



The College of Charleston is excited to bid to host the ICSA Match Race National Championship, November 17-19, 2017.

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 sailing venue is located on 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. 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". We can also sail around the corner of the marina to the south (lower right in the picture) on "Crab Bank", or to the south of the shipping channel in the heart of Charleston Harbor. We will utilize additional motor boats for coaches and extras to observe the racing from. 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!

Meet the PRO:

Mitch Hall

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Mitch was the PRO for the highly successful 2015 Match Race Nationals held in Charleston. He is the assistant coach for the Cougars since 2011 and was a graduate of the University Of South Florida. Mitch has won the ICSA Sloop champs and the ISSA Singlehanded Nationals.



Meet the Chief Umpire:

Steve Wrigley

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Steve has served both on and off the water in World Championships, North American Championships and National Championships for: J/24's, J/22's, Etchells, Melges 24's, Farr 40's and many other fleets as an International Judge, International Umpire, US Sailing National Umpire and US Sailing Senior Judge.

We anticipate utilizing the same talented group of umpires assembled for 2015. In fact, many have already committed to joining Steve, and contributing to the event again in 2017 if selected.

Charleston weather in late November

Fall temperatures in Charleston Harbor can range from the lower 50's to the upper 70's and the month of November can provide a variety of sailing conditions. The water has had time to cool off but we can still see nice southerly winds in the 10-15 knot range. Frontal wind conditions are also a possibility. *Of course here is the disclaimer:* - once a predicted "normal" weather pattern is put to print it will never materialize!



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. 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.



- We have 10 identical 2014 Waterline J-22's. We have 10 sets of 2014 North Sails.
- The sails are the same design that won the 2013 worlds with a slightly thicker cloth.

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 and November, of course, is a slower tourist time so deals are much easier to find..

Charleston- a travel destination

Voted numerous times 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, clothing stores, and of course, 2 ice cream stops all close by. The popular beaches at Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms are 10 minutes away from the sailing center.

Budget

We are in the process of creating a budget and generating sponsorship- though we anticipate a similar event to the 2015 Nationals- with a dinner at Carolina YC, similar umpire team and same group of borrowed umpire/power boats.

Lessons Learned from 2015 Match Race Nationals

Obviously there were numerous areas we learned how we might better handle after managing the 2015 event. Marketing, sponsorship and ISAF Match Race registration would be much more organized and better handled in 2017.

Media setup and organization would happen much earlier- in September- and one person would be assigned as sole media representative. A photographer from the college (knowledgeable about sailing) would be employed to ensure the proper photo coverage was achieved. In 2015 this person also helped with the race management and was not able to provide the proper time and coverage.

We look forward to the opportunity to host the 2017 ICSA Match Race Nationals!