



**Great Lakes
West League Qualifier**
Organized by MISSA
Hosted at Lake Minnetonka Sailing School
19802 Minnetonka Blvd
Excelsior, MN 55331
September 30th – October 1st, 2023



Notice of Race (NOR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the prescriptions of US Sailing, ISSA Procedural Rules 2021-2024, MISSA District Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 ISSA Procedural Rules 2021-2024 are available at <https://hssailing.org/resources/rules/>.
- 1.3 MISSA Supplemental Rules are available at <https://missa.hssailing.org/about/missa-district-rules>.
- 1.4 The organizing authority (OA) is MISSA in conjunction with LMSS.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on techscore (scores.hssailing.org) by 1700pm on September 29th, 2023.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on techscore: scores.hssailing.org.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors & coaches on VHF radio channel 69.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is a MISSA Tier 2 regatta, open to MISSA West League teams in good standing.
- 4.2 An entry consists of a team of 4-8 sailors from a single MISSA West League School.

- 4.3 Coaches and/or team leaders must email Samuel Bartel (race@lmss.us) to register their team(s). Please include the school/team name(s), the names of your competing sailors, as well as an email address for your team chaperone/leader(s).
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, each team shall complete all registration forms and pay all fees on-site by 0915 on September 30th, 2023.
- 4.5 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: 20 total teams, and a limit of one team per school.
- 4.6 An entry consists of completing the on-site registration form, registration payment, damage deposit payment, and submitting completed waiver forms for all sailors.

5 FEES & DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 Entry fees are \$25 per sailor, which shall be submitted via check at the time of on-site registration.
- 5.2 Each team shall submit a damage deposit check of \$250 made out to “Lake Minnetonka Sailing School” at the time of on-site registration. This check will be destroyed if boats and gear are returned undamaged. If damage cannot be attributed to a particular team, the repair costs will be divided evenly amongst all competing teams.
- 5.3 Lunch is not included in entry. Sailors and coaches should bring their own lunches, snacks, and reusable water bottles. LMSS will have a filtered water station on-site.
- 5.4 A light breakfast (donuts, muffins, bagels, fruit, juice, coffee, etc.) will be offered.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Friday 9/29/23:
 - 1430: Optional practice opens
 - 1900: Optional practice closes
 - **Note: must contact host to schedule practice session**

Saturday 9/30/23

- 0800: Shuttles to Lighthouse Island begin from Park Avenue
- 0815: Registration opens
- 0900 Coaches meeting
- 0910: Registration closes
- 0915: Competitor’s meeting
- 1000: First warning

Sunday 10/1/23

- 0800: Shuttles to Lighthouse Island begin from Park Avenue
- 0845: Coaches meeting

0900: Competitor's meeting
0945: First Warning
1430: No warning signal after this time

7 COURSES & RACING AREA

- 7.1 Courses will be set and sailed in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the ISSA Procedural Rules 2021-2024. Any changes will be noted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 Races will be sailed in the vicinity of Lighthouse Island on Lake Minnetonka.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 This regatta will be a 2-division scholastic event.
- 8.2 A minimum of three races in each division are required for a regatta to be scored.
- 8.3 A team's series score shall be the total of their race scores, in accordance with ISSA PR.

9 COACHING

- 9.1 Support vessels shall keep clear of the racecourse and only coach between races.
- 9.2 Coaches must bring their own coach boats capable of on the water rotations.
- 9.3 If necessary, LMSS may have additional coach boats available for use. Contact the OA for more information.

10 BOATS

- 10.1 LMSS will provide C420s.
- 10.2 Boats shall be sailed as provided.

11 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 11.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

12 PHOTOGRAPHY, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 Individuals and their teams are permitted to use personal video/film/camera or sound recording equipment on their boats, however, the video and audio obtained by their

personal cameras may not be used during a protest hearing. Video/film/camera equipment includes, but is not limited to, GoPro and other action cameras, U.A.V.s, and Drones.

13 RISK STATEMENT & WAIVER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14 AWARDS & QUALIFICATION

14.1 Great Lakes Berths:

Teams placing 1st - 4th will earn berths to the Great Lakes Championship.

Teams placing 5th - 8th overall will earn berths to the Shepard Championship.

- 14.2 Per MISSA Rule 5.10, berths not accepted by noon Central Time on the Tuesday following this regatta shall be rescinded and offered to the next eligible school by the MISSA District Director.
- 14.3 Physical awards shall be awarded to the top 3 teams.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 CONTACT INFORMATION

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race@lmss.us

952-250-8378

Director of Racing & Operations at LMSS
MISSA West Representative

15.2 PARKING & SHUTTLES

LMSS is located on Lighthouse Island. Please look at the map below to understand transportation and parking logistics. LMSS is not responsible for visiting teams that receive parking tickets as a result of parking in permit-only areas. There is free street parking in the green areas shown on the map. If you do not have a Deephaven parking pass, the easiest place to park is on the shoulder of Park Avenue 2-3 blocks up the hill (aka East of the Park Avenue pick-up/drop-off lot).

LMSS will run pontoon shuttles from the Park Avenue dock starting at 0800 on Saturday and Sunday. Text and/or call Samuel Bartel (952-250-8378) to receive a shuttle if they are not running regularly.

Park Avenue dock address: 19800 Park Avenue Wayzata MN 55391

15.3 HOUSING

Limited housing may be available for teams/coaches. Please contact Samuel Bartel ASAP to request housing.

