



The College of Charleston would like to offer a bid for the ICSA Match Race National Championship on 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!

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.

Great Equipment!!



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.

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, 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.

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