

## NEISA Scheduling Committee Update

The NEISA Scheduling Committee composed of Frank Pizzo and Justin Assad met to discuss some of the scheduling issues and have come forth to NEISA with some proposals. We propose the following:

1. Thompson Trophy. This event is now a team race that alternates between CGA and CC. Both teams should be offered a host berth so long as their fulfill their host obligations from the NEISA Rules and Regulations:

To be eligible to receive a host berth at a NEISA Interconference regatta, a team must fulfill one of the following requirements: Provide a fleet of 18 or more boats. Provide a fleet equal to the number of teams at the event. Provide 6 or more sailboats AND provide the entire race committee for a race course for both days of the event. If a host does not satisfy this requirement, they will lose their host berth in the upcoming year

2. Penalty for backing out of Hosting ACCs: We propose that if a team backs out of hosting an ACC first round or finals/alt finals after the schedule is approved at the NEISA Annual Meeting, that team should not be allowed to participate in the event for the following year in the same discipline (open or women's.) Host teams that have conflicts and may need to back out of hosting these championships after the schedule is approved at the NEISA annual meeting can appeal to the NEISA Executive Committee to be excused from the penalty.
3. We have had some trouble with hosts that are scheduled to host the ALT Finals when their teams have qualified for the finals. We think it is best for NEISA to decide whether the hosts of these events should be given a berth for hosting the event. ***We think this should be discussed and then voted on by NEISA.***
4. The ICSA Schedule group has asked NEISA to consider making the Fall Oberg Trophy a two division regatta. This event is intended to be an event for teams that do not qualify for the ACC Finals/Alt Finals. ***We think this should be discussed and then voted on by NEISA.***
5. We plan to add a one day Women's Fleet Race at Connecticut College on Saturday October 21.
6. MAISA has asked to add a Singlehanded Interconference Promotional Regatta September 23-24 at KP.

Going forward, Frank Pizzo will step away as scheduler on January 1. We will nominate Carter Brock from MIT to become the new NEISA Scheduler. Carter will be supported by Justin Assad and **Greg Wilkinson**. All three will serve on the NEISA Scheduling Committee.