1 Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should so signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2 Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.
- 15.3 Drysuits will be required for all competitors if the air and water temperature are both below 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

16 **COACHING**

PR 19 shall apply