

# **2025 SEISA Conference Championships**

## **Hosted by Tulane University**

### **April 4-6, 2025**

## **Sailing Instructions**

#### **1. RULES**

These regattas will be governed by the current version of the Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028), including Appendix D for the Team Race Championships, the ICSA Procedural Rules (2021-2024), and the ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, except as any of these are modified by these sailing instructions.

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

Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located online on Techscore.

#### **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**

##### **Friday, April 4**

##### **Women's Fleet Race Championship**

1300 Report Time

1310 Coach/Team Rep Meeting

1400 First Warning

##### **Saturday, April 5**

##### **Women's Team Race Championship**

0900 Report Time

1910 Coach/Team Rep Meeting

1000 First Warning

##### **Open Team Race Championship**

1000 Report Time

1010 Coach/Team Rep Meeting

1100 First Warning

## **Open Fleet Race Championship**

1400 Report Time

ASAP after Open Team ends: Coach/Team Rep Meeting, First Race to follow soon after.

## **Sunday (If Necessary)**

Report Time 9:00 am

First Warning 10:00am

### **5. FORMAT**

5.1. For the Women's and Open Fleet Race Championships, 7 Races total will be attempted. No racing past 6:30 pm will take place provided at least 3 races have been completed on the scheduled date of racing for that championship. For the Women's Fleet Race Championship, if 3 or more races have not been completed by 1830 hrs. on April 4, the Fall SEISA Women's Championship results will stand as the 2024-25 SEISA Women's Conference Championship. For the Open Fleet Race Championship, if 3 or more races have not been completed by 1830 hrs. on April 5, Racing will resume on Sunday April 6.

5.2. For the Women's and Open Team Race Championship if there are 3 or more teams competing, the format will be 3 round robins. If less than 3 teams, the format shall be a best of 5 series, with the first to 3 wins being crowned the winner and Conference Champion.

5.2.1. If in the opinion of the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire, with consultation from the SEISA President the format needs to be changed due to weather, time constraints or other, the format may be changed. One full round robin must be completed to constitute a regatta.

5.3 ICSA Procedural rules to apply for breaking ties, and scores shall carry forward from each round.

### **6. BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

6.1 18 Zim 420s or FJs 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.

The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 or 6.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

6.3. Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the dock/Finish Boat immediately after finishing or to the Race Committee Signal Boat on the water.

6.4. Breakdowns will be decided using PR 23, and RRS Appendix D (as necessary). 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. ROTATION**

7.1 The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the rotation listed on Techscore. Boat exchanges will occur either on the Community Sailing New Orleans/Tulane Docks, or the Northern side of the outermost Municipal Yacht Harbor Pier

7.2 Specific instructions will be given after each round. Under no circumstances are boats to rotate at Southern Yacht Club, nor the Eastern side of the docks closest to Southern Yacht Club. A discretionary penalty of 5 points in a Fleet Race Championship or for a Team Race Championship a race win/loss may be imposed for violation of SI 7.2

## **8. RACING AREA**

The intended racing area will in just to the North of the Municipal Yacht Harbor.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 Starting and Finish Marks will be Yellow Balls. Windward Marks and Offsets will be Red balls. Leeward Marks and Gates will be Green Balls

## **10. COURSES**

10.1 10.2 The Course will be the standard ICSA Starboard Digital N for Team Racing and a W-3, 4, or 5 for Fleet Racing will be displayed on the Official Notice Board. Fleet Race Courses will be announced orally from the Race Committee boat before each race.

10.2. The starting and finishing lines will be between a staff from which an Orange flag is displayed and the course side of a Yellow ball.

## **11 STARTING SYSTEM**

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

## **12 PROTESTS**

Protests will follow RRS Section A, as amended by Appendix D (as necessary), and modified by ICSA PR Appendix G for Expedited Hearings. RRS D3 and D4 (as necessary) shall be used, as modified by PR 25.

### **13. Drones**

13.1 Drones may be used, however all Federal and Local laws/rules must be followed. Any footage must be shared to all teams competing.

### **14. SAFETY**

14.1 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.

14.2 Starts may not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats

14.3 If in the opinion of a Race Official it is in the best interests for the safety of competitors or equipment that a boat is in need of outside assistance, that boat will be required to accept that assistance and be scored DNF for that race.

### **15. Coaching**

PR 19 shall apply, and it is the intention to have support boats available to take at least one support person and 1 substitute sailor afloat at a time. Should a team need to make an additional substitution, the Regatta Chair may allow for a support boat to pick them up from the harbor to be brought out.

### **16 OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Tulane Sailing operates out of Community Sailing New Orleans. Under no circumstances are competitors or coaches permitted to be inside Southern Yacht Club while the regattas are taking place . Any questions about spectating or where teams can be should be directed to the Tulane Coach. Violation of this policy is subject to the same discretionary penalty as SI 7.