



ICSA Competition Committee Report

ICSA Winter Meeting 2025

REPORT:

The Competition Committee has been hard at work this Fall, meeting every other Wednesday at 12pm Eastern, then changing to 1pm Eastern.

The competition committee managed the selection process in coordination with the ICSA Executive Director. New selectors were needed to complete the roster of the selection committee, the ICSA ED sent out the applications and the CC (competition committee) selected the individuals from the applicants. One selector cancelled last minute before the Women's Singlehanded Selection Meeting and was replaced with a previous selector. This selector will need to be permanently replaced for the Spring Selection.

Isaac Clark and Claire Dennis served as the Women's Selection Committee and the Open Selection Committee parliamentarians respectively. They ran the selection meetings to determine the field for ICSA Fall National Championships. The CC worked with the Communications Committee to announce the fields to the ICSA. As usual, the hero of selection is Hannah Lynn, without her organization and spreadsheet systems, the ICSA Selection Process would not be able to occur as it does now.

Allison Jolly and Charles Higgins served as the CC representatives to the ICSA Singlehanded and ICSA Match Race Nationals Championships respectively. The CC worked with these hosts and the Communication Comm to help organize and prepare to run these championships according to the ICSA Championship Conditions.

In November the CC's attention turned to working on the projects assigned by the ICSA Board at the 2024 Annual Meeting. The foremost was to construct criteria that would govern team race selection. The CC worked with the Rules Committee extensively to construct the proper language to reflect the intent. We will be proposing the specific rule changes at the 2025 ICSA Annual Meeting since its implementation can only occur before next year's scheduling drafts.

The CC approved regatta classification changes and team classifications as requested. Those were

SAISA: Rollins approved to Cross Regional

NEISA: UMass Amherst and Bentley approved to Regional

SEISA: Texas A&M Corpus Christi approved to Regional

The CC also worked with the Rules Committee to construct the proper language for the changes approved at the 2024 ICSA Annual Meeting. Those are listed below.

The goal of the ICSA is to be 2 years ahead of ICSA Nationals Hosting Bids. In practice, this means that we should approve bids for the ICSA Fall Championships at the Winter Meeting 2 years in advance and the ICSA Spring Championships at the ICSA Annual Meeting 2 years in advance. For this meeting, the CC recommended bids are below and we are urgently seeking a 2026 ICSA Match Race Championships bid and will be working with the US Sailing Match Race Committee to help identify willing hosts.

At the 2025 ICSA Annual Meeting we NEED:

1. 2026 Match Racing National Championship Bid
2. 2026 Fleet and Team Racing Bid (SAISA)
3. 2027 Fleet and Team Racing Bid (MAISA)

CHANGES COMPLETED TO THE ICSA CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

Changes with consultation and approval from the ICSA Rules Committee.

Deleted: 8.4. "PR 20 (BREAKDOWNS) shall apply to equipment, supplied by the host or OA, but does not include personal equipment."

Added: 1.8 - Open and Women's Team Race Nationals shall not begin earlier than the Wednesday prior to weekend 13.

Added: APPX A 1.17 - The NOR for each championship shall be published and made available to the participating teams by the day of the selection announcement for each respective Championship.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD FOR VOTE THIS MEETING

ICSA Nationals Bids: (see attached below)

1. Fall 2025 Singlehanded Nationals: ODU
2. Fall 2025 Match Race Nationals: St. Pete YC/USF
3. Fall 2026 Singlehanded Nationals: American Yacht Club/Fordham

**FOR FINAL VOTE AT ANNUAL MEETING/IMPLEMENTATION FOR 2025-2026
COMPETITION YEAR**

Team Race Selection Criteria

Potential Changes to Appendix A in Championship Conditions

Example Wording in Italics - to be workshopped by the Rules Committee to capture the intent as voted on by the Board.

1 - Change Championship Conditions/Selection process to use ONLY events that are fully umpired

2.4.1 Results for selection shall only be considered from fully umpired, 3v3 team race regattas sailed on a Digital N course.

2 - Define fully umpired as X

2.4.2 Fully-umpired, for this purpose, is defined as two umpire boats per race with one or more umpires each, none of whom shall be current coaches from teams participating in the regatta, or undergraduates from current ICSA registered colleges and universities.

3 - Conference Championships that do not meet the definition would result in loss of AQ(s) for that iteration.

2.4.3 If a conference championship does not meet these requirements the conference will forfeit the respective Automatic Qualifying Berth for that year.

2.4.4 Championship Conditions Rules 2.4.1 and 2.4.2 are Not Protestable/Redressable

Implementation Thoughts:

- 1. "Fully Umpired" Regattas will need to be listed on each conference and the ICSA schedule in the 2025 Drafts so that teams understand they're signing up for a regatta that WILL count for selection.*
- 2. In consultation with the Rules Committee, it was determined and agreed that the "two umpire boats per race" requirement still grants umpires the discretion to drop one umpire boat off of a race when the expected, eventual outcome of that race has been clearly determined. The general thinking and goal here is retaining the opportunity to expedite the properly umpired start of subsequent races when that is appropriately possible. We have chosen to not explicitly write this complexity into the proposed change in order to keep the new requirement language clean and simple. Proper umpire discretion is implied and assumed.*

Match Race

1. Format Reevaluation with the US Match Racing Committee Chairs

QUESTIONS FOR BOARD

1. Explore ways to expand the Women's Team Race Championship to more teams?

CURRENT ICSA NATIONALS HOST BOARD

Dates	Date	Dates	Event	Bids Due	Host Rotation	Bid	Bid
<i>May 20-27</i>	<i>Spring 2024</i>		<i>TR & FR</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>H/MIT</i>		
<i>Nov. 9-10</i>	<i>Fall 2024</i>		<i>Singles</i>	<i>Jan 1 2024</i>	<i>St. Pete YG</i>		
<i>Nov. 15-17</i>	<i>Fall 2024</i>		<i>MR</i>	<i>Jan 1 2024</i>	<i>SCYG</i>		
April 24-28	Spring 2025		TR	Jan 1 2024	<i>Brown</i>		
<i>May 20-23, 27-30</i>	<i>Spring 2025</i>		<i>FR</i>	<i>Jan 1 2024</i>	<i>SMC</i>		
	Fall 2025		Singles	May 1 2024	Bid	ODU	AYC
	Fall 2025		MR	May 1 2024	Bid	USF	
	Spring 2026		TR	Spring Meeting 2024	SAISA	NEED	
	Spring 2026		FR	Spring Meeting 2024	SAISA	NEED	
	Fall 2026		Singles	Winter Meeting 2025	Bid	AYC	
	Fall 2026		MR	Winter Meeting 2025	Bid	NEED	
	Spring 2027		TR	Spring Meeting 2025	MAISA		
	Spring 2027		FR	Spring Meeting 2025	MAISA		
	Fall 2027		Singles	Winter Meeting 2026	Bid		
	Fall 2027		MR	Winter Meeting 2026	Bid		
	Spring 2028		TR	Spring Meeting 2026	NEISA		
	Spring 2028		FR	Spring Meeting 2026	NEISA		
	Fall 2028		Singles	Winter Meeting 2027	Bid		
	Fall 2028		MR	Winter Meeting 2027	Bid		
	Spring 2029		TR	Spring Meeting 2027	Bid		
	Spring 2029		FR	Spring Meeting 2027	Bid		

Conference	Committee Members
PCCSC	Claire Dennis
PCCSC	Chris Klevan
MAISA	Isaac Clark
MAISA	Scott Ikle
NEISA	John Mollicone
NEISA	Mike Kalin
SAISA	Allison Jolly
SAISA	Jon Faudree
MCSA	Scott Corder
MCSA	Craig Mueller
SEISA	Charles Higgins
SEISA	VACANT

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Clark

Addendum:

2025 ICSA Singlehanded Nationals Bids: ODU

Event(s) you are bidding for	- Singlehanded
Season	Fall 2025
Host School	Old Dominion University
Host Conference	MAISA
Name Submitting Bid	Tyler Colvin
Email	tcolvin@odu.edu
Phone	(802) 373-6246
NATIONALS SCHEDULING & VENUE	
*Fall events (Match Race & Singles) are typically Fall Weekends #8-10.	
*Spring Nationals Hosting Window is May 15 to Friday after Memorial Day	
*Team Race Nationals can also be held on Spring Weekend #13.	
1. Name of Event	Singlehanded Nationals
1. Dates Proposed to Host	November 8-9, 2025
Racing Venue Location & Description	
Venue is the waters off the ODU Sailing Center in the mouth of the Lafayette river.	
Will there be a designated Spectator Area?	Yes
Will there be VIP Boats for School AD and Sponsor VIPs?	No
Rotation Area Description	
No rotations	
Sailing Area Conditions	
greater than 75% chance of wind greater than 9 knots, greater than 50% of wind greater than 13 knots	
COACHING PLAN	
Will coaches be on the water or on land? Will this change depending on race course or championship?	
Coaching will be on the water from coach boats	
TRAVEL INFO	
Please include Airports and time to venue, Hotels and potential hotel deals, areas of restaurants and any other helpful information.	
ORF is 20 min from venue. Numerous hotel options within a 20 minute drive exist both in downtown Norfolk and near the airport	
BOATS	
Fleet 1 Type/# Boats/Manufacturer	Zim ILCA 6 and 7

Fleet 1 Year	N/A
Fleet 1 Owner	N/A
Will Fleet 1 be replaced before Nationals?	Yes
Fleet 2 Owner	N/A
BUDGET	ICSA sets and collects all entry fees. ICSA allocates a set amount to the hosts of each event. ICSA covers Trophy & CSA Rep travel expenses and a daily PRO stipend. Detailed budget information is available upon request. (electrocity@csaheating.org)
Do you understand and accept ICSA's budget policies related to hosting National Championships?	Yes
PRO & CHIEF JUDGE	Please note that all PRO's and Judges need to be approved by ICSA.
Names of Proposed PRO & Chief Judge/Umpire	Proposed PRO is Michael Collins, PRO of the 2022 Singlehanded Nationals. Proposed Chief Judge is Christine Accetta.
MEDIA LIAISON	Host will need to provide a media liaison that can work with sponsor and ICSA media and social media outlets, can you or the host provide this?
Provide Media Liaison	Maybe
ADDITIONAL DETAILS	Anything else we should know about your venue or bid that might help the board choose your venue?
	See previous bid form for more details. Also plan is the same as 2022 Singles

Event(s) you are bidding for	- Singlehanded
Season	Fall 2025
Host School	Old Dominion University
Host Conference	MAISA
Name Submitting Bid	Tyler Colvin
Email	tcovln@odu.edu
Phone	(802) 373-6246
Google Map Link to Venue	https://maps.app.goo.gl/FPJqhpccmCQCPC1B

NATIONALS SCHEDULING & VENUE

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 *Spring Nationals Hosting Window is May 15 to Friday after Memorial Day.
 *Team Race Nationals can also be held on Spring Weekend #13.

1. Name of Event	Singlehanded Nationals
1. Dates Proposed to Host	November 6-9, 2025
2. Name of Event (Required if bidding on more than one championship)	ICSA Singlehanded Nationals
Racing Venue Location & Description	Racing venue is waters off of the ODU Sailing Center at the mouth of the Latahette River where it enters the Elizabeth River. Venue is open water and shallow, average depth around 8-10 feet across the course.
Will there be a designated Spectator Area?	Yes
Will there be VIP Boats for School AD and Sponsor VIPs?	Yes
Rotation Area Description	Rotations will be off of the University pier. There is a 160' floating dock where competitors can rotate. Coaching may be off of this dock as well, pending resources.
Sailing Area Conditions	Historically the prevailing direction is NNE, with a 92% probability of it being >9 knots, a 58% chance of it being >13 knots and a 31% chance of it being >17 knots.
COACHING PLAN	Will coaches be on the water or on land? Will this change depending on race course or championship? Coaches may be on shore or land depending on resources. In 2021 when ODU last hosted singlehanded nationals, coaching was from ashore.
TRAVEL INFO	Please include Airports and time to venue, Hotels and potential hotel deals, areas of restaurants and any other helpful information. Norfolk International Airport is 20 minutes from the venue. There is a hotel on campus as well as many options downtown as well as out near the airport.
BOATS	
Fleet 1 Type# Boats/Manufacturer	Zim ILCA 6 and 7
Fleet 1 Year	NEA
Fleet 1 Owner	NEA
Will Fleet 1 be replaced before Nationals?	No
Fleet 2 Owner	NEA
Will Fleet 2 be replaced before Nationals?	No
BUDGET	ICSA sets and collects all entry fees. ICSA allocates a set amount to the hosts of each event. ICSA covers Trophy & ICSA Rep travel expenses and a daily PRO stipend. Detailed budget information is available upon request (execdirector@collegesailing.org)
Do you understand and accept ICSA's budget policies related to hosting National Championships?	Yes
PRO & CHIEF JUDGE	Please note that all PRO's and Judges need to be approved by ICSA. Name of Proposed PRO & Chief Judge/Umpire Proposed PRO is Michael Collins, Former KP Head Coach and PRO for the 2021 Singlehanded. Proposed leader of the jury is Christine Accetta, International judge and umpire.
MEDIA LIAISON	Host will need to provide a media liaison that can work with sponsor and ICSA media and social media outlets, can you as the host provide this?
Provide Media Liaison	Yes
ADDITIONAL DETAILS	Anything else we should know about your venue or bid that might help the board choose your venue?

2025 ICSA Match Race Nationals Bid St. Pete/USF

Event(s) you are bidding for	- Match Race
Season	Fall 2025
Host School	USF
Host Conference	SAISA
Name Submitting Bid	Allison Jolly
Email	allisonbjolly@gmail.com
Phone	(727) 560-5505
Venue Photo Upload	Pier and Sailing Center aerial.webp
Google Map Link to Venue	https://www.google.com/maps/place/St+Petersburg+Sailing+Center/@27.7695409,-82.6340793,702m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m6!3m5!1s0x88c2e19d3af437c7:0x8f871d0bce8d2692!8m2!3d27.7695362!4d-82.6315044!16s%2F1v5k3fr?entry=ttu&g_ep=EgoyMDIOMTIwMy4wKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D

NATIONALS SCHEDULING & VENUE

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1. Name of Event	Cornelius Shields, Sr. Trophy
1. Dates Proposed to Host	November 14-16, 2025

Racing Venue Location & Description

Tampa Bay, east of St. Petersburg Pier.

Will there be a designated Spectator Area?	Yes
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Will there be VIP Boats for School AD and Sponsor VIPs?	No
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Rotation Area Description

Docks located at St. Petersburg Sailing Center

Sailing Area Conditions

50% of time - easterly - short length waves due to shallow water
20% of time westerly - flat water
20% of time - northerly - shifty winds with mostly flat water
10% of time - southerly - warm winds generally with an approaching front

COACHING PLAN

Will coaches be on the water or on land? Will this change depending on race course or championship?

Coaches will be on designated coach boats

TRAVEL INFO

Please include Airports and time to venue, Hotels and potential hotel deals, areas of restaurants and any other helpful information.

TPA airport about 35 minutes from venue

PIE airport about 25 minutes from venue

numerous hotels and restaurants nearby as the city is a tourist destination

BOATS

**Fleet 1 Type/#
Boats/Manufacturer** J70s

Fleet 1 Year (10) J70 boats 2016

Fleet 1 Owner St. Petersburg Yacht Club

**Will Fleet 1 be
replaced before
Nationals?** No

Fleet 2 Owner not available

**Will Fleet 2 be
replaced before
Nationals?** Yes

BUDGET

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**Do you understand
and accept ICSA's
budget policies
related to hosting
National
Championships?** Yes

PRO & CHIEF JUDGE

Please note that all PRO's and Judges need to be approved by ICSA.

Names of Proposed PRO & Chief Judge/Umpire

PRO - Todd Fedyszyn

CHUMP - Tom Rinda

MEDIA LIAISON

Host will need to provide a media liaison that can work with sponsor and ICSA media and social media outlets, can you as the host provide this?

**Provide Media
Liaison** Yes

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Anything else we should know about your venue or bid that might help the board choose your venue?

successfully hosted this event several times in the last decade

2026 ICSA Singlehanded Nationals: American Yacht Club/Fordham

Event(s) you are bidding for	- Singlehanded
Season	Fall 2024
Host School	Fordham/American YC
Host Conference	MAISA
Name Submitting Bid	Kevin Broome
Email	AmericanYCSailing@gmail.com
Phone	(914) 815-2434

Venue Photo Upload



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Google Map Link to Venue	https://www.google.com/maps/place/American+Yacht+Club/@40.9384539,-73.7078816,14z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x89c290526e73f0dd:0x5870b33cea797018!8m2!3d40.9413472!4d-73.6963266!16s%2F%2F1tffvw43!5m1!1e1?entry=tту&g_ep=EgoyMDI0MTE4wKXMDSoASAFAw%3D%3D
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NATIONALS SCHEDULING & VENUE

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*Team Race Nationals can also be held on Spring Weekend #13.

1. Name of Event	Fall 2025 - Glen S. Foster Trophy and Janet Lutz Trophy
1. Dates Proposed to Host	Fall Weekends #8-10 we are flexible
2. Name of Event (Required if bidding on more than one championship)	Singlehanded Champs - Fall 2026 -
2. Dates Proposed to Host	Fall Weekends #8-10 we are flexible

3. Name of Event Singlehanded Champs - Fall 2027 -

3. Dates Proposed to Host Fall Weekends #8-10 we are flexible

Racing Venue Location & Description

American Yacht Club (AYC) in Rye, NY is located on Western Long Island Sound on the border of CT/NY or NEISA and MAISA. AYC is well situated and able to offer some very competitive sailing at a great regatta venue. Fall often has some amazing sailing conditions. warm water left over from the summer and the cooling temperatures can bring breeze. We have hosted NESSA and MASSA high school laser single handed nationals qualifiers in the past few years with great success.

AYC offers ample lawn space for boats to rig and set up and there are multiple launching sites: a paved ramp as well as two separate, large docks. Additionally, there are multiple hoses for post-racing boat rinsing.

There are multiple rooms within the clubhouse that offer direct views of the proposed racing area (for most wind directions). Lastly, AYC offers a commanding view of Long Island Sound and the dramatic New York skyline, incredible sunsets which can be a treat to visiting sailors who have never been to New York City.

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Google Map Link to Venue	https://www.google.com/maps/place/American+Yacht+Club/@40.9384539,-73.7078816,14z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x89c290526e73f0dd:0x5870b33cea797018!8m2!3d40.9413472!4d-73.6963266!16s%2Fg%2F1tffvw43!5m1!1e1?entry=tту&g_ep=EgoyMDI0MTEwMTE4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D
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Will there be a designated Spectator Area?	Yes
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Will there be VIP Boats for School AD and Sponsor VIPs?	Yes
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Rotation Area Description

Singlehanded champs - no rotation for this format - but sailing area will be plus or minus 15 minutes from shore depending on breeze velocity and direction

We can make a coach boat available to help with any breakdowns and a Zim or ICSEA rep that might be charged with helping breakdowns and repairs on the water. AYC could also work to staff a bosun if thats something that committee would prefer.

Sailing Area Conditions

The wind is best in spring and fall, regularly in the mid to high teens. Often the conditions are particularly favorable because there is strong breeze with relatively flat water in all wind directions, save a true easterly. Water temperature is +/- 65 degrees. There are tidal currents that flow east to west (and vice versa) with a maximum flow of 1.5 knots.

During the Fall we often have some fun 3-4 waves and wind from the East as the tide goes down and the current heads towards CT. In October and November we get a lot of North, East and Northeast winds but wind can range in direction depending on the local conditions. October and November have some of our most consistently attractive wind velocities of the year.

E wind - can be cleanest direction and have the biggest waves

NE wind and waves can be strong, but slightly flatter water than true East or even ENE

N wind tends to be light to medium - flat water, can be shifty

NW winds are shifty can be our biggest range in wind direction and velocity, flat water

W Winds from the W will be land breeze, flat water and shifty coastal breeze

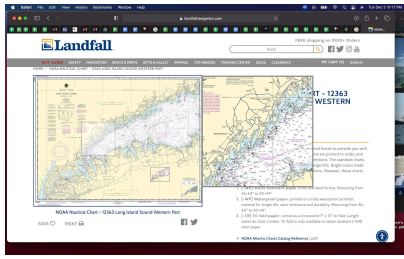
SW winds tend to oscillate a bit

S winds will have medium chop and be pretty stable

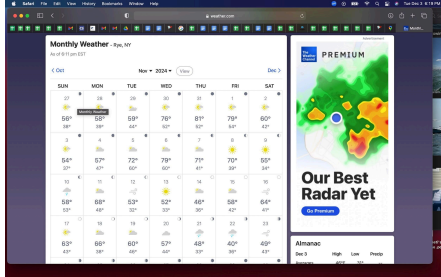
SE winds will have smaller chop and be pretty stable

AYC is an open water venue that has 270 degrees of at least 4 Mile open water fetch in most directions NE-SW and we can get away from shore a good bit on the west/land breeze direction

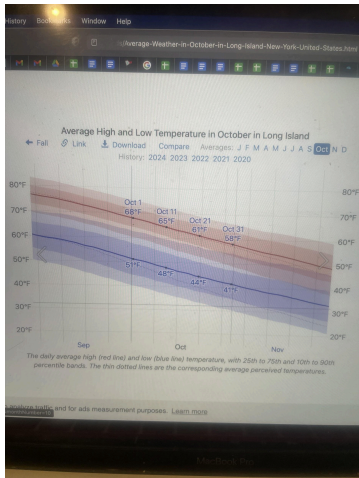
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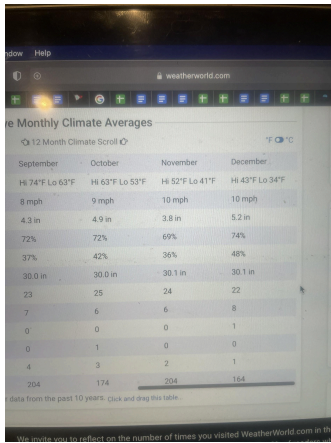
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COACHING PLAN

Will coaches be on the water or on land? Will this change depending on race course or championship?

As long as we don't have really big East - ENE wind and waves, we would endeavor to have coaches on the water in coach boats in a designated coaches area. The club reserves the right to ask coaches to stay ashore or tuck away inside the breakwater. If this were the case we'd give sailors the opportunity to check in between races if conditions were marginal. We think 90 percent if the kids are sailing its fine to have coaches on the water.

Club owns 20+ coach boats of varying sizes. We think we can promise coaches on the water in nearly all conditions.

We also have very experienced staff and a safety and rescue committee that we can lean on that is familiar with doing rescues for lasers all year as we have 75 lasers on property. 30 that sail throughout winter frostbiting.

TRAVEL INFO

Please include Airports and time to venue, Hotels and potential hotel deals, areas of restaurants and any other helpful information.

We know all teams are on a different travel budget and have their own preferences.

American Yacht Club is 20 miles from New York City, so there are numerous options for traveling to the area, including four (4) nearby airports, several train lines and commercial buses. Westchester County Airport (HPN) is in nearby West Harrison (about 20 minutes away). LaGuardia and JFK airports are in Queens, 25-30 miles away with travel time that should be less than 1 hour. Newark Airport is the furthest, approximately 45 miles/1.5 hours away. There are 20+ hotels within ten miles of AYC, with rates starting at \$100/night. We can explore arranging for room blocks as the event approaches.

Westchester County Airport (HPN) and LaGuardia Airport (LGA) are the closest airports, and both have some great flights but teams might opt to go to the other bigger, albeit farther NYC airports, JFK and Newark (EWR). Less than 1 hour drive to all NYC airports; 20-40 minutes to HPN and LGA .

The closest big hotel is Courtland Rye by Mariot located at 631 Midland Ave, Rye, NY 10580 that is a 12 minute drive. 20-25 minutes away are a multitude of hotels in White plains, NY And Stamford, CT. Numerous nearby hotel options that are reasonably priced. November would also have some good AirBnB options for families traveling.

Lots of excellent dining options close by. Half a dozen diners within a 15 minute drive. Medium sized cities close by that offer all types of dining experiences.

BOATS

Fleet 1 Type/# Boats/Manufacturer Zim ---> provided. Thank you Zim!!

Fleet 1 Year lasers

Fleet 1 Owner zim provided

Will Fleet 1 be replaced before Nationals? Yes

Fleet 2 Type/# Boats/Manufacturer BYOB?

Fleet 2 Year Boat locker is a local source

Fleet 2 Owner AYC has 75 privately boats on hand but this is a provided boat event

Will Fleet 2 be replaced before Nationals? Yes

BUDGET

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Do you understand and accept ICSA's budget policies related to hosting National Championships? Yes

PRO & CHIEF JUDGE

Please note that all PRO's and Judges need to be approved by ICSA.

Names of Proposed PRO & Chief Judge/Umpire

Commodore Nick Everett

Clemmie Everett - Harvard 2003

AYC Race Committee Chairman Barry Gold

MEDIA LIAISON

Host will need to provide a media liaison that can work with sponsor and ICSA media and social media outlets, can you as the host provide this?

Provide Media Liaison Yes

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Anything else we should now about your venue or bid that might help the board choose your venue?

American YC has a long history of hosting many regattas big and small. We have a deep Race Committee bench of over 100 members and have the resources and experience to run world class regattas. We are familiar with high school and collegiate style racing and have hosted multiple higher level high school events.

2024 NESSA high school national qualifier - 28 ILCA 6/radials, 9 ILCA 7s/full rigs - 9 races 2021 MASSA high school national qualifier - 30 radials - 9 races, 16 full rigs - 10 races

2014 U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship for the Ida Lewis Trophy American

*provided boats from a manufacturer ~ staff and volunteers helped unload boats

Presumably many of the sailors and coaches at the event will have either sailed at our venue directly, or another adjacent LIS venue and will be familiar with the racing area.

American YC has a strong ILCA/laser fleet at American and has experience running laser regattas throughout the entire year. During the summers we regularly host Junior Sailing Association of Long Island Sound champs with approx 100 boats launching from shore. This experience helps us offer a strong volunteer base on and off the water. AYC has a robust after school high school 420 program that we also hope to inspire some of the local high school sailors to watch some of the sailing from shore.

AYC resources

In house - 5 regional level US Sailing Club judges

In house - 1 US Sailing National judges

Experienced Race Committee and PROs that have years and years of experience running races big and small at our venue.

MarkSetBots - we would most likely use mark bots (club currently has 5) to help keep the racing efficient. We have a successful record of using them without any issues for the past two racing seasons.

Webb sailor 2025 and 2024 ICSA Single Handed 1st place sailor - Daniel Escudero - ILCA 7 is an American YC sailor and has agreed to be on our AYC host committee

We have a number of college sailors that compete at all levels of college sailing. It was a pleasant surprise to see Michelle Lahrkamp one of our sailors on the top of this form sailing with her crew - Grace Austen - one of our past sailors and staff members. We hope that's a good sign that we might be a good fit for this event in the near future. Those ladies are rockstars. We hope to recruit from some of our recent college graduates to help augment our home resources for this fantastic weekend.

Thank you for your time!
