

## Proposal for Schedule Change for ICSA

Statement of Purpose, taken from Bylaws for the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc., last amended 29 May 2012. Emphasis added.

### **Purposes:**

This Association is organized and shall be operated exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and its activities as herein more fully described shall at all times be conducted in furtherance of such purposes:

1. The instruction, training and education of students in colleges and other institutions of higher education in North America in seamanship, safety and the skills and techniques of sailboat racing in intersectional, national and international inter-collegiate competition.
2. The sponsorship, conduct, supervision, development and provision for sailboat racing competition among students in colleges and other institutions of higher education in North America for the purposes of improving and developing the sailboat racing techniques of such college students.
3. The sponsoring and conducting of meetings, discussions, seminars and lectures by means of which students in colleges and other institutions of higher education in North America may be instructed in the skillful, proper and safe handling and racing of sailboats, including techniques of helmsmanship, racing tactics and knowledge of the racing rules.
4. The formation and encouragement of regional organizations which have said educational purposes and which conduct activities similar to those of this Association.
5. The improvement, advancement and encouragement of sailboat racing at colleges and other institutions of higher education in North America and the development of the high ideals and sportsmanship preeminent in sailboat racing competition.
6. By means of the foregoing activities, the identifying, developing and training of potential representatives for US Sailing events, Olympic, Pan American and other international competition.

## **Goals of this proposal**

- 1) Shorten the Spring season
- 2) Break up current Spring National Championship format
- 3) Keep required travel to a minimum

## **Philosophy:**

The current college sailing schedule allows for a developmental period during the fall season and a more focused racing period during the spring season. As many of the sailors in the ICSA join their respective teams with negligible racing experience, this developmental period is essential to their full understanding and appreciation of sailboat racing. Furthermore, having the bulk of our national championships in the spring lets teams strive for a goal all year and culminate their seasons at the end of the academic year, before dispersing for the summer.

## **Fall: (Based on 2014-2015 dates)**

- Weekend 1: Sept 13-14 – Fall Fury/Harry Anderson
- Weekend 2: Sept 20-21
- Weekend 3: Sept 27-28
- Weekend 4: Oct 4-5
- Weekend 5: Oct 11-12
- Weekend 6: Oct 18-19
- Weekend 7: October 25-26
- Weekend 8: Nov 1-2 – Singlehand Nationals (3 Day)
- Weekend 9: Nov 8-9 – Match Race Nationals (3 Day)
- Weekend 10: Nov 15-16 – ACC's, PCC's, etc.
- [Weekend 11: Nov 22-23 – Timme Angsten? May be moved up]

Fall counts backward from the weekend before Thanksgiving. Most years, Weekend #1 is the weekend after Labor Day. Occasionally (as with 2013 & 2014, when September starts on Sunday or Monday) it is two weekends after.

The two nationals dates can be swapped to accommodate hosts if necessary (e.g. northern venues hosting Match Racing).

## **Spring:**

- Weekend 1: March 7-8
- Weekend 2: March 14-15
- Weekend 3: March 21-22 – MCSA starts
- Weekend 4: March 28-29
- Weekend 5: April 4-5
- Weekend 6: April 11-12
- Weekend 7: April 18-19
- Weekend 8: April 25-26 – Last weekend of interconference
- Weekend 9: May 2-3 – Team Race Nationals (3 Day)
- Weekend 10: May 9-10
- Weekend 11: May 16-17
- Weekend 12: May 23-24 – Women's / Coed Fleet Race Nationals (Sat 5/23 – Sat 5/31)

Spring will never finish before everyone takes exams. Just within the MCSA, there are schools with final exams from Weekend 8-11, and a few quarter schools with exams in June. It's best to leave nationals between those sets if possible.

Keeping the two Fleet Race Nationals together, starting on Memorial Day Weekend, allows for 8 days of racing with only four weekdays used. Moving Team Race Nationals to the old Semifinals weekend breaks up the length of the spring event and only adds one extra travel weekend. It also lets teams focus purely on fleet racing after that date.