



TRAVERSE AREA
SAILING TEAM



Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA)

CHERRYLAND INVITATIONAL

Qualifier for the MISSA Great Lakes Championship
& The US Coast Guard Academy Larry White Trophy Regatta

Organizing Authority - MISSA (Tier 2 Event)

Hosted by - Grand Traverse Yacht Club (GTYC),

& Traverse Area Community Sailing (TACS)

West Grand Traverse Bay or Boardman Lake - Traverse City

September 12 - 13, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Final — 09/11/2015 - 0700

1 - RULES —

- 1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including the ISSA Procedural Rules and the Club 420 Class Rules. In the case of conflict, ISSA Procedural Rules will take precedence.
- 1.2 - The United States Sailing Association (USSailing) prescription to RRS 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 - The RRS will be changed as follows. The SIs may also change other rules.
 - a - Race Signals - Flag AP - when displayed ashore, 'one minute' will be changed to 'not less than thirty (30) minutes'.
 - b - RRS 32.1 - Courses will not be shortened.
 - c - RRS 35 - Time Limits are changed.

2 - Notices To Competitors — will be posted on the official notice board located in the hallway of GTYC.

3 - Changes to Sailing Instructions — Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to ninety (90) minutes before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 - Signals Made Ashore —

- 4.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed from the GTYC flag pole.
- 4.2 - When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than thirty (30) minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

5 - Schedule Of Races —

Day	Time	Event	Notes
Sat/12th	0800	Competitor Check-in	
	0900	Competitors Meeting	MANDATORY
	1030	First Warning Races will continue through the day.	
Sun/13th	0930	First Warning signal	
	1430	No warning signal after this time.	

6 - Racing Area — will be West Grand Traverse Bay in the vicinity of GTYC.

7 - The Course — Windward/Leeward w/ leeward S/F line, offset, gate, four (4) legs, leeward finish.

7.1 - All marks shall be left to port, except a) Mark Ls when a gate is present and b) the Finish Mark.

7.2 - Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

8 - Marks —

8.1 - Primary marks (W, Ls, & Lp) will be 4' Orange Cylinders.

8.2 - Offset mark, Os, will be a small orange ball.

8.3 - The Start/Finish mark will be a 3' yellow cylinder.

9 - The Start —

9.1 - Races will be started using RRS Appendix S - Sound-Signal Starting System. A series of short attention signals will precede each Warning Signal by approximately 20 seconds.

9.2 - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the Start/Finish Mark at the port end.

9.3 - Any starting penalties (RRS 30.1, 30.2, or 30.3) will be signaled prior to or with the warning signal.

9.4 - Recalls will be signaled as in RRS 29. The RC will attempt to hail OCS boats via loud hailer. The following are not grounds for redress: failure of RC to hail any or all boats; failure of RC to accurately hail one or more boats; failure of a boat to hear its hail; timeliness of the hail; or the order of boats within the hail.

10 - The Finish — The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the port end and the course side of the Start/Finish Mark at the starboard end.

11 - Time Limits — this changes RRS 35.

11.1 - The time limit for any race will be thirty (30) minutes for the first boat to finish.

11.2 - Boats not finishing within ten (10) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and scored as below in 15.3.

11.3 - If no boat has passed the first mark within ten (10) minutes, the race will be abandoned.

12 - Protests and Requests For Redress —

12.1 - Protests forms will be available in the Commodores Room at GTYC and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

12.2 - The protest time limit is thirty (30) minutes after the RC boat docks. This time will be posted on the official notice board.

12.3 - Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and of the location of the hearings.

12.4 - On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered —

a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or

b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

13 - Scoring —

13.1 - A school's series score will be the total of their race scores for an equal number of races for each division. This changes App A2.

13.2 - Three races for each division are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

13.3 - A boat that does not finish (DNF) or retires after finishing (RET) will be scored one more point than the last boat to finish in that race. This changes App A4.2.

14 - Prizes —

14.1 - Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) finishers in each division.

14.2 - The top six (6) teams will qualify for the Great Lakes Championship.

14.3 - The top team will qualify for the USCGA Larry White Trophy Regatta as in 3.5 above.

15 - Disclaimer Of Liability — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.