

ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB
ESTABLISHED 1886

2026 Fall MDISA Keelboat Qualifier Championship

**Hosted by
Annapolis Yacht Club
Sailing Center
510 Severn Avenue
Annapolis, Maryland 21403
October 13th - 14th, 2026**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (“SIs”):

1. RULES:

1.1 The Organizing Authority is the Mid-Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association (MASSA) in conjunction with the Maryland Interscholastic Sailing Association (MDISA) and Annapolis Yacht Club.

1.2 If the Race Committee signal boat flies code flag K prior to any start, spinnakers will not be permitted during that race.

1.3 Teams will draw for boats at regatta check in and will remain in the same boat until the end of the regatta. Each team will be assigned a spinnaker at check in and that spinnaker will remain with that team for the duration of the event.

1.4 RRS 44.1 is changed to require a boat to take a one-turn penalty for breaking a rule of part 2.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

2.1 Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the front porch by the AYC Jr. Fleet Offices and 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.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

October 13th, 2026:

3:30 PM - Report time/ Weigh-In/Waivers/Damage Deposits/Rigging of Boats

4:00 PM - Competitors Meeting

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.

6:30 PM - No warning signal after

After Racing - Trophies/Awards for Competitors and Crews (Top 3 Finishers)

October 14th, 2026: (Back-up date if no wind)

3:30 PM - Report time/ Weigh-In/Waivers/Damage Deposits/Rigging of Boats

4:00 PM - Competitors Meeting

First Warning - as soon as reasonably possible after launching.

6:30 PM - No warning signal after

After Racing - Trophies/Awards for Competitors and Crews (Top 3 Finishers)

3.1 Changes to the official schedule will be posted on the official notice board.

3.2 The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chairperson.

4. TEAM AREAS:

4.1 Team areas - Teams may leave gear, etc. at Annapolis Yacht Club.

4.2 Crew substitutions will not be allowed except in the case of an emergency and with the written permission of the OA.

5. FORMAT:

5.1 No Rotations

6. PROTESTS:

6.1 Protest Forms, etc. will be located at the AYC Sailing Center, first floor. Written protests, including requests for redress must be filed with the RC within 30 minutes of the last competitor's arrival ashore.

7. MARKS:

7.1 Marks will be inflatable marks. Pin(s) will be orange cylinders. (Changes MASSA Supplemental Rules 6.9.4-6.9.6)

8. BREAKDOWNS:

8.1 Any boat suffering from a breakdown shall report to race committee as soon as reasonably possible. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

8.2 Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the regatta representative or to the race committee finish boat on the water immediately after all boats in their race have finished. 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 penalty as the protest committee may impose, including loss of one or more race wins. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

9. HANDLING OF THE BOATS:

9.1 General - While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for granting redress (changes rule 62).

9.2 Prohibited Items and Actions:

9.2.a. Any additions, omissions or alterations to the equipment supplied.

9.2.b. The use of any equipment for a purpose other than that intended.

9.2.c. The replacement of any equipment without the sanction of the RC.

- 9.2.d. Sailing the boat in a manner that it is reasonable to predict that significant further damage would result.
- 9.2.e. Moving equipment from its normal stowage position except when being used.
- 9.2.f. Boarding a boat without prior permission.
- 9.2.g. Taking a boat from its berth or mooring without having permission from the RC, or, on race days, while “AP” is displayed ashore.
- 9.2.h. Attaching lines to the fabric of spinnakers.
- 9.2.i. Perforating sails, even to attach tell tales.
- 9.2.j. Radio transmission while racing (including mobile telephones), except to report damage or in response to a request from the RC.
- 9.2.k. Adjusting or altering the tension of standing rigging, excluding the backstay.
- 9.2.l. Using a reef line as an outhaul.
- 9.2.m. Omitting any headsail car or turning block before sheeting.
- 9.2.n. The use of electronic instruments other than watches.
- 9.2.o. The use of kelp cutters on the keel.
- 9.2.p. Marking directly on the hull or deck with permanent ink.
- 9.2.q. Using a compass, other than the boat’s compass or a handheld compass. The handheld compass shall not be affixed to the boat or rigging. A handheld compass is permitted to be electronic, but shall have no tactical capability. GPS compasses are specifically prohibited.
- 9.2.r. 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. Penalties for breaches of this rule will be RC initiated. This changes the first sentence of RRS Appendix C8.2.

9.3 Permitted Items and Actions:

- 9.3.a. Taking a bag on board containing:
 - i. Basic hand tools
 - ii. Adhesive tape (non-residue-leaving)
 - iii. Line (elastic or otherwise of 4mm diameter or less)
 - iv. Marking pens (not permanent markers)
 - v. Telltale material
 - vi. Handheld compass
 - vii. Shackles and clevis pins
 - viii. Velcro tape
 - ix. Small flags
- 9.3.b. Using the contents of the bag to:
 - i. Prevent the fouling of lines, sails, and sheets
 - ii. Attach tell tales
 - iii. Prevent sails from being damaged or falling overboard

- iv. Mark control settings
 - v. Make minor repairs
- 9.3.c. Changing the purchase of the mainsheet, provided it is restored to its original configuration before leaving the boat

9.4 Mandatory Items and Actions:

- 9.4.a. At the conclusion of sailing each day, the skipper shall complete and sign a written damage report and submit it to the RC, even if no damage or loss is recorded. Reports shall include any evidence of matters that could cause damage or disadvantage to the boat in future races.
- 9.4.b. At the end of each sailing day:
 - i. Folding or rolling, bagging and placement of the sails as directed
 - ii. Leaving the boat in the same state of cleanliness as when first boarded that day.
- 9.4.c. At the end of the final day for a particular boat, cleaning the boat (cabin and decks), removing all trash and removing all tape and marks.
- 9.4.d. Any request to alter, in any way, the equipment on a boat shall be in writing and worded to permit a yes or no answer.
- 9.4.e. Complying with any regulations, including speed restrictions and navigation marks, while leaving or returning to the berth.
- 9.4.f. Infringement of items 9.4.b and 9.4.c will be considered damage and the cost of rectification will be deducted from the damage deposit.

10. EQUIPMENT LIST:

10.1 The following non-fixed items provided by the OA, are to be carried on board at all times while racing in their designated space. Any loss is to be reported to the OA during the daily filing of damage reports.

- 10.1.a. Mainsail and set of battens
- 10.1.b. Headsail
- 10.1.c. Spinnaker
- 10.1.d. Three sail bags
- 10.1.e. Two spinnaker sheets
- 10.1.f. Two jib sheets
- 10.1.g. Two headsail cars
- 10.1.h. Two mooring lines
- 10.1.i. Two fenders

11. COMBINED CREW WEIGHT: The total combined crew weight shall not exceed 650 pounds. Sailors will be weighed in at regatta check-in wearing a minimum of a t-shirt and shorts, without gear.

12. REGATTA CONTACTS:

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