MASSA Keelboat Qualifier

Larchmont Yacht Club
1 Woodbine Ave.
Larchmont, NY 10538

October 31 - November 1, 2026

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MASSA Supplemental Rules, and the MASSA Code of Conduct. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS / CHANGES TO THESE SIs

2.1. Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board on TechScore. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the regatta chair and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect. In the event such a change is made, the change will be communicated orally to all competitors prior to the first start in which the change is to take effect.

2.2. Prior to the warning signal of a race, the race committee running races from a signal boat or a float may make an oral announcement of changes to the sailing instructions by informing all boats and receiving oral confirmation that the change has been heard.

3. TEAM AREAS and SUBSTITUTIONS:

3.1. Teams may leave gear, etc. at Junior Sailing Building and Pool Locker Rooms

3.2. Crew substitutions will not be allowed without the written permission of the OA.

4. PROTESTS:

Protests will be heard following racing using a “Three Minute Justice” hearing which is outlined in Appendix 1. This modifies ISSA PR 15(d) & (e).

5. MARKS

5.1. Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable mark.

5.2. The gate marks will be green balls.

5.3. If used, the windward offset shall be an white ball.

5.4. The start/finish pin shall be an orange inflatable mark.

6. THE START

Races will be started in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.

7. THE COURSE / CHANGES TO THE COURSE

7.1. The race committee intends to run W4s with a leeward gate and windward offset in compliance with ISSA PR 7.8(b), and as diagramed in Appendix 2. This may be modified by announcement on the water as per SI 2.2.

7.2. Marks shall be moved in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(c).

8. BREAKDOWNS

8.1. Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the bosun or to the race committee finish boat on the water as soon as possible after finishing. Compliance with this instruction is required regardless of whether a scoring change for a breakdown is being requested. Failure to make this report will be subject to such a penalty as the protest committee may impose, including loss of one or more race wins. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

8.2. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 61.

9. REGATTA CONTACTS

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Appendix 1

Three Minute Justice Guidelines

Protesting and protested skippers shall use “Three Minute Justice” to resolve the protest. They must meet immediately after racing. At this time, the protestor can withdraw their protest without penalty. If they proceed to Three Minute Justice, the OA will request that whenever possible, non-interested coaches / responsible adults act as jurors. each skipper then selects another member of the fleet to act as a jurors.

The use of competitors’ coaches is a key feature of Three Minute Justice. We rely on the continuity and camaraderie of our fleet to overcome potential conflicts of interest. In exchange we gain knowledge of the racing rules and the sailing conditions of the racing just completed. We obtain a quick decision and retain the congenial atmosphere that characterizes our sailing and racing. All sailors are invited to observe the protest hearing. Participants have access to a whiteboard, markers and magnetic boats to reenact the incident.

The two skippers and the jurors remain standing. The protester has one minute to describe the incident including when and where it occurred and the rule believed broken. The protestee then has one minute to present their side of the case. The protesting parties and the jurors may briefly question each other. If any of the four want a witness to resolve a matter of fact, the witness has one minute to present his / her testimony.

The jurors then have one minute to reach a decision. The Jury may dismiss the protestor and protestee during deliberations, at their discretion. Jurors will deliberate and reach a decision in one minute. If the jurors are unable to agree on a resolution, this will result in no penalty. The jurors inform the race committee of their decision. The decision of the jury is final and cannot be appealed. The outcome is then passed on to the scorer for inclusion in the day’s scoring.

Appendix 2

