COLUMBIA SAILING SCHOOL

MISSA Shepherd Championship

TIER 2

Columbia Yacht Club

Columbia Sailing School

31 October – 1 November 2026

Monroe Harbor, Chicago, IL

Notice of Race (NOR)

1. **RULES**
   - **a.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing,* the ISSA Procedural Rules, the ISSA Code of Conduct, the MISSA Supplemental Rules, and the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules as well as this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
   - **b.** In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
   - **c.** The organizing authority is MISSA in conjunction with Columbia Sailing School.
   - **d.** In accordance with Rule 70.5(a) and ISSA PR 20, the decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.
   - **e.** 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. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
   - **a.** The sailing instructions will be available by 1800 on Friday, 30 October 2026.

3. **COMMUNICATION**
   - **a.** The online official notice board is located on Tech score for the event.
   - **b.** All Coach boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
   - **c.** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to coaches on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
   - **a.** This event is limited to MISSA member schools and is a Tier 2 event. Competing schools and competitors must be members of MISSA in good standing and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the ISSA Procedural Rules.
   - **b.** Qualified teams from each of the 5 qualifying events must accept their berth to this event via the procedures, and within the time limit, prescribed by the MISSA Supplemental Rules.
   - **c.** Qualified teams may enter the regatta by completing the registration and submitting the entry fee no later than the entry deadline. **Only one entry should be submitted per qualified team, including the team's name as the "Skipper Name."**

d. The online entry form is available through the website at: https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/Adn86ydjae/class
e. All teams must register by 23 October at 1700, to participate in the regatta.
f. A waiver will be sent to all registered teams and must be completed by a guardian of competitor individually
g. Selection of competing schools will be determined by the following 5 qualifying events:
  i. Great Lakes Open Last Chance Qualifier - 2 berths
  ii. Northeast Great Lakes Qualifier - 3 berths
  iii. Southwest Great Lakes Qualifier - 3 berths
  iv. Northwest Great Lakes Qualifier - 3 berths
  v. Southeast Great Lakes Qualifier - 3 berths
h. The regatta has an allowance of 14 team berths. Any additional allocations in place of teams that cannot attend, or if additional berths become available, will be determined by the MISSA Board.
i. A/B Division format - Each team shall consist of two (2) two-person boats
j. A team shall have no fewer than four (4) sailors to enter the regatta. A team may include alternate sailors.

5. FEES

a. Entry fees is $100 per team paid through online registration.
b. No food is provided at this regatta.
c. A team that withdraws from the regatta after the entry deadline or fails to compete at the event shall forfeit its entry fee.
d. 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.
e. Coaches, parents, and chaperones can use the club's facilities. Food and beverage can be purchased using a credit card. **Please see Appendix A for more details.**
f. There will be no lunch break. Athletes are to bring a lunch to eat on land or on the water in between races.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

a. Columbia Sailing School will provide club 420s. Boats shall be sailed as provided. No other boats may be used in the regatta.
b. Any alterations to the boats will be in accordance with ISSA PR. 7.11
c. Any Substitutions during the regatta will follow ISSA PR 4.2.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, 31 October
1000 – Registration and rigging of boats

1030 – Competitor meeting. All competitors shall attend the competitor meeting.
1100 – First warning. Races will continue throughout the day.

Sunday, 1 November
0900 – Rigging of boats
1000 – Warning signal for first race
1500 – No race will start after this time

Any changes to the schedule will be posted in the SIs or on the official notice board.

8. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- **a.** Due to water temperature, competitors are required:
  - **i.** To provide their own dry suit and have it on hand at the venue on each day of racing as per ISSA PR 2.3.
  - **ii.** On each day of racing, the host will announce whether dry suits will be required to be worn by competitors racing on that day.
  - **iii.** If the air temperature plus the water temperature equals or exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit, dry suits may not be required to be worn on that day.
  - **iv.** Competitor's failure to wear a dry suit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA will be scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing. ***This changes RRS 63.1.***

9. VENUE

- **a.** This event will be based out of Columbia Sailing School, located at 111 N Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60601.
- **b.** The race area will be in Monroe Harbor or on Lake Michigan east of the harbor.
- **c.** Please see Appendix A of the NOR for details on access to Columbia Yacht Club.

10. COURSES

The courses will be Windward/Leeward.

11. COACHING

- **a.** Each team must provide a coach boat that will serve as each coach's respective designated on-the-water coaching platform for the event.
- **b.** All coaches and support staff are required to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) as required by ISSA PR 2.2 and an ECOS (Engine Cut Off System) device and) at all times while operating a powerboat.
- **c.** Coaches and support staff are required to follow Coast Guard legal capacity while operating their coach boats or support boats. Vessels not operating within legal capacity will be required to leave the race area.

d. No coaches or support staff are to operate above an idle speed within 100 feet of competitors in sailboats, or in the surrounding course area, unless responding to an emergency situation. The start, finish, and rotation areas all are no-wake zones. Coaches not adhering to this will be required to anchor for the remainder of the regatta, or leave the racing area.

12. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race, which states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor and their parents and guardians agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. 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.

13. CONDUCT, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND VIDEO RIGHTS

ISSA PR 5 shall apply.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Appendix A

A few important reminders about our venue:

- There is **NO PARKING** for competitors or guests permitted in the Columbia Yacht Club lot. The DuSable Harbor Parking Lot is the closest option, and is located across the street from the YC. Other options include the Field Harbor Parking Garage and the Millenium Park Parking Garage.
- The Yacht Club asks that parents, spectators, and visitors **NOT** to take seats on the second-floor restaurant deck unless they intend to sit for a meal at the restaurant.
- Sailors may bring outside food for lunch/snacks. However, any **parents, spectators, visitors should NOT bring outside food**. Food is available to purchase with a credit card from the restaurant and bar for in-house service or to-go.
- All sailors can keep their gear **NEATLY** along the perimeter of the 1st floor rail deck of the club ship. Sailors should not go upstairs into the lounge, bar, or restaurant area in wet gear.
- There will be no lunch break, so sailors should prepare to bring lunch to eat during their off-sets. A sailor's off-set might be on the water.

If you are bringing a powerboat to launch, please remember there are no facilities to launch from at Columbia YC or Monroe Harbor. The closest ramp is Burnham Harbor, immediately south of Monroe Harbor.