



MASSA 2026 Fall Fleet Championship & ACC Qualifier

Hosted by Buffalo Yacht Club Foundation
1 Porter Ave, Buffalo NY 14201
October 24-25, 2026



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules and the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules. If there is a conflict between the NOR, any NOR amendment and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the NYSIA-NW League of ISSA in conjunction with BYCF and BYC.
- 1.3. In accordance with RRS 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final, and US Sailing permission has been granted.
- 1.4. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) will be in effect.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1. Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Tech Score.
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the protest committee and the ISSA Representative and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** Both the ISSA Code of Conduct (ISSA PR Appendix 1) and the MASSA Code of Conduct will apply to all sailors, coaches, parents and spectators participating and attending our event.

4. SCHEDULE:

- 4.1. Report times each day are listed in the NOR.
- 4.2. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chair.
- 4.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score

5. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 5.1. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8.
- 5.2. The race committee may designate course selection orally.
- 5.3. All marks will be orange, yellow and or green inflatable marks.

6. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:

- 6.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.
- 6.2. The start/finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a mark.

7. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT:

- 7.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way, except that competitors may adjust lines and controls normally adjustable.
- 7.2 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 7.3 Mainsheet may be rigged with either a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.
- 7.4 The penalty for infringing the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.
- 7.5 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, to the boat repair committee immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water.

8. BREAKDOWNS:

- 8.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 8.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

9. PROTESTS: Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.

10. SCORING: Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

11. SAFETY: 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.

12. COACHING: Coaching will be in accordance with MASSA District Supplemental Rule 6.12.2 Coaching Between Sets: Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only between sets on the dock or on shore unless otherwise directed by the regatta chairperson. This changes ISSA PR 8(a).

13. WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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Course Diagram

Marks of the course shall be left to port

Course	Marks
WA2 (W3)	Start – W – O – G – Upwind Finish
LA2 (W4)	Start – W – O – G – W – O – Downwind Finish
WA3 (W5)	Start – W – O – G – W – O – G – Upwind Finish

