



**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



Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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, the Notice of Race, and these 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 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that a change to the schedule of races may occur as needed in order to conclude the event. The race committee may change or terminate any part of the format at any reasonable time after considering the entries, weather, time constraints, and other relevant factors.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) and ISSA PR 7.3 by hailing competitors of the change, flying code flag "L", and relaying the change via VHF to coaches and support personnel.

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 to be announced at the competitors meeting.
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care and seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use, and without interfering with its functionality. This includes the return of equipment in the same condition that it was provided in.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will display from the race committee boat on the East side of Lighthouse Island.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 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
- 6.2 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 & MARKS

- 7.1 Courses will be set and sailed in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the ISSA Procedural Rules 2021-2024. The diagram(s) in SI Addendum A show the course(s).
- 7.2 The race committee may designate course selection orally and/or from a white board located on the race committee boat.
- 7.3 All marks shall be orange balls, except the pin end of the starting line, which will be a white ball.

8 START, FINISH SIGNALS

- 8.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.
- 8.2 The start/finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a white mark.

9 ROTATIONS & FORMAT

- 9.1 Rotations will be posted online via techscore.
- 9.2 The PRO/OA will announce whether on the water or on shore rotations are intended at the competitors meeting.
- 9.3 The intended format is two full round robins.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 Protest procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.
- 10.2 All protests will be handled using the Three-Minute Justice system. A panel of judges will be comprised of one coach from the protesting team, one coach from the protested team, and a coach from a team not involved in the protest. The protesting skipper will have one minute to present their case. The protested skipper will then have one minute to present their case. The skippers and judges may question each other. If either skipper has a witness, the witness has one minute to present their testimony. The judges will then have one minute to reach a decision. A third-party certified judge may be consulted if the panel of coaches/judges are unable to agree on a resolution.
- 10.3 Requests for redress will be heard by a panel of judges comprised of one coach from the team requesting redress, the PRO, and a coach from a team not involved in the redress request.

11 HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee boat returns ashore.

- 11.2 Protest/redress forms must be submitted to Samuel Bartel.
- 11.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 A minimum of 3 races in each division are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 A team's series score shall be the total of their race scores, in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

13 SUPPLIED BOATS

- 13.1 C420s will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way, including changing mainsheet purchases.
- 13.2 Competitors are expected to inspect their sailing equipment before leaving the dock. Failure to inspect equipment before going afloat or racing shall not be grounds for redress or replacement as outlined in ISSA PR and breakdown guidelines.

14 SUPPORT PERSONS & COACHES

- 14.1 Failure to provide your own coach boat will not restrict other coaches from going afloat.
- 14.2 [DP] [NP] Team leaders, coaches, and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

15 BERTHS & PRIZES

- 15.1 Teams placing 1st - 4th will earn a berth to the Great Lakes Championship and are not eligible to attend last chance qualifier events.
- 15.2 Teams placing 5th - 8th overall will earn berths to the Shepard Championship.
- 15.3 Prizes shall be awarded to the top 3 teams.
- 15.4 Earned regatta berths must be accepted in accordance with MISSA Supplemental Rule 5.1.

16 RISK STATEMENT

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 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.

SI ADDENDUM A – “COURSES”

Marks of the course shall be left to port.

Course	Marks
WA2	Start – W – O – G – Upwind Finish
LA2	Start – W – O – G – W – O – Downwind Finish
WA3	Start – W – O – G – W – O – G – Upwind Finish

