

ICSA National Championships – Spring 2023

United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point

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NATIONALS SCHEDULING & VENUE

Dates: late May/early June –Due to licensing week for USMMA students (June 5-9) the events would have to be completed prior to June 4

Suggested dates:

Womens Fleet on May 23-26, Open Team Racing on May 27-29, Open Fleet on May 30 – June 2

Racing Venue and Area:



Designated Spectator Area: YES

Sponsor Boats: possibly YES

- Racing Venue Location & Description

Racing will be located at US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. USMMA has a long history of running top level events at the regional and interconference levels, as well as hosting the 2000 Open Nationals and the 2010 Match Race Nationals. The racing area will be on the Long Island Sound just offshore of the Academy, with specific course placement dependent on conditions.

- Rotation Area Description

Rotations will either be the dinghy docks inside of Hague Basin at the Merchant Marine Academy, or via direct swap on the water. If coaches are not on the water due to weather conditions (see coaching plan), all rotations will be made from docks inside Hague Basin. Docks will be able to be isolated as a “field of play” zone for the duration of event.

- Sailing Area Conditions

Open water venue with variable wind and sea state conditions possible. A variety of wind conditions are possible. Conditions in late spring/early summer will often display 8-15 knot seabreezes, on warmer days. Our seabreeze direction (southerlies/southwesterlies) provides open water racing conditions, with slow oscillating shifts, and sea state ranging from flat water to short chop. Post-frontal breezes (north/northwest/west) provide similarly steady and open water conditions, coupled with choppy sea state and rolling swell on windier days. Occasionally during coastal storms, east or southeast breeze will roll off the hill and providing puffy and shifty racing conditions. Current is usually always a factor, with strength variable depending on tide cycle and prevailing wind direction, maxing out at 2+ knots.

COACHING PLAN:

Coaches will be on the water for Team Racing and both Fleet finals – anchored adjacent to the race course on USMMA coach boats or launches. In the event of heavy winds (>20 knots) and sea state, PRO may elect to hold coaches on land. In this case, coach viewing would be from Mallory Pier, the Yocum Pavilion, or the pavilion at Melville Hall – depending on the location of the race course. If coaches were to be held on land in these conditions, coaching would be from the dinghy docks within Hague basin when boats come in to rotate after each set of races.

PRACTICE EXCLUSION ZONE:

Practice Exclusion zone will be the area of Little Neck Bay and the Long Island Sound, east of Fort Totten, west of the Stepping Stones Lighthouse shoal, and south of City Island and the entrance to Eastchester Bay. Two collegiate teams in addition to Kings Point (SUNY Maritime and Fordham) currently use this general area, overlapping the proposed exclusion zone, to hold regular season practices.

TRAVEL INFO:

LaGuardia International Airport - Approx 30 minutes to venue

Long Island MacArthur Airport - Approx 70 minutes to venue

John F. Kennedy International Airport - Appox. 45 minutes to venue

Newark International Airport- Approx 90 minutes to venue

The town of Great Neck provides many local restaurants, delis and grocery stores. The towns of Manhasset, Port Washington, and Oyster Bay to the east have a strong local sailing community and there is access to various marine-oriented stores.

Local hotels, bed and breakfasts, and Air B-n-B's are abundant in the area close to Kings Point/Great Neck.

Hotels all within 15-25 minutes of venue include:

The Andrew Hotel – Great Neck

The Inn at Great Neck – Great Neck

Holiday Inn Express; Hilton Garden Inn – Roslyn, Long Island

Multiple Marriot, Hilton, Choice hotels – Westbury/Mineola/Carle Place area, Long Island

BOATS:

Fleet Type: 2018 Zim FJs and brand new 2023 Zim 420E's

BUDGET:

Housing Requirement:

PRO & CHIEF UMPIRE and Jury

PRO:

- ICSA approved PRO – KP will assist in finding someone local (SCYC, Oakcliff PROS,) - KP will work with ICSA Championship Committee and President to find CHUMP and organize umpire team, protest rooms and on-the-water judges, etc . . .

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

Kings Point has a long history hosting many high level interconference regattas each season as well as hosting the 2000 Open Fleet Race Nationals and 2010 Match Race Nationals. The venue provides prime open water racing and a variety of potential conditions. The high level of resources and support staff available at the Academy ensure that the event will be run smoothly and efficiently, with the highest standard of excellence.