



## The College of Charleston would like to offer a bid for the ICSCA Semi Finals in Late April, 2014.

The event would be held out of the *J. Stewart Walker Sailing Center*, located in the *Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina* at 20 Patriots Point Rd. in Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.



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### Sailing venue and the C of C Sailing Complex

The College of Charleston sails in the Cooper River in the northwest corner of the Charleston Harbor, adjacent to the historic aircraft carrier, the Yorktown. We have 3 different sailing areas to choose from, depending on breeze and current. There is significant current in Charleston to say the least. In the picture above we may sail in the far upper right corner almost under the bridge, in “the marsh”. In

ideal conditions we will sail in center picture directly to the left of the Yorktown, in “The River”. Finally in lighter winds and especially heavy current, we’ll sail around the corner of the marina to the south (lower right in the picture) to “Crab Bank”. If we sail

on Crab Bank it is our intention to engage a sizable barge for coaches/teams to observe from that will also allow easy rotations as well as coaching and spectating. Regular motor boat shuttles to the south end of the marina, and the rest rooms, would be organized for convenience. Rarely do we find less than acceptable sailing in Charleston!



### Weather in late April in Charleston

Normally the spring temperature ranges from the upper 70’s to the upper 80’s. In the month of April some of the very best sailing takes place in Charleston. Since the water is still well below summer temperatures, usually a beautiful southerly 10-15 knot sea breeze will cool things down by 1pm. *Of course here is the disclaimer:* - once a predicted “normal” weather pattern is put to print it will never materialize!

**Sail flow Charleston Harbor--** <http://www.sailflow.com/windandwhere.iws?regionID=111&siteID=1179&Isection=Forecast+Graphs>

**Wind alert (for both breeze and tide)--** <http://www.windalert.com/spot/92445>

## **Other sailors enjoy the sailing in Charleston**

We would be remiss not to point out that the largest keelboat regatta in North America is held annually in Charleston (most likely the weekend prior to the semis in 2014). Charleston Race Week has grown to nearly 300 boats and attracts not only the best sailors in the world, but also some tremendous sponsorship. It would be our intention to benefit from the great support that the Charleston sailing community provides for major events.

## **Great Equipment**

The College of Charleston has on its docks a new fleet (April 2012) of 18 Laser Performance FJ's and a 5 year old fleet of 18 LP 420's. Both fleets are well maintained and will be fitted out with relatively new sails for the event and the 420's will all have brand new centerboards as of March 2013. We have 3-5 coach boats available for our varsity team so safety and rescue will never be a concern.



## **Hotels close by the Sailing Center**

There are a number of different hotels close by the Sailing Center at Patriots Point of varying rates and amenities. Most offer nice discounts if College of Charleston Sailing is mentioned at check in. A sizable list is available. Of course the Charleston Harbor Resort, our "on site" hotel, often offers special rates for C of C events.

## **Charleston- a travel destination**

Recently voted the number one tourist destination in the world (true fact!), Charleston's International Airport (CHS) is 25 minutes from the sailing center and nearby hotels. Inexpensive shuttles regularly run from the North Charleston airport to spots in Mt. Pleasant near Patriots Point. US Air, Delta and Southwest are just 3 of the most popular airlines flying regularly to the northeast and west.

## **Other valuable stops within 10 minutes of the Sailing Center**

There are a number of great restaurants at all price ranges in easy access to Patriots Point and the hotels. Grocery stores, sub shops, car repair shops, marine supply and clothing stores and of course, 2 ice cream stops all close by. The popular beaches at Sullivan's Island are 10 minutes away from the sailing center.

## **Questions? Please contact any of us at the College of Charleston**

*We look forward to the opportunity to the opportunity to host the 2014 Semi Finals.*

*Greg Fisher   Ward Cromwell   Mitch Hall   Ned Goss*