

ICSA Interconference Committee Report

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The Interconference Committee met several times this spring and endeavored to build out the new Cross-Regional/Regional schedule. This was a complicated process, but the result will be more access for the entire ICSA to like vs like competition. Conferences and teams can look at the schedule here: [ICSA Interconference Schedule](#).

The schedule still has a few holes: we need more regional level women's regattas, particularly in the fall. For these to be successful, they need to be in conferences with a critical mass of women's teams, and need to be hosted at a true cross-regional venue (18 even and newer boats, fresh sails, etc.), with championship level race management. A similar need exists for Team Racing in the spring, where there is not enough regional access for coed or women's team races. This is a bigger hole, but the same parameters as above for women are important.

Observers will notice the Fleet Race events have grades, which will be critical to the new Competitive Strength Ranking. While Team Racing will not have a ranking system, we have graded these events as well to make sure teams have an accurate idea of what their level will be like.

Regarding scheduling, NEISA and SAISA have already scheduled, and we have entered the entrants in the CR/R sheet. This will help teams looking to visit regattas, especially the Regional regattas, get a feel for what they will look like. Justin is happy to consult with any team who has questions, or who feels like they do not have access to the level of racing they need. I am confident there will not be any team in the country who does not have access to regattas that will challenge their sailors at their level.

An important note is that unfilled Regional berths will go back to the host conference on September 1 for the fall season, and on Feb 1 for the spring season. This will make sure in-conference teams can make arrangements to attend these Regional events should those berths go unfilled, and will preserve the quality of these regattas.

The committee also recommends that drop deadlines for all CR regattas and R regattas be one month. With the new classification system, most CR teams are stable enough that they should not be awaiting September enrollment to understand whether they can fulfill scheduling commitments (put more cynically, any team waiting for September to see if they can attend regattas is not a CR team). We feel this same logic is applicable for Regional teams traveling out of conference. As always, in-conference CR and R events will be governed by the host-conference's scheduling rules, while the out of conference events are governed by ICSA Scheduling Rules. It is my assumption that interconference no-show rules will apply to every event on the interconference schedule, be it CR or R.

We moved and passed an exception for the ACC Series to allow US Colleges outside the contiguous United States to attend just the first round of the ACCs. Should they not be able to attend the second stage, their host conference (presumably only the PCC, currently), could fill their berth in the ACT. If the PCC cannot fill the berth, it will follow a rotation between NEISA and MAISA until filled.

Moving forward, I anticipate this committee will meet two to three times per year to discuss the schedule and will work to fill the aforementioned needs in our other disciplines. Any and all feedback is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suggested Motions:

Accept this report and the suggestions within, including the adjustment to CR/R drop deadlines and the intention to move to uniform scheduling dates for the national schedule.

Outstanding Scheduling dates for Fall '21:

MAISA: June 15

NWICSA: Late June

PCCSC: June 21

SEISA: End of June.