



**KICK OFF CLASSIC INVITATIONAL
Tier 3 Regatta
NOTICE OF RACE**

Hosted by Sheridan Shore Sailing School

Date: Saturday, August 29 – Sunday, August 30, 2026

Location: Sheridan Shore Sailing School at Wilmette Harbor

Event Chair: Katie Tinder

Classes: **High School 420s** (limited to 18 teams), **ILCA 6, ILCA 7, Optimist RWB and Green**

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2025-2028 ISAF RRS, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, the ISSA PR's, this NOR, MISSA By-Laws and District Rules, and the Sailing Instructions.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than August 28th at 5:00 pm on the Clubspot website.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at: <https://sheridanshore.org/regatta/eJ9h3szHkQ/#notice-board>

3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors and coaches on VHF Channel 69 for the C420/ILCA course and 68 for the Opti course

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The 420 and Laser divisions are limited to High School Teams only. **Mixed teams are permitted in order to fill the 420 fleet in the order of their registration. 7th and 8th graders may compete in the ILCA fleet.**

4.2 Entries must be received by Friday, August 21st at 11:59pm at the following link:

<https://sheridanshore.org/register/regatta/eJ9h3szHkQ/class>

4.3 Each Team must register online at the regatta page. HS 420 teams register **per school**, and ILCA and Opti teams register **individually**. Each school may enter no more than one (1) C420 team. If you're interested in having a second team, please contact katie@sheridanshore.org and she will allocate additional berths as they become available.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fee is \$100 per HS Team, and \$45 per Opti and ILCA

5.2 Lunch is not provided. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each fleet.

5.3 By registering for this regatta, in place of paying a damage deposit, a team agrees to pay the cost of any damages deemed responsible for by the host/protest committee/organizing authority, as well as the cost of any damages that cannot be attributed to a specific incident/team that is divided between the participants.

6 COACHING

6.1. Coaches must provide their coach boat, which serves as their team's designated coaching platform.

6.2. Sheridan Shore Sailing School will not provide boats for teams to use as their coaching platform.

6.3. Coaches are required to:

a Wear an approved flotation device as required by ISSA PR 2.2 while afloat

b Wear kill cords/engine cut-off devices on all vessels while afloat.

C Operate at idle speeds while in the racing area. Coaches violating this rule will be removed from the race course.

7 SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29

8:30 a.m. - Arrival

9:15 a.m. - Competitor's meeting

9:45 a.m. - Harbor Launch

10:15 a.m. – First warning signal - if all teams are ready, we will start before this time

Sunday, August 30

8:30 a.m. - Arrival

9:15 a.m. - Harbor Launch

10:00 a.m. - 420 warning signal - if all teams are ready, we will start before this time

No races will be started after 3:00 pm.

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be a variation of Windward/Leeward with an offset mark and Leeward Gate as needed. There may be a dog-leg finish. 420 and ILCA sailors will be on one course, Opti sailors will be on a separate course.

9 SCORING

9.1 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, per the low-point scoring system

9.2 There shall be no throw-out races for High School 420 or Laser Division, 1 throw-out after six (6) races, and 2 throw-outs after eleven (11) races in the optimist fleets.

10 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

10.1 Spectator and support vessels shall keep clear of the race course and only coach from the leeward/starboard side of the starting area. Green fleet coaches may coach during races as needed in the bottom half of the fleet.

10.2 Each team/program should have enough support boats for the number of competitors from their club

11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, decision to race.

11.2 In consideration for permitting the undersigned skipper and boat owner, if different from skipper, to participate in a regatta sponsored by the Sheridan Shore Sailing School and conducted at, adjacent to, and through the facilities of the Wilmette Harbor Association ("WHA") and the Wilmette Harbor Club ("WHC"), each of the undersigned agrees to the following:

11.2(a) I will abide by the rules and regulations of the SSSS, the WHA, and the WHC.

11.2(b) I understand that, because of the nature of sailing, competitive sailboat racing and the "Kick-off Classic" regatta, there is a risk of physical injury on shore and off shore during the regatta. I hereby release and agree not to sue SSSS, WHA, WHC, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("MWRD"), NSA Properties, Inc. ("NSA"), and their employees, subcontractors, sponsors, agents, affiliates, directors, members (except in their capacity as race competitors), event volunteers, counsel or attorneys (collectively, "Releasees") from all present and future claims that may be made by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns for property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death arising out of my participation in the regatta, including, but not limited to, claims arising out of or resulting from (1) acts, inactions, equipment, property (including adjacent property) or other facilities of Releasees or any of them, and (2) any acts or inactions by me, my crew or my guests, wherever, whenever, or however the same may occur.

11.2(c) I understand and agree that the Releasees are not responsible for any personal injury or property damage arising out of the regatta, even if caused by their ordinary negligence; provided, however, that I do not release any claims or rights against any competitors in the regatta for any wrongful acts by them, including damage to property or personal injury. I understand that participation in the regatta involves certain risks, including but not limited to serious injury. I, by voluntarily participating in the regatta with knowledge of the danger involved, agree to accept all risks of such participation.

11.2(d) I have read this form and understand by registering for this regatta that I am giving up and releasing rights and remedies.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each fleet.

13 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

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

14 HOUSING

14.1 Please contact katie@sheridanshore.org if you are interested in housing for this event.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 Regatta Chair/Host/Organizing Authority
Katie Tinder/Sheridan Shore Sailing School/MISSA
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