

# 2020 ICSA Ranking Proposal

**For Discussion:** This past season a group of coaches responded to inefficiencies and shortcomings in the ranking system and assembled the first college sailing poll of Fall 2019. They should be commended for their efforts in assembling an ad hoc committee and finalizing rankings at a time that is still valuable for our schools and conferences. The rankings were missed, and that speaks to their value to college sailing enthusiasts.

In response to their rankings, several topics emerged:

- This process needs transparency.
- There should be women involved in the women's (and coed) rankings.
- We should have an eye towards the geographic representation of the ranking committee.

**Proposal:** Formalize the ICSA Ranking Procedure and address some key topics that make the process and value of the rankings unclear.

- Publish the committee names and ranking procedure at the bottom of the rankings
- Improve gender and geographic diversity of ranking committee. Recruit 2 or more women to participate in the ranking process, especially for the women's rankings. Recruit at least one more ranker who has coaching/competitive experience outside of MAISA/NEISA to sit on the committee.
- Set the dates for the rankings being published in advance so that the process has a clear timeline.
- (Optional) Allow teams to submit ranking memos that highlight exceptional performances in-conference or out-of-conference that may go unnoticed. We create a simple form and allow teams to send this to ranking committee. They then can choose if they are impressed.