



**2023 College Sailing Women's Dinghy National Championship**  
for the Gerald C. Miller Memorial Trophy  
*Hosted by the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point*  
May 23-26, 2023

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. This regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), ICSA Procedural Rules (PR), ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, General Conditions for the ICSA Championships, Conditions for the Intercollegiate Women's National Championship, and the Notice of Race, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. ICSA PR 32 shall be in effect. The decisions of the protest committee will be final per Rule 70.5 for the Semifinal Round.

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the Notice Board on Techscore.

### **3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. 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**

**May 22** 1800 Competitors' Meeting, Zoom link to be posted on Techscore

**May 23** 1000 First Warning for Womens Semifinals

**May 24** 1000 First Warning

1700 No Start Signal After

**May 25** 1000 First Warning for Finals

**May 26** 1000 First Warning for Finals

1700 No Start Signal After

After Racing Final Round Awards Presentation – Event Tent at Eldridge Pool Lawn

### **5. FORMAT**

- 5.1 The Intercollegiate Open National Championship will consist of two stages: Stage 1, two concurrently-run semi-final First Round events and Stage 2, a Final. Each event in each stage shall be scored as a separate regatta under the ICSA Procedural Rules and Championship Conditions.
- 5.1. For the 1st stage, the Eastern bracket will race May 23 in 420E's and May 24 in FJ's. The Western bracket will sail the fleets in the reverse order.
- 5.2. For the 2nd stage, A division will start in the 420E's, B division will start in FJ's. The fleets will switch on the second day.
- 5.3 Teams placing 1st through 9th in each Stage 1 regatta shall advance to the Finals. Only teams competing in the Stage 1 shall be eligible for berths in Stage 2.

- 5.4 If the minimum number of races are not completed in a Stage 1 regatta, berths to the Finals from the incomplete regatta shall be awarded as follows: 1) to the Conference Champions of MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, PCCSC, and SAISA, and 2) to the highest seeded teams competing in the incomplete regatta as per the ICSA Selection Committee seeding, totaling nine teams..

## **6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1. FJ's and 420E'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 the boatswain immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water.

## **7. ROTATION**

- 7.1. The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the online rotation.

## **8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The courses will be announced orally and taken from the course diagrams on the Notice Board.
- 8.2. Windward Rounding Marks will be Red, Leeward Gate Marks will be Green.
- 8.3. Courses will either be W3, W4, or W5. All courses will have a windward offset and a leeward gate.

## **9. START/FINISH**

- 9.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).
- 9.2. The start line will be between a staff with an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a staff with a yellow pin at the port end of the starting line.
- 9.4. The finish line for downwind finishes (W4) will be between an orange flag on the finish boat and a nearby yellow mark. For upwind finishes (W3 and W5), the finish line will be between an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a yellow mark. 9.5 "With one sound" is deleted from PR 18(a)(ii). This changes 18(a)(ii).

## **10. PROTESTS**

- 10.1. Protests shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 10.2. Protests shall be filed within 20 minutes of boats returning to the shore for a break in racing after the race or set of races in which the incident occurred. This changes PR 30.
- 10.3. Protest forms will be available in the All-American Room on the 2nd deck of the Yocum Sailing Center and shall be filed with the RC Jury representative that is present.
- 10.4. Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 10.5. RRS 66 – Reopening a Hearing is changed to add the following to the third sentence "on May 24 and May 26, the deadline for reopening a hearing is changed to thirty minutes after the decision has been announced."
- 10.6. The posting of the 'Protest Hearing Schedule' of a Request for Redress is considered to meet US Sailing prescription to rule 63.2. Requests may be made orally to the Protest Committee when the hearing is called.

## **11. SAFETY**

- 11.1. 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.

## **12. COACHING**

- 12.1. PR 19 will apply.
- 12.2. Coaching shall be from shore, unless equal access by boat is available for all teams. The intent is for all coaches to remain ashore throughout Stage 1, and for coaches and two

alternates to be on the water during Stage 2. The Race Committee reserves the right to keep coaches land at their discretion during Stage 2.

**13. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 13.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

**14. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 14.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment as specified by the OA.

**15. DRONES AND U.A.V.s**

- 15.1 U.A.V. / Drone operation is prohibited by anyone other than the Organizing Authority or media partners in the race area from May 23, 2023 through May 26, 2023.