

	<p align="center">MISSA Girls Qualifier Organized by MISSA Hosted GPYC 788 Lakeshore Rd. Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236</p> <p align="center">September 23-24, 2023 NOTICE OF RACE</p>	
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1	RULES
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing</i> .
1.2	The ISSA Procedural Rules 2021-2024 available at ISSA PR '21-'24 apply.
1.3	The MISSA Supplemental Rules available at MISSA Supplemental Rules apply.
2	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1	The sailing instructions will be available after 1300 on Thursday, September 21, 2023 via the notice board on TechScore.
3	COMMUNICATION
3.1	The online official notice board is located on TechScore.
3.2	On the water, the race committee will make courtesy and safety broadcasts to competitors and coaches on VHF radio, Channel 72
4	ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY
4.1	This event is a MISSA Tier 1 regatta, open to MISSA teams in good standing. All competitors must be girls.
4.2	Boats may enter the event by registering online via the MISSA event page at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/girls-national-qualifier-tickets-715381002837?aff=oddtcreator
4.3	To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 2359 Sunday, September 17. Complete team count and roster emailed to cnoland@gpyc.org by Thursday, September 21.
4.4	The event is capped at 16 teams, additional interested teams will be placed on a waitlist.
4.5	All teams must provide a \$400 damage deposit upon registration Saturday morning. In the case that damage cannot be attributed to a single team or specific teams, damage cost will be split amongst all competing teams,
4.6	This event is a qualifier for the ISSA Girls National Invitational in San Diego, California on October 14-15, 2023. The top four finishing teams earn berths. Berths not accepted on time in accordance with MISSA Rule 5.10 may be reallocated by the MISSA District Director. Additional berths may be available and will be offered to teams in the order of their finish by the MISSA District Director.

5	FEES
5.1	Entry fees are as follows: \$65 per sailor
5.2	Lunch will be provided to sailors and (1) designated coach on Saturday & Sunday
5.3	Water is available to refill bottles
6	SCHEDULE
6.1	The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race day is 1000
6.2	There will be a competitor's meeting at 0845 each day of racing
6.3	On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500
7	COURSES
7.1	Courses will be set and sailed in accordance to the recommendations set forth in the ISSA Procedural Rules 2021-2024. Any changes will be noted in the Sailing Instructions
8	SCORING
8.1	A minimum of three races in each division is required for a regatta to be scored

8.2	A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, in accordance with ISSA PR.
9	SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS
9.1	Coaching & Rotations will take place ashore. If the race committee deems on the water coaching necessary, support vessels will be provided. In which case, coach support vessels shall keep clear of the race course, and only coach from the dictated designated area between races.
10	RISK STATEMENT
10.1	RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes
11	PRIZES
11.1	Trophies will be given for 1 st -3 rd place overall
12	LOCATION & DIRECTIONS
12.1	The event will take place at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Marine Activity Center.
13	FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1	Christina Noland Sailing Director Grosse Pointe Yacht Club cnoland@gpyc.org 586-531-3039
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