



Kickoff Classic Invitational Tier 3 – August 29-30, 2026 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by: 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, ISSA Procedural Rules (for 420s and ILCAs), MISSA By-laws and District Rules (for 420s and ILCAs), NOR, and the SIs.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority for the 420s and ILCAs is MISSA, the event host is Sheridan Shore Sailing School. For Optimists it is the Sheridan Shore Sailing School.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the SIs will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect on the Official Notice Board at: <https://sheridanshore.org/regatta/eJ9h3szHkQ/#notice-board>
- 2.2 Changes to the 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. Any changes that will affect future races in the series will be posted once ashore.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the upper deck.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, August 29

- 0830 – Arrival
- 0915 – Competitor’s meeting
- 0945 – Harbor Launch
- 1015 – 1st warning signal

Sunday, August 30

- 0830 – Arrival
- 0915 – Harbor Launch
- 1000 – 1st warning signal
- 1500 – No races will be started after this time
- Awards to immediately follow racing.

5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 The Racing Area will be waters outside of Wilmette Harbor.

6 COURSES

6.1 The diagram(s) with the course will be available at the Competitor's meeting on Saturday morning and the notice board.

6.2 The race committee may designate course selection orally and/or from a whiteboard located on the race committee boat.

7 MARKS

7.1 Marks will be yellow and red buoys.

8 THE START

8.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a yellow ball on the port end of the line.

8.2 The starting sequence shall be a 3-minute dinghy start per RRS Appendix U.

8.3 Individual Recalls for 420's and ILCA's will be made in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(b).

8.4 The start following a General Recall will be run under an I Flag. The I Flag does not need to be flown per ISSA Rule 7.9(c).

8.5 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9 THE FINISH

9.1 For the 420's and the ILCA's the finish line will be between a staff with a Blue Flag on the Race Committee boat at the port end of the finish line and a yellow ball at the starboard end of the finish line.

9.2 For the Opti's the finish line will be between a staff with a Blue Flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the finish line and a yellow ball at the port end of the finish line.

10 HEARING REQUESTS

10.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee dock time.

10.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the Sheridan Shore Office.

11 SCORING

11.1 A minimum of 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of their race scores, per the low point scoring system

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

12 COACHING

12.1 It is the responsibility of the coaches to know the limits of their competitors and pull competitors from racing if conditions exceed their limitations.

12.2 Coaches shall stay clear of the racing area unless assisting competitors. Coaching and rotations should take place to leeward of the start/finish line.

12.3 For the Optimist class only, on-the-water coaching is allowed for the Green Fleet only.

13 OFFICIAL NOTICE FOR ALL TEAMS

13.1 Sheridan Shore Sailing School, Wilmette Harbor Club, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, and its officers, members, employees, and race committee assume and accept no responsibility for property damage to any boat or personal injury to any skipper, crew, or friends incurred while participating in this regatta, including pre-and post-race activities. It is the responsibility of the skipper, along with his/her coach, advisor, and/or

parent(s) to assess the condition of his/her boat, whether or not he/she owns said boat, and its suitability for the weather expected during the race, and to decide whether to start or continue any race.

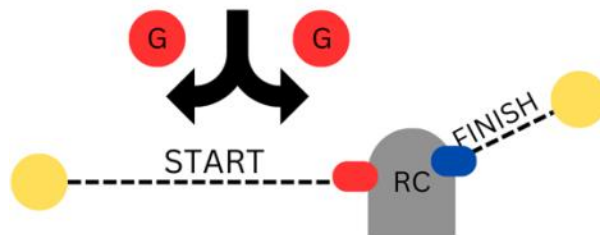
14 REGATTA CONTACT

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C420 and ILCA Course Chart

Course 1: W-O-G-F

Course 2: W-O-G-W-O-G-F



OPTI Course Chart

Course 1: W-O-G-F

Course 2: W-O-G-W-O-G-F

