



2025 College Sailing Open Team Race National Championship

For the Walter C. Wood Trophy

Hosted by Brown University @ the Ted Turner '60 Sailing Pavilion and the Edgewood Yacht Club, Cranston, RI

April 24-26, 2025

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Event apparel provided by Team One Newport

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028), including Appendix D; the ICSA Procedural Rules (PR), the ICSA Championship Conditions, and the Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition; except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. RRS D2 will apply for all races as modified by the ICSA Procedural and Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules. 1.3. In accordance with RRS D4.3(c), results from previous round robin stages shall carry forward, except as provided in SI 5.4.
- 1.3. 1.3 RRS D4.3(b) is replaced with "If the round of 16 is terminated when fewer than 80% of its scheduled races have been completed its race results shall not be included except as described in SI 5.4. If any subsequent round-robin is terminated before 100% of its scheduled races have been completed, its race results shall not be included but shall be used to break ties between teams in the group who all sailed each other in the terminated round robin.
- 1.4. Any questions regarding these SIs should be submitted in writing to the ICSA Representative, Joakim Karlsen Joakim.karlsen@uri.edu and Chief Judge, John Pratt jepratt@yahoo.com
- 1.5. RRS D1.1(d) will apply. The following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:
(1) for room to tack, repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and
(2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

2. REGISTRATION & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. ICSA Board-approved entries shall complete registration on the ICSA Championships website at nationals.collegesailing.org
- 2.2. 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

Wednesday, April 23

1800 Coaches Briefing on Zoom, link to be posted to the Official Notice Board (Techscore)

Thursday, April 24

1000 First Warning

Friday, April 25

1000 First Warning

Saturday, April 26

1000 First Warning

1700 No Start Signal After

Awards immediately following racing – lower level of the Edgewood Yacht Club

5. FORMAT

- 5.1. Teams will be put in two seeded groups (SI Appendix A) by the ICSA Selection Committee. The rotation will be set up such that these seeded groups sail against the others in their group at the beginning of Stage 1.
- 5.2. The format is:
- Stage 1 - a round robin of all 16 teams
 - Stage 2 - a round robin of the top 8 teams from the Stage 1
 - Stage 3 - a round robin of the top 4 teams from Stage 2
- 5.3. If the format in SI 5.2 cannot be completed, the format may be changed to:
- Stage 1 - a round robin of all 16 teams
 - Stage 2 - a round robin of the top 4 teams from the Stage 1
 - Stage 3 - a second round robin of the top four teams
- 5.4. If, in the opinion of the PRO in consultation with the ICSA Rep, after race 56 and prior to race 91, it becomes unlikely that round robin of 16 can be completed, the format may be changed to:
- Stage 1 - a round robin of each of the seeded groups of 8 (this will have been accomplished during the first 56 races of the 16-team round robin)
 - Stage 2 - a round robin of the top 4 teams from each of the seeded groups. Races already sailed will not be repeated. Race results will only be brought forward from Stage 1 in races sailed against teams qualified for Stage 2.
 - Stage 3 - a round robin of the top 4 teams from stage 2

6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. 2025 Zim FJ's with ICSA supplied Zim Platinum mains and jibs and 2022 Zim 420E's with Zim Platinum mains and jibs 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.

- 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 boatswain immediately after arriving on shore or to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water.
- 6.5. Both Zim FJ's and 420E's will be used in Stage 1. FJ's will be used for Stage 2 and 3.

7. ROTATION

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

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Rounding marks 1 & 2 will be orange ball marks.
- 8.2. Rounding marks 3 & 4 will be orange ball marks.
- 8.3. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of a yellow tetrahedron mark.
- 8.4. The finish line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of a yellow tetrahedron mark.

9. COURSE

- 9.1. The Digital N - see course diagram below.

10. STARTING SYSTEM

- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b)(i).
- 10.2. The Race Committee may opt to use a rolling starting system; that is a system where the warning signal for a subsequent race is the starting signal for the previous race.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with PR 18(b)(ii) except that there will be no sound signal (this changes PR 18 (b)(ii)).
- 11.2. A general recall will be used in accordance with PR 18(b)(iii), except that the "1-minute rule" (RRS 30.1) will not be used. (Changes PR 18(b)(iii))

12. REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. Requests for redress shall be filed with the scorer within 15 minutes of the last competitor's arrival ashore after the race or set of races in which the incident occurred.
- 12.2. Forms will be available on the third floor of the building in the Ted Turner '60 Sailing Pavilion.

13. BREAKDOWNS

- 13.1. When a boat suffers a breakdown in the racing area, she may request redress by hailing an umpire or the race committee to that effect at the first reasonable opportunity after the breakdown, until the hail is acknowledged. If possible, she shall continue racing. This changes RRS D5.2 and PR 25.
- 13.2. When a boat suffers a breakdown near the dock or during a rotation, she shall notify the bosun on the dock at the first opportunity.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. RRS D3 and D4 shall be used, as modified by PR 25 and these Sailing Instructions.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should 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.

16. COACHING

- 16.1. PR 19 will apply. Coaching will be from ashore on the grounds or docks of the Edgewood Yacht Club.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1. 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.

18. DRONES

- 18.1. The use of drones is prohibited except by the OA, Broadcast, and media teams.

APPENDIX A – Seeded Groups

Group 1

Harvard

Stanford

Navy

Dartmouth

Brown

Tulane

Tufts

U. Michigan

Group 2

Yale

Roger Williams

Boston College

Georgetown

St. Mary's

College of Charleston

Coast Guard

Bowdoin

Course Diagram

Digital N Course

