

2026 Great Lakes Qualifier – Tier 2 Regatta
 Cornwell Sailing Center on Boardman Lake
 650 Hannah Ave.
 Traverse City, MI 49686

October 10, 2026



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MISSA By-Laws and District Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and these Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.2 In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.
- 1.3 RRS 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,”
- 1.4 The Organizing Authority is the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA), in conjunction with Traverse Area High School Sailing and Traverse Area Community Sailing (TACS).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 Official Notices to Competitors including any changes to the schedule or Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the white board in the boathouse and / or communicated verbally to all competitors prior to the race in which they will take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 3.1 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced by “thirty minutes”. This changes RRS Signal AP.

4. SCHEDULE:

4.1 SATURDAY October 10

8:30 Check-in. Immediately rig boats after check-in.

9:10 Competitor's meeting in the boathouse near flagpole, boats should be launched as soon as possible following the competitor's meeting.

9:57 First Warning

12:00 Lunch (on your own, there is no food provided at this regatta) should be eaten on the dock between rotations. Racing shall continue until there is a consensus that enough races have been completed or a full rotation.

Awards to follow

5. RACING AREA:

5.1 The Race Committee will attempt to set the courses near the dock at the north end of Boardman Lake for spectacular spectating.

6. COURSES:

6.1 Courses will be selected from the diagrams shown in Addendum A and Addendum B.

6.2 Course selection will be displayed on the Signal Boat prior to or with the first warning signal for each race. Display will be a large numeral "4" or numeral "3".

7. MARKS:

7.1 Marks of the course will be hippity hops of different colors.

7.2 If a new windward mark is set, there will be no corresponding offset mark.

7.3 If one of the downwind gate marks is lost or removed, competitors shall round the remaining downwind mark to port.

8. THE START:

8.1 Races will be started using three-minute audible starts per RRS Appendix U. There will be a 15 sec multiple alert horn before Warning 3 minute horn. A verbal countdown to the first signal may be provided by the Signal Boat.

8.2 The start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat on the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

INDIVIDUAL RECALLS / GENERAL RECALLS:

8.3 Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix U except as modified here.

8.4 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 the order of boats within the hail. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

8.5 General recalls will be signaled by two sounds. RC may but is not required to display code flag “First Substitute”. After a General Recall, the “Around-the-Ends Rule” RRS 30.1 shall apply except that code flag “I” need not be displayed in accordance with MISSA Procedural Rule 7.8(b). This changes RRS 29 and 30.1.

8.6 Boats starting more than 2 (2) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

9. THE FINISH:

9.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Signal Boat or Finish Boat and a nearby mark.

10. TIME LIMITS:

10.1 The time limit for any race will be thirty (30) minutes for the first boat to finish.

10.2 Boats not finishing within 5 (5) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) as prescribed in RRS Appendix A.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

11.1 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.

11.2 The protests will be handled throughout the day(s) in between rotations.

11.3 Per ISSA Procedural Rule 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the Race Committee their intent to protest.

11.4 Notices will be posted when coming ashore between rotations to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearings.

11.5 All decisions of the Protest Committee are final. Permission for this has been granted from ISSA.

12. COACHING:

12.1 Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from reporting time Saturday until regatta ending time, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors and teams associated with the infringing support personnel.

12.2 All coaches must be registered in accordance with MISSA By-Laws, Section 3 “Registration – Coaches”.

12.3 It is the responsibility of the coaches to know the limits of their competitors, and thus pull said competitor from racing if conditions exceed their limitations.

13. SCORING:

13.1 Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 9.

13.2 Tech Score will be used. RP forms are due no later than 10 (10) minutes after dock time of RC boat.

14. SAFETY:

14.1 US Coast Guard approved Type III life jackets must be worn while on boats, as well as the dock at all times. Anyone who goes on the water must have a PFD.

14.2 Team uniforms for team identification shall be worn properly by all competitors while on the water.

14.3 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area is requested to notify the RC either on the water or ashore. A boat that subsequently returns to the racing area is asked to check in with the Signal Boat.

15. PRIZES:

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to teams placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd place overall in the regatta .

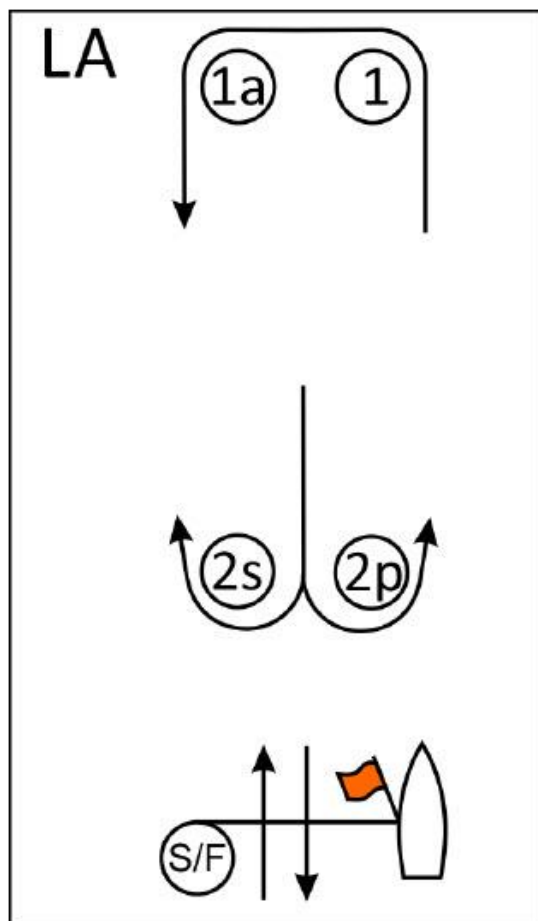
15.2 This is the last chance qualifier for the Great Lakes Championship in Chicago on Oct. 24-25 or the Shepherd Oct 31 – Nov 1. 1st –2nd place earn berths to the GLC and 3rd place earn berths to the Shepherd. More berths may be awarded later based upon the ability to participate.

15.3 Advancing teams must notify the MISSA District Director and MISSA East League Representative by noon on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

REGATTA CONTACTS:

Regatta Chairpersons:	Ben Ferris	231-499-7692	bferris@gtacs.org
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ADDENDUM A



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

ADDENDUM B COURSE "3"

The start will be between mark "S" and an orange flag on the Signal Boat.

After start, boats shall proceed to windward mark #1, then to offset mark #2, then leeward to either mark #3p or #3s and then finish between mark "1" and a blue flag on the Finish Boat.

In commonly used terms: this is 3 legs of the course.

The order of marks to be rounded is:

Start-1-2-(3p or 3s)-Finish

