

# **College Sailing Regional Teams National Invitational**

## **Proposal**

To hold a promotional College Sailing Regional Teams National Invitational in the spring of 2022. Further to explore in 2022-2023 is the addition of a Semi-Finals and a Women's finals leading to the top 18 ICSA Regional teams whose CSR is 37 onward selected for both a Coed and Women's National Invitational. In subsequent years, consideration will be given to developing a Team Racing component.

## **Rationale**

To create an exciting culminating event for ICSA Regional teams. Enhancing opportunities for regional teams to work collaboratively serves to strengthen ICSA. In turn, it would support the development of regional teams' competitive growth and provide additional targeted fundraising opportunities, especially for student-led teams.

## **Eligibility/Selection**

In this first year, the slate would be 18 teams divided among the conferences using a similar proportional structure as the former berth allocation system (see below for examples). Each conference commissioner and their selection committee will make team selections for this national invitational. Eligible teams will be selected from ICSA Regional teams who are otherwise not ranked in the top 36 of the Coed CSR after Spring Weekend #9. This event shall not count towards the weekend competition limit of 18 weekends and should be seen as a standalone event.

## **Selection Committee**

The selection committee shall include the conference commissioner, one additional coach, undergraduate president, undergraduate vice president, and an additional undergraduate from a student-led team. Current coaches and student leaders are prohibited from discussing or selecting the team for which they work or sail.

## **Selection Criteria**

Conferences shall select a team from

- Selection date - Regional teams in their conference ranked 37 onward in the CSR the Tuesday, April 5, 2022, after Spring Weekend #9.
- After a conference exhausts their regional teams eligible to attend, and should there be an open berth, the selection committee may select a C.R. team outside the top 36 in reverse CSR order.
- Conference selection committees shall inform the ICSA scheduling coordinator before Weekend #10, April 9-10. The ICSA Regatta Coordinator will notify selected teams.
- Any unfilled berths shall return to the host conference after all eligible regional and cross-regional teams in a given conference are offered a berth. A conference shall submit final teams to the ICSA Regatta Coordinator by Tuesday, April 12, 2022, after Spring Weekend #10.

## **Berth Allocation**

The total number of allocations will be determined post the ICSA Winter Meeting after decisions are made regarding conference mergers.

For example,

| <u>Status Quo</u> |     |    |
|-------------------|-----|----|
| MAISA             | 42  | 4  |
| MCSA              | 25  | 3  |
| NEISA             | 31  | 4  |
| NWICSA            | 5   | 1  |
| PCCSC             | 19  | 2  |
| SAISA             | 26  | 3  |
| SEISA             | 10  | 1  |
|                   | 158 | 18 |
|                   |     |    |

| <u>West Coast Merge Scenario</u> |     |    |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|
| MAISA                            | 42  | 4  |
| MCSA                             | 25  | 3  |
| NEISA                            | 31  | 4  |
| PCCSC/NW                         | 24  | 3  |
| SAISA                            | 26  | 3  |
| SEISA                            | 10  | 1  |
|                                  | 158 | 18 |
|                                  |     |    |

| <u>Both Merge Scenario</u> |     |    |
|----------------------------|-----|----|
| MAISA                      | 42  | 4  |
| MCSA                       | 25  | 3  |
| NEISA                      | 31  | 4  |
| PCCSC/NW                   | 24  | 3  |
| SAISA/SEISA                | 36  | 4  |
|                            | 158 | 18 |

### **Host conference selections**

A hosting conference rotation will be developed in collaboration with conference commissioners and undergraduate student leaders to not overlap with the Nationals hosting conference. Teams would submit bids in that conference following the same criteria and timeline as other interconference bids.

For example  
2022 - NEISA  
2023 - MAISA  
2024 - SAISA  
2025 - SEISA  
2026 - PCCSC  
2027 - MCSA  
2028 - At Large  
Repeat

### **Structure and Implementation**

The host conference's top three regional teams 37 and onward based on CSR ranking at the end of the hosting conference's fall season's will collaboratively select a venue, organize the event and strive to include other regional teams in the development and implementation of the national invitational. Hosting would develop buy-in from each conference's regional schools and provide students with leadership opportunities while creating and implementing a national invitational. There is no host berth awarded to any of these teams.

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### **Racing**

While no date is perfect and meets everyone's desires, consideration was given to the limited spring availability and schools' exam times when selecting the 2022 date of April 30 - May 1, 2022. This event will be held at Salve Regina University's sailing venue at Fort Adams State Park in Newport, RI.

Salve has two fleets of boats, 18 - 2020 Larks with new sails and 18 - 2014 F.J.'s with new sails. The ocean sailing venue is directly off the end of Fort Adams, providing all that Mother Nature can throw at a sailor. Newport is a sailors' mecca providing visiting teams with many opportunities to explore the historic area when not sailing. Saturday report time will be 10:30 am, and Sunday report time will be 9:30 am. No race will start after 3:00 pm on Sunday.

**Spectators and Rotations** - There is easy walking access to a spectator area on the tip of the promenade at Fort Adams, next to the boat basin, where rotations will take place for both fleets.

**Coaching** - At this time, it is expected that coaches will remain ashore and will have access to their players between sets.

**Judges** - We will have judges on the water and plan on sailing both divisions simultaneously with a lunch break for teams between divisions. The selection of a PRO is in progress.

**Funding from ICSA** - We are not requesting any funding from ICSA and plan on minimizing entry fees to teams just to cover costs. We will use ICSA insurance coverage for this event as it would be an ICSA sanctioned event.

**Travel, Lodging and Meals** - The closest airport is T.F. Green, a 50-minute drive from the venue. Also accessible is Boston's Logan Airport, 1 hour and 42 minutes from the venue.

**Lodging** - Encouraging teams to leverage their alumni and team members for housing within a reasonable driving distance from Fort Adams to defray costs will be encouraged. For teams traveling with no housing resources, a discounted block of 20 rooms has been reserved at the Quality Inn and Suites in Middletown-Newport. Details for booking rooms will be made available to attending teams.

**Meals** - Meals can be expensive in Newport; however, teams will be provided with a list of reasonably priced locations for dinner. In addition, there are several to-go breakfasts and lunch locations and local grocery store locations will also be provided to teams.

### **Budget Considerations and Entry Fee**

#### **Regatta fee structure**

- Judges 2-3 @ \$150 per judge per day for the weekend = (\$600)
- Awards – Team1Newport partnership
- Gear \$ - (\$1000 for team and judges shirts )
- Porta-Potties - 2 @ \$500 each unless the Fort Adams building is open. Total (\$1000)
- Fuel for support boats - at six to seven boats (\$200)
- Supplied lunches and water for judges and volunteers (\$250)

TOTAL +/- \$3050 Should the projected costs decrease, that will lower the entry fee. The final entry fee will be determined well before the event.

**Entry Fee per team \$170.00**

### **Support Boats and Race Management Crew**

We will use Salve's support boats and add boats from UNH and Mass. Maritime. We will also solicit other support boats from NEISA teams.

Race management will be provided by team members from all three host teams and additional regional teams who have expressed an interest. Support teams will include a shore team for scoring and any maintenance needed. Mark boats, a Judges and media boat and an R.C. boat will be staffed from host schools.

### **Sailors for the Sea**

We plan on submitting our application for Sailors for the Sea after ICSA approval of this national invitational.

### **Media Team**

Dave Curtis from <https://hdfaphotography.shootproof.com> has agreed to come aboard to provide photography for this national invitational.

We are in discussion with additional media resources and plan to have a presence on Facebook and perhaps other ICSA media. A media liaison to all teams will be provided.

## Addendums

1. For a list of all ICSA teams and their classification

<https://bit.ly/3mJCY1C>

2. For a link to CSR teams ranking as of January 1, 2022

<https://bit.ly/3mKStGB>

3. Spring 2022 weekend dates

Weekend 1 - Jan 29-30

Weekend 2 - Feb. 12-13

Weekend 3 - Feb. 19-20

Weekend 4 - Feb. 26-27

Weekend 5 - Mar 5-6

Weekend 6 - Mar 12-13

Weekend 7 - Mar 19-20

Weekend 8 - Mar 26-27

Weekend 9 - Apr 2-3

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022 - Selection date for prospective teams by conference**

Weekend 10 - Apr 9-10

**Tuesday, April 12 - Selected teams confirmed and sent to ICSA Regatta Coordinator**

Weekend 11- Apr 16-17

Weekend 12 - Apr 23-24

Weekend 13 - Apr 30-May 1 **College Sailing Regional Teams National Invitational @Salve**  
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