



MISSA

Great Lakes Championship

Chicago Yacht Club

October 21 and 22, 2023

Belmont Station, Chicago, IL

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

[NP] Rules are not protestable by competitors but may be protested by the Race Committee (RC), Protest Committee (PC), or Organizing Authority (OA). ***This changes RRS 60.1.***

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, MISSA Supplemental Rules.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA) and Chicago Yacht Club in conjunction with host schools: New Trier High School, St. Ignatius College Prep, The Latin School of Chicago and Walter Payton College Prep.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Official notices, including changes to sailing instructions, will be posted on the official notice board located <https://scores.hssailing.org/f23/2023-great-lakes/>
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may also be made orally on the water. Per RRS 90.2c, the procedure for oral changes of the SIs on the water is as follows:
 - 2.3.1 Race Committee with hoist Code Flag L (Lima) with repeated sounds to designate the boats come within hail of the Signal Boat.
 - 2.3.2 The change will be broadcast to the boats orally (over a loud hailer) and via VHF to the coaches.
 - 2.3.3 Failure to notify the Signal Boat of questions or clarifications regarding oral changes made on the water prior to Code Flag L (Lima) being lowered is not grounds for redress.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at <https://scores.hssailing.org/f23/2023-great-lakes/>.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with coaches via VHF radio on channel 80(a).

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the northeast corner of Belmont Station.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.



5.3 **[DP]** Those competing in 420's are not permitted to leave the harbor until a Safety vessel(s) is present, which may include a vessel from the Race Committee. The Signal Boat is not considered a safety vessel.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, October 21st	
0830	Registration, rigging of boats
0930	Mandatory competitors meeting (Races to follow). Races will continue throughout the day.
1005 (estimated)	Warning Signal for the First Race will be no sooner than 30 minutes after the competitor meeting begins. The actual time will be announced at the competitors meeting.
Sunday, October 22nd	
0900	Rigging of boats
0935 (estimated)	Warning Signal for the First Race will be no sooner than 30 minutes after the Boat Draw begins. The actual time will be announced at the completion of the draw.
1500	No Race will Start after this time
	Awards to follow Racing

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Michigan East of Belmont Harbor or inside Belmont Harbor at the discretion of the Race Committee.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1 Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8.
- 8.2 The race committee may designate course selection orally per SI 2.3.
- 8.3 Marks will be orange inflatable or robotic marks.
- 8.4 In accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(c) after the starting signal, the Race Committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required. ***This changes RRS 33.***
- 8.5 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.6 For WA2, LA2, MG, and WA3, Mark 1 may have an offset. If the offset is not in place, the single windward mark shall be left to port. Mark 2 will be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 8.7 If the racecourse is inside Belmont Harbor, to gain maximum distance the leeward gate may be below the starting finish line.
- 8.8 Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a boat or competitor and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. RRS 31 still applies.

9 THE START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:

- 9.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(a).9.2 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix U - Sound-Signal Starting System shall be used.
- 9.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.3 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(b).



- 9.4 General recalls will be signalled (2) two Sounds. After a general recall, the round the ends provision of RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(c). ***This changes RRS 30.1.***
- 9.5 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

10 BREAKDOWNS

- 10.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests. See SI 11.
- 10.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e).
- 10.3 When a breakdown occurs, the Protest Committee may consider a request for redress that may or may not be given. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

11 PROTESTS & HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1 Protests procedure will be in accordance ISSA PR Part VI - 16.
- 11.2 Per ISSA PR 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the Race Committee their intent to protest.
- 11.3 Protest forms are available at the protest desk from the Members barge front desk.
- 11.4 Completed protest forms are to be turned into the chief judge or designated Jury Representative. They will be identified at the competitor's briefing.
- 11.5 Protests are to be filed throughout the day as soon as competitors rotate off the water. Competitors shall not wait until the end of the day to file all protests.
- 11.6 The final protest time limit for each day will be 30 minutes after the docking time of the RC signal boat.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system is as follows: Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.
- 12.2 Three (3) races in each division are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

13 SAFETY

- 13.1 **[DP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.
- 13.2 Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should so signify by waving arms overhead.
- 13.3 Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.

14 FORMAT

- 14.1 The Race Committee will attempt to complete a Single Round Robin (full rotation).
- 14.2 This event will be sailed in two divisions.
- 14.3 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score.
- 14.4 Competitors will switch boats after every two races unless changes are made on the water per SI 2.3.

15 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS AND COACHING

- 15.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first division to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 15.2 Coaching may take place below the finish line. All coaches shall assist when and where necessary for safety or at the request of the Race Committee. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the racecourse.

16 SPECIAL CLOTHING

- 16.1 All competitors are required to wear life jackets per ISSA PR 2.2.
- 16.2 Additional clothing requirements:



- 16.2.1 All competitors shall provide their own dry suit and have it on hand at the venue on each day of racing as per ISSA PR 2.3.
- 16.2.2 On each day of racing, the OA will announce whether dry suits will be required to be worn by competitors racing on that day.
- 16.2.3 The combined air temperature and water temperature equal to or exceeding 100 degrees Fahrenheit, will be used by the OA as consideration for not requiring dry suits for the day. Deviation from this guideline is not grounds for redress.
- 16.2.4 Competitor's failure to wear a dry suit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA will be scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing for every race they were observed sailing without a dry suit.
This changes RRS 63.1.

17 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 PRIZES AND QUALIFICATION

See NoR 10.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM A COURSE DIAGRAMS

Mark colors and shapes may differ from the diagram and are described in the SIs.

Course	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Upwind Finish
LA2	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Downwind Finish
WA3	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Upwind Finish

Course MG – Windward/Leeward	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
MG4	Start - 1 -1a -2s/2p - 1 -1a - Finish
MG5	Start - 1 -1a - 2s/2p - 1 -1a - 2s/2p - Finish

