



Buckeye Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta

Hosted by The Ohio State University and Alum Creek Sailing Association

3241 Lewis Center Rd, Lewis Center, OH

April 25-27, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) in conjunction with the Ohio State University and the Alum Creek Sailing Association.
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and ICSA Procedural Rules (PR) except as modified by this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3. The following ICSA Procedural Rules shall not apply and the appropriate RRS will be used for this event.
 - 1.3.1. PR 18 b) i) Starting Systems is replaced with RRS 26.
 - 1.3.2. PR 18 b) ii) Individual Recall is replaced with RRS 29.1.
 - 1.3.3. PR 18 b) iii) General Recall is replaced with RRS 29.2 and RRS 30.
 - 1.3.4. PR 18 c) i) Changing the Course After the Start is replaced with RRS 33.
 - 1.3.5. PR 18 d) Time Limits is replaced with RRS 35
 - 1.3.6. PR 23 Breakdowns and PR Appendix D Guidelines for Breakdowns.
 - 1.3.7. PR 21 Conduct of Regattas - Fleet Racing.
 - 1.3.8. PR 22 Scoring Regattas is replaced with RRS Appendix A.
 - 1.3.9. PR 31 Alternate Penalties is replaced with US Sailing Prescription V.

- 1.4. All boats will have an Owner's Representative (Appendix A) on board at all times during sailing. The Owner's Representative will be the owner of the boat or their appointed representative.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available prior to the competitors' meeting, online at the event website (scores.collegesailing.org), on the official notice board, and on the MCSA Schedule.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. All regatta entrants must meet ICSA eligibility requirements and have been allocated a regatta berth to this event from the MCSA Regatta Coordinator. Berth allocations can be viewed by clicking this link.
- 3.2. The 2 week drop deadline for this event is April 11, 2025. The 24-hour drop deadline is April 24, 2025. To drop your berth from this event, contact the MCSA Regatta Coordinator. Drop deadline penalties can be found on the MCSA website.
- 3.3. All student-athletes competing in ICSA regattas shall wear a uniform designating their college. The uniform shall be a jersey, bib, or pinnie worn over the lifejacket.
- 3.4. Regatta fees of \$10 per sailor will be charged at registration.
- 3.6. All participants are required to sign a liability waiver.
- 3.7. Each team will be required to supply a \$500 damage deposit (by check made payable to *Sailing Club at OSU*) at registration. Checks will not be deposited unless damage occurs. Unused checks will be voided at the conclusion of the regatta.
 - 3.7.1. The amount of the initial damage deposit is the maximum payable by a skipper for each damage-causing incident the skipper is deemed, by the OA, responsible for. The damage deposit shall be replenished to \$500 following an assessment of damages by the OA and prior to any further racing.

- 3.7.2. When damage occurs, the cost of repairs will be paid from the deposit of the skipper responsible for the damage. If fault cannot be determined from an incident where damage occurs, all boats involved shall be found at fault and repair expenses shall be divided equally among the boats involved. This will not be grounds for protest or redress by any boat.
- 3.7.3. Any remaining deposit will be refunded within one month after completion of the regatta. An accounting of expended funds will be rendered to any skipper not receiving their full deposit back.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

4.1. Friday, April 25

- 1500 Team Registration Opens
1600 Open Practice Begins
1900 Open Practice Ends
1930 Provided Dinner

Saturday, April 26

- 0800 Report Time and Provided Breakfast
0830 Skipper's Meeting
1000 First Warning Signal
1700 Provided Dinner

Sunday, April 27

- 0830 Provided Breakfast
1000 First Warning Signal
1300 No Warning Signal After This Time
1400 Awards and Provided Meal

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1. Teams will be assigned to boats and given an owner contact two weeks prior to the regatta.

5.1.1. All participating boats will be J/24s and will abide by the J/24 Class Rules.

5.2. The regatta VHF channel will be VHF channel 69. Boats shall monitor this channel at all times while on the water. A hand-held VHF radio as a back-up is recommended.

6. RACING AREA

6.1. The racing area will be at the Alum Creek Sailing Association, 3241 Lewis Center Rd, Lewis Center, OH 43035. Racing will occur on Alum Creek Lake between the dam and the Cheshire Road bridge.

7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

7.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to acknowledge that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in an increased risk of injury. Inherent to the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

7.2. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this regatta to the fullest extent permitted by law. Signed waivers in affirmation of this statement will be required by all participants at registration.

8. SCORING AND TROPHIES

8.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.2 Boats shall receive first-, second-, and third-place awards for the series.

9. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 9.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant the Organizing Authority 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.

10. HOUSING

- 10.1. Housing will be provided on a first come, first serve basis by contacting the primary regatta contacts provided below.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

- 11.1. Visit scores.collegesailing.org for access to regatta information.
Visit the [MCSA Schedule](#) for access to schedule and regatta information.
MCSA Regatta Coordinator: Alden Gort (Email - mcsaregattacoordinator@gmail.com) (Phone - (616)-377-9787)
Regatta Chairs: Ben Conrad, (937) 242-8147, conrad.499@osu.edu
Mason Shaw, (614) 230-4276, shaw.1169@osu.edu

Appendix A

Owner's Representative

Each boat will be provided with an on-board Owner's Representative (OR) who will be the owner of the boat or their appointee. The OR will helm in all docking events. While underway, the OR will position themselves such that they remain, to their best attempt, out of the way, while still being in position to intervene in an emergency. They may move to windward or leeward to assist with the trim of the boat, but may not physically assist otherwise. They have free reign to teach boat handling, maneuvers, and tactics during open practice, but will serve a limited role during racing as outlined below:

1. The OR **shall** help you with:
 - Advise on steering, rules, and right-of-way
 - Avoiding collisions. If the OR instructs you to alter course, you must do so.
 - Taking the helm or intervening if, in their discretion, the safety of an individual or boat is imminently at risk

2. The OR **may** help you with:
 - Boat handling decisions, suggestions, or observations (for safety purposes only)
 - Adjusting the backstay, boom-vang, or rig (for safety purposes only)
 - Debriefing in between races
 - Operation of the engine and steering before the first warning signal of the day or after the finish of the last race of the day

3. The OR **may not** help you with:
 - Tactical decisions, suggestions, or observations
 - Strategic decisions, suggestions, or observations (wind, weather, etc)
 - Boat handling decisions, suggestions, or observations
 - Boat handling maneuvers
 - Acting as your witness in a protest