



**For the Cornelius Shields, Sr. Trophy
November 15 – 16, 2025**

Organizing Authority: Intercollegiate Sailing Association of North America

Host: Saint Petersburg Yacht Club

250 2nd Ave Se,
St Pete, FL 33701

NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organizing Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

(NP) In a rule means that a boat may not protest or request redress under this rule. This changes RRS 60.1, 60.4(a)(2), and 61.1(a).

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Intercollegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) in conjunction with the St Petersburg Yacht Club.

2. VENUE

The venue will be the St Petersburg Yacht Club and Tampa Bay.

3. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Schedule

Friday, November 14, 2025

Check-in and Crew Weighing at SPYC 1500-1700

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Check-in and Crew Weighing at SPYC 0730-0830

Competitor's Briefing at SPSC 0900

First Warning 1000

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Competitor's Briefing at SPSC 0815

First Warning 0930

No flight attention signal shall be made after 1500

Prize giving 1600

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Ten colleges will be invited. Only colleges invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. The colleges will be selected based upon the conditions of the ICSA Match Racing National Championship.
- 4.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 4.3. To remain eligible, a college shall confirm acceptance of invitation by returning the online entry form. <https://collegesailing.org/machform/view.php?id=63982>

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. The college 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.
- 5.2. An entry fee of \$500 per team shall be paid to the ICSA through the online registration system.

6. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 6.1. An initial damage deposit of \$1,500 shall be paid by credit card at on-site registration, 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 \$1,500 following an assessment of damages by the OA and prior to any further racing.

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.

Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days of the completion of the championship. An accounting of expended funds may be rendered to any skipper not receiving their full deposit back.

- 6.2. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days of the completion of the championship.

7. RULES

- 7.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C, the ICSA Procedural Rules, the ICSA Championship Conditions, the, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2. Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website no later than Thursday, November 13th, 2025.
- 7.3. The rules for boats, equipment, and the handling of boats will be distributed with the Sailing Instructions. Class rules will not apply.

- 7.4. Competitors shall wear inherently buoyant personal flotation devices (**USCG-certified Non-inflatable Type III**) 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. Competitors are responsible for providing their own PFDs.
- 7.5. 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.

8. BOATS & SAILS

- 8.1. The event will be sailed in J70 type boats.
- 8.2. 10 boats will be provided.
- 8.3. The following sails will be provided: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- 8.4. Boats will be assigned by random draw and rotate on a daily basis. The Condition or assignment of boats or sails shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61. While all reasonable steps have been taken to equalize the boats, variations between boats, their condition, and/or the assignment of the boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.1(a).
- 8.5. 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-out procedure.

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five All registered crew shall sail all races, except when 10.4 applies.
- 9.2. Each team shall include members of at least two different gender identifying individuals unless all members are female identifying.
- 9.3. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing should not exceed 825 lbs when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 10.4 The registered skipper shall not leave the helm after the warning signal for a match except in an emergency.
- 10.5. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in an event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 10.6. 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.

10. EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1. The Regatta Chairman with the consultation of the Chief Umpire and the ICSA Representative may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round when conditions are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format. The intended format for the championship is set forth below.
- Format:
- 10.1.1. Stage 1: Round Robin of 10 Teams.
- 10.1.2. Stage 2: Quarter Finals Top 8 Team seeded 1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5. Knockout first to 2 pts.
- 10.1.3. Stage 3: Semi Finals: Highest Seed Picks opponents. Knockout First to 3 pts.
- 10.1.4. Stage 4: Finals: Semi Final's winners race for 1st and 2nd, first to 3 pts. Petit Finals: Semi Final's losers race for 3rd and 4th first to 2 pts

11. COURSE

- 11.1. The course will be windward/leeward/ windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind. It is anticipated that the leeward mark will be a gate.
- 11.2. The intended course area will be Tampa Bay, in the vicinity of the St Pete Pier.

12. ADVERTISING

- 12.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing advertising code applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top-three skippers and crews.
13.2. The winning team's names and college shall be engraved on the Cornelius Shields Sr. Trophy.

14. MEDIA, IMAGES & SOUND – RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 14.1. If required, video equipment supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
14.2. 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.
14.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
14.4. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authorities 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.

15. COACHING & COACH BOATS

- 15.1. One coach boat will be provided for all competitors' coaches. Other coach boats will not be permitted.
15.2. Coaching shall be in accordance with ICSA Procedural Rule 19.
16.3. Coaches are not to step onto boats between races.
16.4. Coaches will be allowed on the dock where boat rotations will take place.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1. Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3 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.

17. [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 18.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event
18.2 Competitors and support persons shall [handle any equipment] [or][place advertising provided] by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. For further information please contact:

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