

NEISA Proposal regarding PR A1.a.ii.2

NEISA proposes that ICSA direct the Procedural Rules Committee to clarify the language regarding institutional support in PR A1.a.ii.2. Specifically, we request that the Procedural Rules Committee clarify the parameters regarding open regattas held in institutional boats (Team Race Midwinters, Chix only Team Race for instance) and when a host school triggers a competition weekend and what specifically ICSA sailors who are not from the host school can do to avoid putting their program at risk for using a competition weekend. (Assad)

Background: With the increased focus on weekend limits, the language of the season limits legislation has been scrutinized closely. There is confusion over the following: Support includes, but is not limited to, financial expenses (i.e. transportation, meals, housing, or entry fees), use of institutional equipment (not including apparel), and coaching during the event.

While it may seem obvious that this is intended to trigger season limits when a student-athlete takes a school owned boat to an open regatta (taking a school owned Laser to go sail Midwinters, for instance), it does not specify that an open regatta hosted in institutional boats does not trigger a weekend.

For discussion: our intention should not be to limit opportunities for student-athletes to compete on their own time at open regattas hosted in institutional fleets (Chix Only, Charles River Team Race, Norfolk TR, TR Midwinters, etc). However, we should have some parameters/specifications that indicate when a weekend unit will be used and/or conditions which exist to ensure that the spirit of the rule is followed. For instance, charging a reasonable and fair entry fee, etc.

We want to prevent a school from charging \$1 to each sailor to sail in an event that looks just like a college regatta to avoid using a weekend unit, but we want to allow for open regattas hosted at institutions that are genuinely open events.