

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Northwest Great Lakes Qualifier 2025

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means it may not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

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 2025-2028 apply.
- 1.3 The MISSA Supplemental Rules apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Techscore. Times of protests, order of protests, and other jury action may be posted on the notice board (glass) of the main office at Wayzata Sailing.

<https://scores.hssailing.org/f25/northwest-glq/notices/>

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by the protest time limit of the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to sailing instructions 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 on VHF channel 71.

4 BOATS

- 4.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them, their rigging or purchases, or cause them to be modified in any way except that; wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat; adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line; and all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted.
- 4.2 The penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.
- 4.3 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the committee boat.
- 5.2 Flag D with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until this signal is made. [DP]

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000.

- 6.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 6.3 The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the Regatta Chair. The race committee may change or terminate any part of the format at any reasonable time taking into account the entries, weather, time constraints, and other relevant factors. [NP]

6.4 DIVISION/CLASS FLAGS

Class flags used to signal fleet in sequence will be:

| <u>Division</u> | <u>Flag</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|
| A Division | Numeral 1 |
| B Division | Numeral 2 |

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The diagrams on Techscore show 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.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the appropriate course designation from a whiteboard onboard signal boat.
- 7.5 Marks and their colors are shown in the course diagram.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: the marked channel/exit from WYC Marina and the WYC Mooring Field.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(a).
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 9.3 Divisions may start separately, or concurrently, as signalled by the RC boat.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Will be made in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(c).

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protest forms are available at the race office in the Mike Plant Community Boathouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 12.2 For each division, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 12.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held beginning at the time and location posted on the Notice.
- 12.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 12.5 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13 SCORING

A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP] [NP]

15 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the PRO and/or Regatta Chair. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Regatta Chair at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP] [NP]

16 SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1 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 class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. [DP] [NP]
- 16.2 Coaches must be visibly registered on the team's registration.hssailing.org/schools/ team directory page. [DP] [NP]
- 16.3 All coaches must wear an ECOS and a USCG approved floatation device while operating a powerboat and follow all local laws and regulations. [DP] [NP]
- 16.4 No registered sailors may go afloat on a support vessel unless directed to do so by the Regatta Chair. [DP]
- 16.5 The RC and regatta personnel will use VHF channel 71 for communication.

17 BERTHS

Berths will be awarded as follows:
Places 1st through 4th - berth to Great Lakes Championship
Places 5th through 7th - berth to Shepard Championship

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.