



2026 MISSA Northwest Great Lakes Qualifier

Organized by MISSA
Hosted by the Lake Minnetonka Sailing School
19802 Minnetonka Blvd
Excelsior, MN 55331
September 26th – 27th, 2026



Notice of Race (NOR) **With Amendment 1 in Section 4.8**

1 RULES

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is MISSA and the regatta host is the Lake Minnetonka Sailing School.
- 1.3 Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c) will be in effect.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.5 In accordance with US Sailing Prescription to rule 70.3(b) and ISSA PR 18, decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.
- 1.6 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 as is from a boat that was neither involved in nor saw the incident, or”

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on techscore (scores.hssailing.org) by Friday, September 25th, 2026.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located online on techscore: scores.hssailing.org
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors & coaches on VHF radio channel 72. Coaches must bring their own radios.
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Competing schools and competitors must be members of MISSA in good standing and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 4.2 This is a MISSA Tier 2 regatta and is limited to MISSA Northwest League schools in good standing.
- 4.5 The regatta has an allowance of 20 berths. Vacated berths may be reallocated by the MISSA Board.
- 4.6 Eligible schools and sailors must enter the regatta by completing the official Entry Form no later than 1700 CST on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026. The online entry form is available at:
<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/LakeMinnetonkaSailingSchool0#/selectSessions/3858140>
- 4.7 A team that withdraws from the regatta after the entry deadline, or fails to compete at the event, shall forfeit their entry fee – regardless of if the berth is filled by another team.
- 4.8 Places 1 through 4 will earn a berth to the 2026 Great Lakes Championship. Places 5th through 7th will earn a berth to the 2026 Shepherd Championship. Berths must be accepted in accordance with MISSA Supplemental Rule 5.9.
- 4.9 Complete team rosters shall be entered in scores.hssailing.org as soon as possible.

5 FEES & DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$160 per team of four sailors and one coach. Each additional sailor costs \$40. There will be a light breakfast, but no lunch. Each team is responsible for bringing their own food and reusable water bottles. A water filling station and coffee maker will be available on-site.
- 5.2 By registering for this regatta, in place of paying a damage deposit, each team agrees to pay the cost of any damages they are deemed responsible for by the host or protest committee. If damage cannot be attributed to a specific incident/team, the total cost to repair the damage will be divided equally between all participating teams.

6 BOATS AND CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 LMSS will provide Club 420s. The boats shall be sailed as provided. No other boats may be used in the regatta unless boat damage or breakdown requires the use of a spare boat.
- 6.2 Any alterations to the boats will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.11.

7 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26th, 2026

0730: Shuttles to Lighthouse Island (LHI) begin from 19800 Park Avenue
0745: Check in and rigging of boats
0830 Coaches meeting
0845: Check in closes
0845: Competitor's meeting
0945: First warning, races to continue throughout the day

Sunday, September 27th, 2026

0730: Shuttles to Lighthouse Island begin from 19800 Park Avenue
0745: Rigging of boats
0930: Warning signal for first race
1600: No warning signal after this time, award presentation to follow

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The event headquarters will be on Lighthouse Island (LHI). Pontoon shuttles will be made available between LHI and Park Avenue (19800 Park Ave Wayzata MN 55391) during event hours. Please DO NOT go to the Minnetonka Yacht Club headquarters at their Carson's Bay Facility unless you are launching or retrieving your coach boat.
- 8.2 This event will be sailed in the vicinity of Lighthouse Island on Lake Minnetonka. The distance from shore will be determined by the wind direction.

9 SUPPORT VESSELS AND COACHING

- 9.1 Coaching will take place on the water. Coaches shall bring a coach boat capable of rotating their team(s) on the open waters of Lake Minnetonka. A limited number of coach boats are available to teams traveling from out of town. Please contact Samuel Bartel ASAP to reserve a borrowed coach boat.
- 9.2 LMSS will not be responsible for rotating sailors.
- 9.3 Rotations will take place on the water and extra care is asked to be taken while rotating teams.
- 9.4 Coaches are required to wear approved flotation devices as required by ISSA PR 2.2.
- 9.5 Coaches are required to wear kill cords/devices on all vessels while afloat.
- 9.6 Spectator boat(s) may be made available at the discretion of the OA. If spectator boats are not made available, spectators are encouraged to view racing from the clubhouse and/or patio on Lighthouse Island.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta.

11 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 11.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

12 PHOTOGRAPHY, CAMERAS, AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 Individuals and their teams are permitted to use personal video/film/camera or sound recording equipment on their boats, however, the video and audio obtained by their personal cameras may not be used during a protest hearing. Video/film/camera equipment includes, but is not limited to, GoPro and other action cameras, U.A.V.s, and Drones. Any teams that use GoPro and other action cameras, U.A.V.s, and Drones during the event must make the content available to all competing teams within 48 hours of the final warning signal on Sunday, September 27th, 2026.
- 12.2 It is the intent of the OA to have a photographer on the water during racing on Saturday and Sunday. Photos will be made available to all competing teams.

13 RISK STATEMENT & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 RRS 3 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 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.
- 13.2 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 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 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 CONTACT INFORMATION

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14.2 PARKING & SHUTTLES

LMSS is located on Lighthouse Island (LHI). Please look at the map below to understand transportation and parking logistics. LMSS will try to provide each visiting team with one temporary parking pass. LMSS is not responsible for visiting teams that receive parking tickets because of parking in permit-only areas without a pass. There is free street parking in the green areas shown on the map. If you do not have a Deephaven parking pass, the easiest place to park is on the shoulder of Park Avenue 2-3 blocks up the hill (East of the Park Avenue pick-up/drop-off lot).

LMSS will run pontoon shuttles from the Park Avenue dock starting at 0730 on Saturday and Sunday. Text and/or call Samuel Bartel (952-250-8378) to receive a shuttle if they are not running regularly.

Park Avenue dock address: 19800 Park Avenue Wayzata MN 55391

If this address does not work in your phone, try searching for the “Deephaven Beach”.

14.3 TRAILERS AND COACH BOATS

It is recommended that teams launch and retrieve coach boats at the “Carson’s Bay Boat Ramp” on Minnetonka Blvd. This is across the water from the Minnetonka Yacht Club Carson’s Bay Facility (19800 Minnetonka Blvd).

Coach boats can be parked on the docks of LHI or Carson’s Bay Marina overnight.

Trailer storage will be made available for the duration of the event. More info will be sent out about this by the OA.

14.4 HOUSING & HOTEL INFO

Limited housing may be available for teams/coaches. Please contact Samuel Bartel ASAP to request housing.

14.5 MAP OF AREA

