

Championship Committee Report

The Championship Committee had a successful year assisting our hosts run great championships. Thank you to Connecticut College, Boston College, Coast Guard, Brown University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology for serving as hosts in 2018. Looking ahead to 2019, we have started to work with our hosts in the initial planning of the spring championships. During the past two years we have conducted thorough debriefs after each event concludes and feel we have learned a lot about how we can help our hosts provide consistent events to the conference from year to year. As a relatively new committee we encourage feedback from the conference as we continue to streamline our process.

1. Spring 2019 Championship Updates

New England Team Race Championship – Leonard Fowle Trophy – Connecticut College

Update from Jeff Bresnehan: The Camels are excited to host the Team Racing NE Fowle trophy.

Coaches - on shore

Boats FJs and Z420s

PRO - Not Committed yet

Chump- Not Committed yet

Umpire Boats - 6 Needed

NEISA Rep: Dave Thompson

New England Women's Championship – Jerry Reed Trophy – Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Update from Mike Kalin: MIT is excited to host the 2019 Reed Trophy.

Coaches - on docks

Boats FJs (2019 Blue Ribbon sails) and Fireflies (2017 North)

PRO - Fran Charles

Chump - not committed yet

Motorboats -- RC - skiff, markset 1 skiff, markset 2 AllCraft, Judge 1 Maycraft, Judge 2 Carolina Skiff. No need for any more boats.

Parking - On Mem Drive, or at Athletic Center (cut out only for team drop offs).

NEISA Rep: Brian Swingly

New England Coed Championship – US Coast Guard Alumni Bowl – Bowdoin College

Update from Frank Pizzo: I have been in touch with Amanda about the need for a Chief Umpire and I know she is working on it. We plan to use our two fleets of Boats. Our FJs are 2011 LP Lake Style FJs with 2014 Gold Standard Sails. Our 420s are 2018 Whitecap 420s with Gold Standard Sails.

Jack McGuire (Bowdoin '17) and Mimi Paz (Bowdoin '17) will be the PROs. Both ran the Barnett Trophy and Urn Trophy to be prepared for this event. I will be the regatta chair. Coaches should plan to be on the water. All rotations will take place at the dock. Bowdoin is getting some new docks this spring so we will have both fleets on the docks and should have a large platform to rotate boats from.

The power boats needs will be significant for this event. We easily have access to 6 boats and we will borrow 2-4 boats from local yacht clubs. We may need a few teams to bring power boats.

Logistics will be similar to the Urn where we will have teams changing in different buildings at the Coastal Studies Center before meeting outside of the Leighton Sailing Center for any competitor briefings etc.

NEISA Rep: Greg Wilkinson

2. Fall 2019 Championship Selections

New England Men's and Women's Singlehanded Championship – Niantic YC (subject to approval)

New England Match Race Championship – update from Frank

3. Committee Opinions

Although we have no current proposals, the committee has formed several opinions about the ways in which our championships are managed, a few of which we would like to pass on to the conference. Again, these are simply opinions of the committee and are meant to offer our suggestions for best practices. They are not rules, regulations, or mandates.

1. Outside PRO – The PRO is defined by the committee as the person making sensitive decisions about racing. Such decisions include but are not limited to calling boats over the starting line, making abandonment decisions, and calls about whether or not a race should be started. The best practice is for someone from the host school to serve as the Regatta Chair and someone who is not currently a coach – paid or unpaid by any team entered in the event – to serve as the PRO. The Regatta Chair can manage things like the overall logistics of the regatta, course location, timing of races, lunch breaks, etc. The Regatta Chair should then defer to the PRO for the decisions mentioned above.
2. Judges/Umpires – The committee will not be involved with the selection of any of the judges or umpires for the championships. As stated in the Procedural Rules, the Chief Judge/Umpire must be approved by the Conference Commissioner prior to the event. The appointment of the Chief Judge/Umpire should happen at least two months prior to the championship. Each judge serving at a championship should have served in at least one other event during that academic year.
3. ALL feedback during a championship should go through the NEISA Rep. This includes feedback about judging and umpiring.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dave Thompson (Dartmouth College)

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