



2026–27 Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta Series

Notice of Series

Published September 25, 2026.

1. Organizing authority

1.1 The organizing authority for the 2026–27 Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta Series (the Series) is the Storm Trysail Club (STC).

1.2 The Callisto Cup is awarded under its Deed of Gift, signed August 21, 2025. This Notice of Series sets the scoring method for the 2026–27 academic year as the Deed requires.

2. Series events

2.1 The Qualifying Events for 2026–27 are:

Event	Dates	Venue	Organizing authority
Great Lakes Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta (GLIOR)	September 25–27, 2026	Chicago, Illinois	STC, Chicago Yacht Club, and Columbia Yacht Club
Long Island Sound Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta (LIS IOR)	October 9–11, 2026	Larchmont, New York	STC and Larchmont Yacht Club
Pacific Northwest Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta (PNW IOR)	November 13–15, 2026	Seattle, Washington	STC and Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle

2.2 The STC Governing Committee has designated the PNW IOR a Qualifying Event under the Deed of Gift.

2.3 An event designated as a Qualifying Event after this Notice is published counts from the following academic year, unless an amendment to this Notice states otherwise.

2.4 An event counts for the Series only if at least one race is completed in the team's class. If a Qualifying Event is not held, it is disregarded, and paragraph 3.1 applies to the events that are held.

3. Eligibility

3.1 To be eligible for the Callisto Cup, a school must sail at least half of the Qualifying Events held in the academic year, including that year's GLIOR and LIS IOR. In 2026–27 that means sailing the GLIOR, PNW IOR and the LIS IOR. Every Qualifying Event counts in a school's Series score under 5.3, and an event a school does not sail scores zero. A school sails an event when its team starts at least one race there.

3.2 Every member of a school's team must be a full-time undergraduate in good academic standing at that school and World Sailing Category 1 under the Sailor Categorisation Code. A school's team may include different sailors at different events.

3.3 The owner's representative, any on-board coach, and anyone else the event's organizing authority assigns to the boat are not part of the team.

3.4 A school with more than one team at an event designates one team as its qualifying team for that event. It does so in writing to the STC executive director (execdirector@stormtrysail.org) before the first warning signal of the event, giving the boat name and skipper. If a school does not designate a team, its team with the lowest event percentage at that event is its qualifying team.

4. Rules

4.1 The Series is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028, the notice of race and sailing instructions of each Qualifying Event, this Notice of Series, and the Deed of Gift.

4.2 This Notice of Series prevails over an event's notice of race or sailing instructions on Series matters, including eligibility and Series scoring. The Deed of Gift prevails over this Notice.

4.3 This Notice does not change how any event is scored or how any event's prizes are awarded.

5. Series scoring

5.1 Race points. For each race, a boat scores $N + 1 - S$ race points, where:

- N is the number of boats entered in its class at that event, and
- S is its score for that race in the event's final results, including any scoring penalty, redress, or tie.

A boat scores zero race points for a race in which its score is DNC, DNS, OCS, UFD, BFD, NSC, DNF, RET, DSQ, DNE, or DGM, or in which $N + 1 - S$ is less than zero.

5.2 Event percentage. A team's event percentage is the total of its race points at that event, divided by N times the number of races completed in its class, multiplied by 100. Every race completed in the class counts. Any discards an event allows in its own scoring do not apply to the Series.

5.3 Series score. A school's Series score is the average of its event percentages at all Qualifying Events held in the academic year. An event the school does not sail counts as zero. No event is excluded.

5.4 Winner. The eligible school with the highest Series score wins the Callisto Cup.

5.5 Ties. A tie is broken in favor of the school with the higher event percentage at the most recent Qualifying Event, and then at the event before that. If the tie remains, it is broken in favor of the school with more first places in races across the Series, then more second places, and so on. If a tie still remains, the Board of Governors decides.

5.6 Standings. The STC executive director, or a scorer the executive director appoints, publishes provisional Series standings on the Series page (stormtrysail.org/regattas/iors/) within three days after each Qualifying Event.

5.7 Changes to event results. Event results are final for Series purposes when the event's time limits for protests, requests for redress, and reopening have expired. If an event's results are later changed by an appeal, the standings are recalculated. If that changes the winner after the Cup has been presented, the Board of Governors decides how to correct the award.

5.8 Corrections. A school may point out a calculation error in the Series standings in writing to the STC executive director within seven days after the standings are published.

5.9 Series scoring and the Series standings are not grounds for a protest or a request for redress.

6. National Division

6.1 The Selection Committee designates up to eight college programs as the National Division for the academic year. National Division designation decides boat allocation only. It is not a class, carries no separate prize, and has no effect on Callisto Cup scoring.

6.2 **National Division standing.** Each National Division program's standing is the average of its event percentages, calculated under paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2, at every Qualifying Event in the academic year. No event is excluded. Ties are broken by the higher event percentage at the most recent Qualifying Event, then the event before that. If a tie remains, the Selection Committee decides. The standing is published with the Series standings after each Qualifying Event.

6.3 **Relegation.** Two National Division places open each academic year. A program that loses its designation under 6.4 accounts for one of them. The remaining places are opened by relegating the programs with the lowest standing after the last Qualifying Event, which are not designated for the following academic year. If two or more programs lose their designation under 6.4, no program is relegated on standing.

6.4 **Withdrawals.** A program that withdraws from, or does not start, a Qualifying Event after accepting designation loses its designation immediately and accounts for one of the two places under 6.3. This applies to a program that withdrew after accepting designation for 2026–27, including before this Notice was published. The Selection Committee may excuse an absence caused by circumstances outside the program's control, such as an event cancellation or a campus emergency. Lack of funding is not such a circumstance. An excused program keeps its designation, and the missed event is scored as the average of its event percentages at the events it sailed.

6.5 **Mid-season replacements.** A program designated during the academic year to fill a vacancy is not subject to 6.3 that year.

6.6 **Short seasons.** If fewer than two Qualifying Events are completed in the academic year, 6.3 does not apply.

6.7 **Promotion.** Places open for 2027–28, including places left by withdrawals, are offered in order to the Regional programs with the highest average event percentage over at least two Qualifying Events in 2026–27. The events a program sailed while designated under 6.5 count. To accept, a program must, by February 1, 2027:

- request an invitation to every Qualifying Event of 2027–28,
- commit in writing to sail all of them, and
- confirm in writing that its school has approved the travel funding.

If a program cannot meet all three, the offer passes to the next program. If relegation would leave a host region without a National Division program, the Selection Committee may give one place to the highest-placed qualified program from that region. The Selection Committee fills any place still open using its published criteria.

6.8 Designation, promotion, and relegation are decisions of the Selection Committee and are not grounds for a protest or a request for redress.

7. Awards

7.1 The Callisto Cup is presented at the awards of the last Qualifying Event of the academic year, or as the STC flag officers decide. For 2026–27 that is the PNW IOR on November 15, 2026.

7.2 The winning school receives a keeper trophy. The year, school, and yacht or yachts sailed are engraved on the Cup.

8. Changes to this Notice

8.1 The STC flag officers, with the consent of Jim and Kate Murray, the donors of the Callisto Cup, may amend this Notice until November 12, 2026. Amendments are posted on the Series page.

8.2 The scoring method in section 5 will not be changed, except to correct an error.

8.3 After November 12, 2026, this Notice will not be amended, except to correct an error. Any other change waits for the 2027–28 Notice of Series.

9. Contact

STC executive director, execdirector@stormtrysail.org. Series page: stormtrysail.org/regattas/iors/

Appendix: Scoring example

A boat finishes 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1 in a 12-boat class over six races.

- Race points: $12 + 11 + 11 + 12 + 12 + 12 = 70$
- Maximum possible: $12 \times 6 = 72$
- Event percentage: $70 \div 72 \times 100 = 97.22\%$

At another event, the same school's boat finishes 6, 1, 2, 4, 2, 1, 6 in a 9-boat class over seven races.

- Race points: $4 + 9 + 8 + 6 + 8 + 9 + 4 = 48$
- Maximum possible: $9 \times 7 = 63$
- Event percentage: $48 \div 63 \times 100 = 76.19\%$

If the school scores 80.00% at a third event, its Series score is $(97.22 + 76.19 + 80.00) \div 3 = 84.47$. If it does not sail the third event, that event counts as zero and its Series score is $(97.22 + 76.19 + 0) \div 3 = 57.80$.

A boat disqualified in a race scores zero race points for that race. The race still counts in the maximum possible.