

## 2018 ACA National Canoe Sailing Committee, Non-Olympic

A sailing canoe is a canoe with a sail rig. Leeboards, not centerboards, are used to keep the hull going straight. Since 1870 canoeists have raced in sailing canoes. International sail canoe racing started in 1886 and has continued in the World Championships since 1961.

Four types of sail rigs used vary in the amount of sail area. They are the International decked canoe, Cruising Class, ACA Class and 5 Meter (C) Class.

About 75 participants race in Cruising, International Decked Canoe, 5 Meter, and ACA classes.

About 35 sailors are most active racers on a regular basis. Open canoe sailors race in eleven series of races, 36 races, on the east coast in NY and NJ. We compete in Atlantic and Delaware Valley Division Championship races as well as National Championship and local races.

The International Decked Sailing Canoe, IC, has eleven active racing sailors on the west coast and about eleven on the east coast. The International Canoe sailors competed in the IC Federation 2017 World Championships. Open canoe sailors have had two races with Great Britain.

The International Canoe, the IC, is one of the fastest sailing monohulls on the water. The sailor sits on a sliding seat hanging out over the water. The canoe is covered with a deck.

The Cruising Class (4 meter) canoe, the most traditional, is symmetrical and has a leeboard. The sailor steers with a paddle which is held in one hand. The sail area is determined by the length and width of the canoe.

The ACA Class is designed primarily for tripping with a camp outfit. It is popular for racing since sailors are competing with the same sail design. Many sailors use this sail for recreation. We have sold over 450 ACA sails in the US and other countries.

Class C, or 5 meter, sailing canoes, have up to 55 square feet of sail of any design.

We have three websites. One is connected from ACA Competition, nonOlympic/canoesailing, also <http://canusail.org> and [www.intcanoe.org](http://www.intcanoe.org). Our newsletter, Canoe Sailor, on two websites, is mailed to formerly active sailors.

The most open canoe sailing is at the ACA Camp at Lake Sebago in Sloatsburg, NY. That website is <http://aca-atlanticdivisionblog.com/aca-camp-at-lake-sebago/> Sailors race almost every weekend from June 30 through Labor Day Weekend.

Other open canoe sailing is in the Delaware Valley Division. International Canoe racing is active in New England, the northwest Pacific and San Diego area. Recreational canoe sailors along the Gulf Coast from Louisiana to Florida go cruising and camping.

ACA National Sailing Committee plans for 2019 include getting more open boats for new sailors in the Atlantic Division, more participation at Sugar Island and recruiting more people into open canoe racing who have sailed other racing canoes. More participation at introductory events is planned.