



INTER-COLLEGIATE SAILING ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.

ICSA Assessment of Risk

To whom it may concern,

It has come to our attention that an increasing number of Universities and Colleges are deeming the sport of collegiate sailing a “high-risk” sport. This designation is becoming a detriment to teams’ ability to operate and function, due to increased insurance costs, reduced training time, increased barriers to participation, and the potential of removal as a University-supported sport.

As an organization, our number one priority is athlete safety, and therefore have an extensive set of rules, regulations, and procedures in place that prevent the majority of risks to athletes. A link to these rules, regulations, and procedures will be provided, we encourage you to review these documents to gain a better understanding of how our organization handles athlete safety ([ICSA Procedural Rules](#)) For example, there are regulations set on PFD’s (personal flotation devices), procedures based on the weather (wind, storms, and temperature), and standard protocols for addressing on and off-water incidents.

We firmly believe that through strict adherence to our established rules, regulations, and procedures, the risks associated with collegiate sailing can be effectively mitigated. Our commitment to athlete safety remains unwavering, and we are dedicated to providing a safe and structured environment for all participants. Your reconsideration of collegiate sailing as a “high-risk” sport and acknowledgment of our safety protocols will greatly contribute to the preservation and growth of this beloved sport within the collegiate setting.

If you have any questions or concerns with our protocols and/or assessment of risk please do not hesitate to contact us. We are more than willing to work with any organization that has concerns to ensure athlete safety is a top priority.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
The Executive Board of ICSA

