



**MISSA Keelboat Championship
Chicago Yacht Club
November 1 - 2, 2025
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**

Sailing Instructions

Abbreviations: [NP] Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat but may be protested by a Committee or the Organizing Authority. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The ISSA Procedural Rules available at <https://hssailing.org/documents/2025-2028-ISSA-Procedure-Rules.pdf> and the MISSA Supplemental Rules available at <http://missa.hssailing.org/about/missa-district-rules> apply.
- 1.3 Sonar class rules shall not apply. Addendum B, Rules for Handling Boats shall apply.
- 1.4 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA). The Host Organization is Chicago Yacht Club in conjunction with host schools: New Trier High School, St. Ignatius College Prep, and Walter Payton College Prep.
- 1.5 [DP] Drones usage will only be allowed subject to ISSA PR 5.2.
- 1.6 The US Sailing Prescriptions to Rule 63.1(b) and Preamble to Part 5, Section B shall not apply
- 1.7 In addition to other rules changed in this document, the following rules are changed:
 1. RRS 60.4 (a) adds, "(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]"
 2. RRS 60.5(c) adds, "(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single Disqualification."
 3. RRS 61.3 adds, "or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."
 4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or...

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/eVHEeE9Mxf>.
- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted:
 1. By 1800 on the day before a schedule change will take effect,
 2. Before 0900 on the day it will take effect or,

3. In the event of AP posted ashore, no later than 15 minutes before AP is lowered ashore.
- 2.2 Changes to sailing instructions may be made on the water: Oral changes may be given on the water per RRS 90.2(c) using the following procedure:
1. The signal boat will hoist Code Flag Lima (L) with one sound
 2. Boats shall come within hailing distance of the signal boat
 3. Oral changes will be made via VHF on channel 73 as a courtesy
 4. Any changes that will affect future races in the series will be posted once ashore.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/eVHEeE9Mxf>.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate via VHF radio on channel 73.
- 3.3 **[DP]** 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.
- 3.4 **[NP]** Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).***

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors, coaches, 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 North yardarm of the flagpole on the patio 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.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday November 1	DAYLIGHT TIME
0800 - 0900	Registration, Rigging of Boats
0845	Mandatory Competitor's Meeting racing to follow
Sunday November 2	STANDARD TIME
0830	Rigging of Boats
0900	Mandatory Competitor's Meeting
1000	First Warning
1500	No Initial Warning After This Time

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be either inside Belmont Harbor, or the open waters of Lake Michigan, east of the Belmont Harbor entrance as announced by the RC at the day's competitors meeting.

8 COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1 Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8.
- 8.2 The Race Committee will designate course selection on a board on the RC signal boat.
- 8.3 Marks will be drop 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 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 only one gate mark is in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 8.7 Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1). Routine movement includes marks maintaining the intended location and returning to station after having been moved by a boat.

9 THE START, FINISH AND RECALLS:

- 9.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(a).
- 9.2 The starting and finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting/ finishing mark.
- 9.3 Flag K, if displayed before the warning, means Boats shall sail with jib and main only for that race (no spinnaker).
- 9.4 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(b).
- 9.5 General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles. After a general recall, RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I (India) need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(c). ***This changes RRS 30.1.***

10 BREAKDOWNS

- 10.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 10.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e).
- 10.3 Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 5.

11 PROTESTS & HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1 Protest procedure will be in accordance ISSA PR Part VI - 15.
- 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 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in person at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station Protest Desk (first desk entering the Member Barge) within the appropriate time limit.
- 11.4 A boat's protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Signal Vessel returns to the dock.
- 11.5 Hearings will be held in person at Chicago Yacht Club - Belmont Station.

12 FORMAT

- 12.1 This is a Tier 2 Event with plans for One- division fleet- racing in 2 stages. Schools will be split into 2 fleets for the Qualifying Round. The top half of each of these two fleets will make up the Gold Fleet in the Championship Round for first through eighth places in the regatta. The Silver fleet will consist of the remaining schools and compete for ninth through fourteenth places in the regatta. Scores will NOT carry over from Qualifying rounds to Championship rounds.
- 12.2 The number of races sailed in each stage will be at the discretion of the RC.
- 12.3 Boat will be assigned per stage and may be altered by the Race Committee in the event of boat or equipment breakdowns
- 12.4 Rotations may take place on the water or off the dock. A coach or other adult support personnel affiliated with the school must be present to assist with rotations.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 9.
- 13.2 Scores do not carry forward from stage 1 to stage 2.
- 13.3 A minimum of one (1) race per qualifying round fleet and one (1) gold race are required to be completed to constitute a regatta. This changes ISSA PR 7.5(c).

14 SAFETY

- 14.1 Competitors shall wear USCG approved life jackets as outlined in ISSA PR 2.2.
- 14.2 **[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.

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 to the 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.

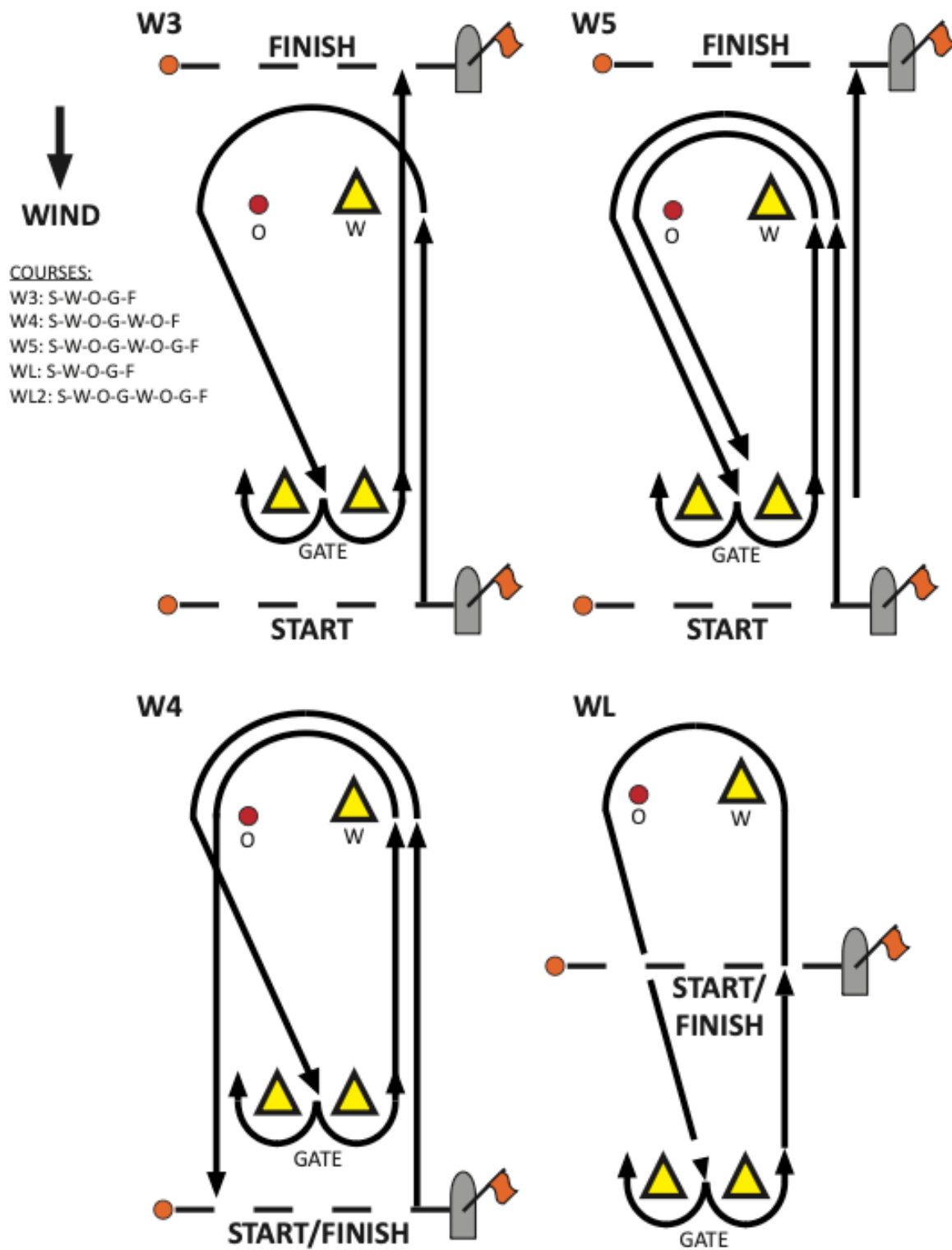
16 RISK STATEMENT

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.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with NoR 10

Addendum A – Courses



SI ADDENDUM B – RULES FOR HANDLING BOATS

CYC Sonar Fleet

1 GENERAL

While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

2 PROHIBITED ITEMS and ACTIONS

Except in an emergency, to prevent damage or injury, or when directed otherwise by a race official or OA representative, the following are prohibited:

- 2.1 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.
- 2.2 The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended or specifically permitted.
- 2.3 The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the OA/ Bosun.
- 2.4 Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant damage would result.
- 2.5 Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 2.6 Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 2.7 Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having paid the required damage deposit or having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while 'AP' is displayed ashore.
- 2.8 Hauling out a boat or cleaning surfaces below the waterline.
- 2.9 Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 2.10 Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 2.11 Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging (shrouds), excluding the backstay.
- 2.12 The use of electronic equipment, unless permitted by C3.
- 2.13 Using the spinnaker pole to wing out the foresail.
- 2.14 Marking directly on the hull, deck or lines with any sort of marker, including a pencil, or using any tape that will leave a residue / use of duct tape. Using tape that leaves a residue is a \$25 deduction from the damage deposit.
- 2.15 Storing the spin pole on the deck while not in use.
- 2.16 The use of the shrouds (including any inner shrouds) above the lower bottle screw (turnbuckle) to facilitate tacking or gybing, or to aid the projection of a crew member outboard.
- 2.17 Hiking off lines other than working sheets. Halyards and control lines are not working sheets.
- 2.18 Over tensioning jib halyards.
- 2.19 Moving or removing mast blocks

3 PERMITTED ITEMS AND ACTIONS

The following are permitted:

- 3.1 Taking on board the following equipment:
 - (a) basic hand tools
 - (b) adhesive tape other than duct tape (lite colored electrical tape)
 - (c) line (elastic or otherwise of 4 mm diameter or less)
 - (d) marking pencil/pen

- (e) paper
- (f) tell tale material
- (g) watch, timers, hand-held or electronic compass, and small personal video devices such as GoPro.
- (h) Velcro tape
- (i) shackles and clevis/cotter pins

3.2 Using the items in 3.1 to:

- (a) prevent fouling of lines, sails, and sheets
- (b) attach tell tales
- (c) prevent sails being damaged or falling overboard
- (d) mark control settings on working sheets forward of any rope clutches.
- (e) make minor repairs and permitted adjustments
- (f) make notes
- (g) personal safety
- (h) changing the number of mainsheet or jib sheet purchases.

4 MANDATORY ITEMS AND ACTIONS

The following are mandatory:

- 4.1 Prior to racing, competitors are responsible for inspection of all assigned sails, running and standing rigging within arm's reach of the deck. All abnormalities shall be reported to the Bosun before leaving the harbor.
- 4.2 All competitors shall report all damage to the Bosun. This can be done verbally or via radio but shall be done after finishing and before starting the next race or before changing boats.
- 4.3 At the end of each sailing day:
 - (a) folding, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
 - (b) leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day
 - (c) securing helm with backstay lines
 - (d) securing the boat to its dock as directed
- 4.4 At the end of the day for a particular boat, cleaning the boat (cabin and decks), removing all trash, tape, and marks. Emptying the bucket of trash when ashore. Trash, including tape, left onboard may result in a cleaning fee of \$100.00.
- 4.4 Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes/no answer.
- 4.5 Complying with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth or mooring.
- 4.6 A breach of items 4.3 and 4.4 will be considered as damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.

SI ADDENDUM C - EQUIPMENT LIST

The following non-fixed items, to the extent provided by the OA, are to be carried on board at all times, in their designated place while sailing. Any loss shall be reported on the daily damage report.

Sails and Sailing Equipment:

- One Mainsail and set of battens
- One Jib (with 2 sheet blocks attached to clew)
- One Spinnaker
- One Spinnaker pole
- One VHF radio
- One Continuous jib sheet
- Two Spinnaker Sheets
- Two Twings
- One Tiller extension

Other Equipment:

- One Bucket
- One Sponge
- Three Dock lines
- One Fender
- One (orange) box for provided gear with whistle and day visual distress signal