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SailBot 2011 - The 5th International Robotic Sailing Competition June 13-16, 2011 – United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland

Building on the success of previous SailBot Regattas, SailBot 2011, the North American competition for robotic sailboats will be held at the United States Naval Academy from June 13-16, 2011 in Annapolis, MD.

SailBot is an international competition for autonomously controlled sailboats. Aimed primarily at undergraduate student teams, the goal is to give engineering students a practical application of the topics they have learned, while also providing a fun way to learn project management in a multidisciplinary environment. A successful SailBot balances the needs of naval architecture, mechanical engineering, systems and electrical engineering, as well as project management.

The competition is open to the 2 meter SailBot Class and an Open Class (boats up to 4 meters in length). It will consist of five events to test various aspects of the design, construction and control logic. There is no entry fee to participate.

The 2011 confirmed participants include student teams from the United States Naval Academy (host school), Memorial University of Newfoundland, Queen's University, and the University of British Columbia.

2009 Past Winners:

Overall Scores:

United States Naval Academy ("Luce Canon"): 28.6 points
United States Naval Academy ("First Time"): 26 points
Queen's University ("North Star"): 24.5 points
University of Wales, Aberystwyth ("MOOP 2"): 13.6 points
University of Wales, Aberystwyth ("MOOP1"): 12.9 points

Events:

Presentation Winner: USNA
Match Racing Winner: USNA (Luce Canon)
Station Keeping Winner: USNA (Luce Canon)
Long Distance Race Winner: USNA (First Time)
Open Class Winner: University of Wales, Aberystwyth

2008 Past Winners:

Overall Scores:

Queen's University: 25.5 points
United States Naval Academy: 24.5 points
University of British Columbia: 13 points

Events:

Presentation Winner: Queen's
Match Racing Winner: USNA
Station Keeping Winner: Queen's
Long Distance Race Winner: USNA
Exhibition Class Winner: UBC

For more information and details:

[Contact – Prof. Paul Miller, 2011 Event Chairman](#)

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