



2026 PCCSC MATCH RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY 3RD TO SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2026

PRACTICE DAY – OCTOBER 2ND, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is

Pacific Coast Collegiate Sailing Association (PCSSA) & Alamitos Bay Yacht Club
(ABYC)

The Host is

Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC)

701 E Ocean Blvd Long Beach, CA 90803



The 2026 Pacific Coast Collegiate Sailing Conference Match Race Championship will be held on Saturday, Oct 3rd, and Sunday, Oct 4th, 2026, with a practice Day on Friday, Oct 2nd organized by the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club (ABYC). The regatta will feature two days of match racing. Competitors should bring a VHF radio.

The notation '[NP]' in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. SCHEDULE

Friday, October 2, 2026

1200 to 1700	Registration and crew weighing
1200 to 1700	Boats available for practice

Saturday, October 3, 2026

0800 to 0900	Registration and crew weighing
0900	First Briefing and meeting with Umpires
1100	First Attention Signal or as announced at the Briefing
* After racing	Umpire Debrief

Sunday, October 4, 2026

0900	Daily Briefing and meeting with Umpires
1100	First Attention Signal or as announced at the Briefing
1600 (approximately)	Latest time for an Attention Signal
After racing	Umpire Debrief After Debrief
	Prize Giving Approximately 30 minutes after last boat docks

1.1. [DP] Unless excused by the organizing authority, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) First briefing for skippers
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers
- (c) Prize giving for the top two skippers and crews.

2. RULES

2.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix C.

- a) The [ICSA Procedural Rules 8:7:26](https://collegesailing.org/resources) available at <https://collegesailing.org/resources>.
- b) The [ICSA General Championship Conditions 5:19:25](https://collegesailing.org/resources) available at <https://collegesailing.org/resources>.
- c) The ICSA Match Race Championship Conditions available at <https://collegesailing.org/resources>.

2.2. Class rules will not apply.

2.3. The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply during any races or practice sailing.

2.4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: A *protest* is invalid (2) it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was neither involved in nor saw the incident, or

2.5. The US Sailing prescriptions are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/>
a) The US Prescription to rule 63.1(b) is deleted.

2.6. The event [has applied for] [is a] World Sailing Grade <grade (WC/1/2/3/4/5)>. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

2.7. The organizing authority reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted at <https://abyc.org/regatta/72uKn338Xi/#notice-board>.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1200 on Friday, October 2, 2026 at <https://abyc.org/regatta/72uKn338Xi/#notice-board>.

4. COMMUNICATION

4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online at <https://abyc.org/regatta/72uKn338Xi/#notice-board>.

4.2. On the water, the race committee intends to communicate with competitors on VHF radio.

4.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club flagpole located near the main club house.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1. Up to six (6) skippers will be invited.

5.2. Teams wishing to receive an invitation may indicate their interest on the PCCSC Fall Schedule 2026 spreadsheet posted on the official notice board. A maximum of one (1) skipper per school will be accepted and invited.

- 5.3. Only skippers invited by the organizing authority who confirm acceptance as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event. Submission of the entry form and payment of the entry fee shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation.
- 5.4. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 5.5. The entry fee is **\$450.00 USD** payable to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.
- 5.6. The skipper:
- (a) Shall complete registration, pay any entry fee, and arrange for the damage deposit of **\$1,000.00 USD** all in the manner and by the date specified in the invitation letter.
 - (b) Shall insure that all payments except the damage deposit shall be made online as set forth in the letter of invitation. The damage deposit shall be paid to the host club at event registration by credit card. Both the entry fee and the damage deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any practice session or the event.
 - (c) Shall ensure that all crew complete crew weighing between 1200 and 1700 on Friday, October 2, 2026, or between 0800 and 0900 on Saturday, October 3, 2026 unless extended by the organizing authority.
 - (d) Shall complete all other reasonable requests of the organizing authority.
 - (e) Shall ensure that all crew complete all other crew requirements.
- 5.7. All competitors (skippers and crew):
- (a) Shall meet the eligibility requirements of the ICSA Procedural Rules.
 - (b) Shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Eligibility Code 2.
 - (c) Shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [World Sailing - Categorization](#)
 - (d) Skippers shall inform the organizing authority of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.8. Final competitor list will be noted in SI Addendum A.

6. DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 6.1. Each supplied boat is insured by the organizing authority for third-party liability insurance.
- 6.2. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or protest committee. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. If a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 6.3. The remaining damage deposit will be refunded within thirty (30) days after the event.
- 6.4. In the event of a breakdown, the organizing authority may in its discretion substitute another boat for the one with the breakdown.

7. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 7.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be **three (3) or four (4) and shall include at least one (1) female**. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 7.2. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency or when excused by the organizing authority.
- 7.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the organizing authority may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 7.4. When a registered crew is unable to continue in the event, the organizing authority may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. The substituted sailor shall meet all eligibility requirement to represent the school.
- 7.5. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed **660 lbs.**, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the race committee. No further weigh-in shall be required, except upon crew substitution.

8. EVENT FORMAT

- 8.1. The organizing authority intends to provide **J/22 type boats**. Each boat will have the following sails: mainsail, jib and spinnaker.
- 8.2. Boats will be allocated as decided by the organizing authority or the race committee. The intention of the

organizing authority and race committee will be to allocate boats by draw and then rotate between races.

- 8.3. The sails to be used will be allocated by the organizing authority or race committee. The organizing authority or race committee may require rotation of sails for any reason. Rotation of sails by the organizing authority or race committee shall NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 8.4. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 8.5. The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the race committee with the intention of the race committee to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight. The race committee may initiate the attention signal procedure while a match is still racing.
- 8.6. The course will be windward/leewards with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. A leeward gate may be used.
- 8.7. The intended racing area is in Long Beach harbor.
- 8.8. Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on performance at the event during the previous year. If a team did not compete in the event during the previous year, the organizing authority will use its discretion to accomplish the seeding.
- 8.9. The event will consist of the following stages:
- (a) **First Stage** - Round Robin
- (1) All skippers will sail a double / triple round robin.
- 8.10. The race committee may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.



9. ADVERTISING

- 9.1. [NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

10. [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1. Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and co-operation with event sponsors, and shall behave so as to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place any advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11. [NP] SUPPORT PERSONS

- 11.1. The organizing authority will provide at least one (1) vessel for coaching purposes for all competitors' coaches. Other coach vessels will not be permitted.
- 11.2. Support/coach vessels shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing and comply with reasonable requests from the officials.
- 11.3. Any interference by a support/coach vessel with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the protest committee to the associated skipper.
- 11.4. Support persons shall comply with ICSA Procedural Rule 19.

12. DEPICTION RELEASE

- 12.1. Competitors, by competing in this event, grant to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club, perpetually and irrevocably, the unconditional and exclusive right, title and interest throughout the world to use, simulate and portray Participant's name, likeness, voice, personality, personal identification and personal experiences, incidents, situations and events, whether visual and/or audio, including without limitation photographs, videotape, film and other recordings, electronic or optical-based media, or any other form or medium whatsoever, whether now or hereafter existing, and of every kind and character (collectively "The Images"), which may be taken or taken of Participant while participating in any aspect of the event. Images including video may be shared with US Sailing for the purposes of race official training.

13. DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1. Any personal information given will be kept secure. The organizing authority and Host will not sell or rent your personally identifiable information.

14. SAFETY

- 14.1. [DP] Rule 40.1 applies. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water except for brief periods while changing or removing clothing. The PFD shall be the appropriate size for the sailor.
- 14.2. [DP] [SP] Entering and Leaving Alamitos Bay
- Breaches of the following may result in a Standard Penalty of 5% applied by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
 - The Alamitos Bay entrance channel is designated as a no wake zone with a maximum speed limit of 5 mph (4 knots).
 - A series of centerline buoys from the edge of the Alamitos Bay Yacht Club basin to the end of the Alamitos Bay entrance channel (including "A Mark" at the end of the channel) mark the center of the channel. When entering or exiting Alamitos Bay stay to starboard of these when traveling in either direction (see diagram).
 - The Long Beach Transit Ferry operates within Alamitos Bay and is classified as a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver.
 - Interference with Commercial Vessels:** Recreational vessels (boats and support vessels) must not impede the safe passage or operation of commercial traffic at any time. Under **46 U.S. Code § 2302**, violations may result in civil penalties of up to **\$5,000**. Gross negligence may escalate to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment.



15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. The winning team's name will be engraved on the PCCSC Richard Sweet Match Race Championship Perpetual.
- 16.2. The winning skipper will be awarded a berth in the 2026 ICSA National Match Race Championship at the Balboa Yacht Club with race days on November 14-15, 2026. The qualifying skipper shall confirm their acceptance of their berth to the PCCSC Commissioner no later than 1700 on the Monday following this event.
- 16.3. The top two teams will receive take home prizes.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. For further information please contact Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. regattas@abyc.org or +1 (562) 434-9955.

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