



COLUMBIA SAILING SCHOOL

Great Lakes Open Last Chance Qualifier

Columbia Yacht Club
Columbia Sailing School
5-6 October 2024
Monroe Harbor, Chicago, IL

Notice of Race (NOR)

ABBREVIATIONS

[NP] Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. ***This changes RRS 60.1(a).***

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- b. The ISSA Procedural Rules are available at <https://hssailing.org/documents/ISSA-PR-20212024.pdf> and the MISSA Supplemental Rules are available at <http://missa.hssailing.org/about/missa-district-rules> apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 on Friday, 4 October 2024, and will be emailed to all registered sailors.

3. COMMUNICATION

- a. The online official notice board is located on tech score for the event.
- b. All Coach boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
- c. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to coaches on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. This event is limited to MISSA member schools in good standing.
- b. Athletes of qualified teams may enter the regatta by completing the entry form and submitting the entry fee no later than the entry deadline. The online entry form is available through the website at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/wh6AUFYvFn>
- c. All competitors must register by 3 October at 1700, to participate in the regatta. The regatta fee, registration information, and waiver must be completed by each member of a competing school individually. Registration must be done by the competitor's legal guardian.
- d. This event is limited to MISSA member schools and is a Tier 2 event.
- e. Places 1 through 4 will earn a berth to the Great Lakes Championship. Places 5 and 6 will earn a berth to the Shepherd Championships.



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- f. The regatta has an allowance of up to 18 team berths. Any additional allocations in place of teams that cannot attend will be determined by the MISSA Board.
- g. A/B division format - Each team shall consist of two (2) two-person boats
- h. A team shall have no fewer than four (4) sailors to enter the regatta. A team may include alternate sailors.

5. FEES

- a. Entry fees is \$100 per team paid through online registration.
- b. No food is provided at this regatta.
- c. A team that withdraws from the regatta after the entry deadline or fails to compete at the event shall forfeit its entry fee.
- d. Teams shall submit a refundable boat damage deposit of \$300 no later than 0900 on 5 October 2024. In the event of damage that cannot be attributed to a specific team, repair costs will be allocated evenly to all the teams competing.
- e. Teams shall submit a damage deposit check. Checks are payable to **Columbia Sailing School**.
- f. Coaches, parents, and chaperones can use the club's facilities. Food and beverage can be purchased using a credit card.
- g. Athletes are to bring a lunch and eat on the Rail Deck of the ship in between races.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- a. Columbia Sailing School will provide club 420s. Boats shall be sailed as provided. No other boats may be used in the regatta.
- b. Any alterations to the boats will be in accordance with ISSA RR. 7.11
- c. Any Substitutions during the regatta will follow ISSA PR 4.2.

7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

8. SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5 October

1000 – Registration and rigging of boats

1030 – Competitor meeting. All competitors shall attend the competitor meeting.

1100 – First warning. Races will continue throughout the day.

Sunday, 6 October

0900 – Rigging of boats

0915- Competitor meeting. All competitors shall attend the competitor meeting.

1015 – Warning signal for first race

1700 – No race will start after this time



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9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- a. Due to water temperature, competitors are required:
 - i. To provide their own dry suit and have it on hand at the venue on each day of racing as per ISSA PR 2.3.
 - ii. On each day of racing, the OA will announce whether dry suits will be required to be worn by competitors racing on that day.
 - iii. If the air temperature plus the water temperature equals or exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit, dry suits may not be required to be worn on that day.
 - iv. 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. ***This changes RRS 63.1.***

10. VENUE

- a. This event will be based out of Columbia Sailing School, located at 111 N Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60601.
- b. The race area will be in Monroe Harbor or east of the harbor.

11. COURSES

The courses will be Windward/Leeward.

12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- a. If the event is sailed inside of the harbor, coaching will take place onshore. If racing is moved out of the harbor, coaches will go afloat.
- b. If the event is sailed outside of the harbor, each coach may operate a boat that will be his or her respective team's designated coaching platform.
- c. Columbia Sailing School will not provide boats for teams to use as their coaching platform.
- d. Coaches are required:
 - i. To wear approved floatation devices as required by ISSA PR 2.2.
 - ii. Drivers shall wear kill cords/devices on all vessels while afloat.

13. 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.

14. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial or commercial purposes or to be used in press information.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION



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