

2026 MISSA Keelboat Qualifier
District Championship
Tier 2 Regatta
Bayview Yacht Club
100 Clairpointe St., Detroit MI 48215
Saturday-Sunday, October 10-11, 2026
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in:
 - 1.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing
 - 1.1.2 The [Official Procedural Rules for Interscholastic Sailing Competition](#) published by the Interscholastic Sailing Association ("ISSA") as modified by the NOR and these SIs and
 - 1.1.3 The [Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association \("MISSA"\) Supplemental Rules](#)
- 1.2 In accordance with US Sailing Prescription to rule 70.3(b) and ISSA PR 18, decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority is the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA) in conjunction with Grosse Pointe South Varsity Sailing and Bayview Yacht Club.
- 1.4 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. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 The online official notice board will be located under "Notice Board" on the MISSA Keelboat Qualifier page at <http://scores.hssailing.org> and/or on the outside of the BYC U20 shed, located near the U20 dock.
- 2.2 When AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes." This changes RRS Signal AP.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0900 ET on the day it will take effect. However, the Sailing Instructions may be modified on the water without such notice pursuant to Section 3.2, below.
- 3.2 SI's amended on the water shall be signaled with a lima and a sound signal, after which the Race Committee (RC) will notify all teams verbally.
- 3.3 Failure of a competitor to hear the change shall not be grounds for redress.

4. BOATS:

- 4.1 Ultimate 20s with asymmetrical spinnakers will be provided by Bayview Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Boats will be sailed as provided. No modifications will be permitted to the running rigging.
- 4.3 Competitors may bring telltales for shrouds.
- 4.4 The use of digital compass devices (i.e. Tack Ticks, etc.) shall not be permitted.
- 4.5 Competitors may not sit on the boat's side rails. They may not hike over side rails beyond perpendicular to the horizon.
- 4.6 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 is prohibited.
- 4.7 The sail combination to be used in a flight will be indicated on the Signal Boat with or before the attention signal. The signals shall have the following meaning:

No signal: Main, jib and spinnaker may be used

Flag Z: Main and jib may be used. Spinnakers may not be used.

- 4.8 The RC may prohibit the use of spinnakers if it observes sustained winds are more than acceptable conditions and may prohibit sailing if it observes unsafe sustained wind conditions.

5. SCHEDULE:

- 5.1 The daily schedule will be published in the Notice of Race.
- 5.2 The number of races sailed each day will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 5.3 There will be no warning signal after 1600 on Sunday, unless an extension is agreed to by all team coaches.

6. RACING AREA:

- 6.1 The racing area shall be the US waters of the Detroit River adjacent to Bayview Yacht Club. The shipping channel is off limits (see Appendix A.)

- 6.2 Commercial ships transiting the Detroit River Shipping Channel are severely limited in their maneuverability. Competitors shall not interfere with commercial shipping transiting the racing area at any time. This includes tour boats such as the Detroit Princess, the Diamond Jack and the Infinity and Ovation as well as freighters, tugboats, barges, commercial towing, and federal and local law enforcement including the US Coast Guard. Any boat not complying may be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be reported to the Coast Guard.

Sailing is not permitted within 100 feet of shore along the river adjacent to Bayview Yacht Club or Belle Isle.

7. COURSE:

- 7.1 Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the length of the course as described in ISSA PR 7.8.
- 7.2 The Race Committee will designate the number# of complete windward/leeward laps on the number board on the Signal Boat.
- 7.3 The course will be windward/leeward of 2 or 3 Laps (4 or 6 legs, respectively.):- Start to windward mark - rounded to port, to offset mark - rounded to port, to leeward gate.
- 7.4 Description of Marks
- 7.4.1 The intended Signal Boat is "Thor."
- 7.4.2 The starting/finishing line mark will be an orange MarkSetBot or an orange inflatable.
- 7.4.2 The windward mark will an orange MarkSetBot or inflatable tetrahedron and may have an orange offset mark.
- 7.4.3 The leeward gate will be a gate of yellow MarkSetBots or inflatable tetrahedrons or a single yellow mark.
- 7.4.4 MarkSetBots are robotically controlled marks. If robotic marks are used, routine movement of these marks on the course will not be grounds of redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor, and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a). RRS 31 still applies.
- 7.5 In accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(d) races will not be shortened. They will be abandoned.
- 7.5.1 No signals are required, but Race Committee may attempt to signal with 3 long audibles.
- 7.5.2 A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee

8. FORMAT:

- 8.1 Tier 2 Event. One division fleet racing. It is the intention of the O/A to begin with a Qualifying round including all nine teams, round-Robin rotation format with byes. After the qualifying round, the top 6 teams will advance to gold and the bottom 3 will advance to silver
- 8.1.1 The Gold and Silver Fleets shall each compete in a separate round robin.
- 8.1.2 Scores from the qualifying round shall not carry forward.
- 8.1.3 Racing within each fleet may be conducted as time and conditions permit. The Gold Fleet shall determine the overall championship standings, while the Silver Fleet shall determine places seventh through ninth.
- 8.1.4 The Race Committee shall announce the format of subsequent rounds before racing begins in those rounds.
- 8.2 Rotations will be displayed on the Notice Board
- 8.3 Boat assignments may be altered by the Race Committee in the event of boat or equipment breakdowns
- 8.4 Rotations may take place from dock or ashore, as designated by the Race Committee. A coach or other adult support personnel affiliated with the school must be present to assist with rotations.
- 8.4 Three races shall constitute a regatta

9 THE START/FINISH LINE

- 9.1 The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of the starting/finishing mark and a pole displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat.
- 9.2 A buoy may be attached to the RC Signal Boat anchor line just below keel~~p~~ depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC Signal Boat at any time – this area is designated as an obstruction. As part of the anchor line, this buoy is not part of the starting mark. A boat may not request redress because the anchor line at the buoy is above keel~~p~~ depth. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

10. INDIVIDUAL/GENERAL RECALLS:

- 10.1 Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix U except as modified here.
- 10.2 Individual recalls will be signaled by a single sound. The RC will attempt to hail OCS boats via loud hailer and may display code flag “X”. The following are not grounds for redress:
- failure of RC to display flag “X”.
 - failure of RC to hail any or all boats.

- failure of RC to accurately hail one or more boats;
- failure of a boat to hear its hail or signal, or
- the order of boats within the hail. This changes RRS 60.1.

10.3 General recalls will be signaled by 2 sounds. RC may but is not required to display code flag "First Substitute."

10.3.1 After a general recall, the automatic I flag - "round-the-ends" provision applies or RRS 30.1, except I flag need not be flown. This is in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(c) (changes RRS 30.1).

11. DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY:

11.1 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 or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 After finishing each race, all competitors shall stop by the leeward side of the finish boat to report any association with a protest, any contact or damage between boats or a mark, and/or penalty turns taken.

12.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC boat docks. This dock time will be posted on the official notice board on the U20 Shed.

12.3 The Race Committee may protest any boat, each day, up to the close of the Protest filing deadline for that same day. Competitors shall be available to other competitors and the Protest Committee until the protest filing deadline has expired.

12.4 Per ISSA PR 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with coaches before reporting to the Race Committee their intent to protest.

12.5 In accordance with Rule 70.5(a) and ISSA PR 20, the decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted.

13 BREAKDOWNS

13.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.

13.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA Appendix 3.

13.3 In the event of a spinnaker breakdown that cannot be repaired, the Race Committee may eliminate spinnaker use for the entire fleet.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 9
- 14.2 Tech Score will be used. RP Forms are due no later than thirty (30) minutes after dock time of RC boat.

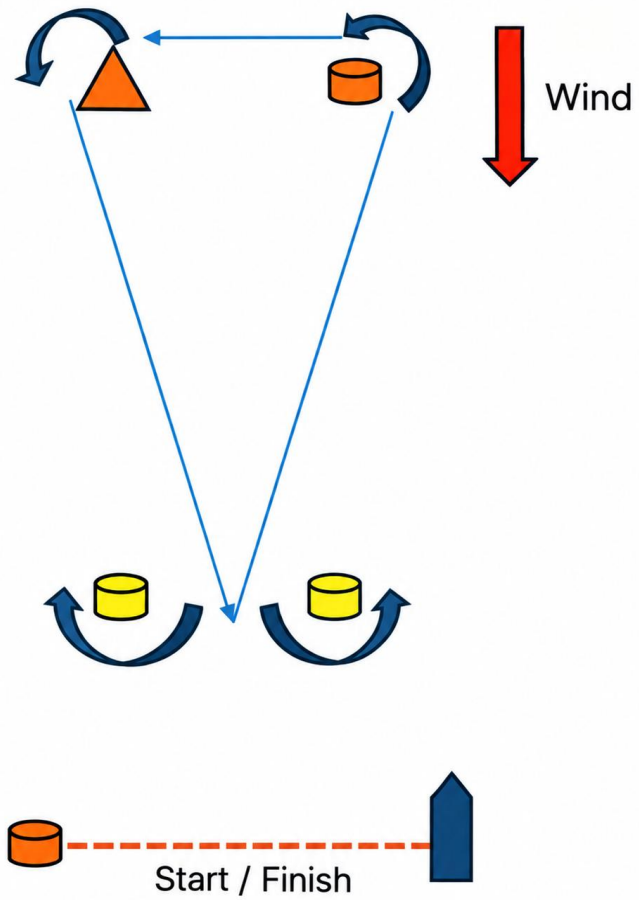
15. SAFETY

- 15.1 Per ISSA Procedural Rule 2.2, competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III personal flotation device.
- 15.2 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.

16. SERIOUS COLLISIONS

19.1 A collision causing damage requiring more than normal maintenance is regarded as serious damage and considered a serious incident. When such damage occurs, the Protest Committee may hold a hearing under RRS's 60.2, 60.3 & 63 to determine the facts and consider whether those involved exercised reasonable care in handling their boats. When the Protest Committee finds that a boat(s) did not, it shall be disqualified, regardless of any alternative penalty(s) accepted under RRS 44.1. In extreme cases, either or both boat(s) may be excluded from the rest of the regatta. (Changes RRS 64.1 (b)).

Appendix A



**leeward gates are not marks of the course on the finishing leg*