



2012 ICSA Match Racing National Championship
for the
Cornelius Shields, Sr. Trophy

16-18 November 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the InterCollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) and Fort Worth Boat Club (FWBC).

2. VENUE

- 2.1. The venue will be the Fort Worth Boat Club and racing will be conducted on Eagle Mountain Lake in Fort Worth, Texas.

3. EVENT GRADING

- 3.1. The event has applied for ISAF Grade 3. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 4.1. Schedule

Friday, 16 November, 2012

Registration and Crew Weighing	0800 – 0900
Competitor's Briefing/Meeting with Umpires	0900
First warning of Flight 1	1000
Umpire Debriefing	Immediately Following Racing
Event Banquet and Social	1830

Saturday, 17 November, 2012

Competitor's Briefing	0900
First Warning	1000
Umpire Debriefing	Immediately Following Racing

Sunday, 18 November, 2012

Competitor's Briefing	0900
First Warning	1000
No flight shall begin after 1500.	
Prize giving	1600

- 4.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at competitor's briefings, umpire debriefings and prize giving is mandatory.

5. SKIPPER'S ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Ten skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. The skippers will be selected based upon the conditions of the ICSA Match Racing National Championship.
- 5.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in emergency.
- 5.3. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation by returning the entry form, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- 5.5. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1. The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by check, cash, or credit card.
- 6.2. An entry fee of \$350 per team shall be paid at registration.

7. Damage Deposit

- 7.1. An initial damage deposit of \$250 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. The damage deposit shall be replenished to \$250 following an assessment of damages by the OA and prior to any further racing.
- 7.2. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days of the completion of the championship.

8. RULES

- 8.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C, the ICSA Procedural Rules, the ICSA General Championship Conditions, the ICSA Match Race Championship Conditions, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. Sailing Instructions will be available on the FWBC web-site on Thursday 15 November 2012.
- 8.3. The rules for boats, equipment, and the handling of boats will be distributed with the Sailing Instructions, and will also apply to any practice sailing.
- 8.4. Inherently buoyant personal flotation devices (**USCG-certified Non-inflatable Type III or Type IV**) shall be worn by all competitors while on the water. PFDs shall be worn outside all clothing and foul weather gear, except that a thin shirt or team uniform may be worn over the PFD. This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 8.5. Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

9. BOATS & SAILS

- 9.1. The event will be sailed in J/22 type boats.
- 9.2. 10 boats will be provided.
- 9.3. The following sails will be provided: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 9.4. Boats will be assigned by random draw and will rotate as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions. Condition or assignment of boats or sails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 9.5. Boats will be checked in and checked out in accordance with the host procedures. Skippers shall not leave their boats after racing before completing the check-in procedure.

10. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 10.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three or four. All registered crew shall sail all races. Each team shall include at least one female.
- 10.2. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 620 lbs when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 10.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in an event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 10.4. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment provided the individual meets all ICSA eligibility requirements to represent the school.

11. EVENT FORMAT

- 11.1. The regatta format may be changed during the event by the Regatta Chairman with the consultation of the chief umpire and the ICSA Representative to accommodate the weather conditions at the event. The below format is the targeted format for the championship. Records will not carry over between rounds.
 - 11.1.1. *Stage 1*
 - a. All teams shall compete in a single round robin.
 - 11.1.2. *Stage 2*
 - a. The top six teams from Stage 1 (Gold Round) shall compete in a single round robin.
 - b. The bottom four teams from Stage 1 (Repechage Round) will compete in a single round robin.
 - 11.1.3. *Stage 3*
 - a. The Quarter Finals will consist of the six teams from the Gold Round, seeded 1 through 6 based on the results of the Gold Round, plus the top two teams from the Repechage Round, seeded 7 and 8 based on the results of the Repechage Round. The highest seeds will be paired against the lowest seeds, i.e. 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5.
 - b. The Quarter Finals will be a knock-out series. The winner of each pair will be the first team to score two points.
 - c. Concurrent with the Quarter Finals, the bottom two teams in the Repechage Round will race each other in a knock-out series to determine 9th and 10th place overall. The winner will be the first team to score two points.
 - 11.1.4. *Stage 4*
 - a. The Semi-Finals will consist of the winner of the 1 vs. 8 Quarter Final paired against the winner of the 4 vs. 5 Quarter Final, and the winner of the 2 vs. 7 Quarter Final paired against the winner of the 3 vs. 6 Quarter Final.
 - b. The Semi-Finals will be a knock-out series. The winner of each pair will be the first team to score two points.
 - c. Concurrent with the Semi-Finals, places 5th through 8th will be determined by a series of first to one point pairings. The loser of the 1 vs. 8 Quarter Final will be paired against the loser of the 4 vs. 5 Quarter Final, and the loser of the 2 vs. 7 Quarter Final will be paired against the loser of the 3 vs. 6 Quarter Final, both in first to one point matches. The winners of these two pairings will then be paired in a first to one point match to determine 5th and 6th places. And the losers will be paired in a first to one point match to determine 7th and 8th places.
 - 11.1.5. *Stage 5*
 - a. The Finals will consist of the winners of each Semi-Final match paired against each other.
 - b. The Finals will be a knock-out series. The winner will be the first team to score three points. The winner will be the ICSA Match Racing National Champion. The loser of the finals will place 2nd.
 - c. The Petit Finals will consist of the losers of each Semi-Final match paired against each other.
 - d. The Petit Finals will be a knock-out series. The winner will be the first team to score two points. The winner of the Petit Final will place 3rd. The loser of the Petit Finals will place 4th.

12. COURSE

- 12.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 12.2. The intended course area will be the waters of Eagle Mountain Lake adjacent to the Fort Worth Boat Club using inflatable marks.

13. ADVERTISING

- 13.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top-three skippers and crews.
- 14.2. The winning teams names and college shall be engraved on the Cornelius Shields Sr. Trophy.

15. MEDIA, IMAGES & SOUND

- 15.1. If required, video equipment supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- 15.2. If required, competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or Race Committee.
- 15.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

16. COACHING & COACH BOATS

- 16.1. One coach boat will be provided for all competitors' coaches. Other coach boats will not be permitted.
- 16.2. Coaching shall be in accordance with ICSA Procedural Rule 19.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE). The organizing authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. For further information please contact:

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