



**Great Lakes
Northwest League Qualifier**
Organized by MISSA
Hosted at Lake Minnetonka Sailing School
19802 Minnetonka Blvd Excelsior, MN 55331
September 26th – 27th, 2026



Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US Sailing, ISSA Procedural Rules, MISSA District Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is MISSA in conjunction with LMSS.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.4 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.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Official notices, including changes to sailing instructions, will be posted on the official Notice Board.
- 2.2 Changes to sailing instructions may be made on the water. Oral changes may be given on the water per RRS 90.2(c).

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on techscore: scores.hssailing.org.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors & coaches on VHF radio channel to be announced at the competitors meeting.
- 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.

- 3.4 [NP] Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care and seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use, and without interfering with its functionality. This includes the return of equipment in the same condition that it was provided in.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will display from the race committee boat on the East side of Lighthouse Island.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 COURSES & MARKS

- 6.1 Courses will be set and sailed in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the ISSA Procedural Rules. The diagram(s) in SI Addendum A show the course(s).
- 6.2 The race committee may designate course selection orally and/or from a white board located on the race committee boat.
- 6.3 All marks shall be orange cylinders, except the pin end of the starting line, which will be a yellow cylinder.

7 START, FINISH SIGNALS

- 7.1 The start and finish line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 7.2 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(b).

8 BREAKDOWNS

- 8.1 Breakdown requests for redress shall be filed in the same manner as protests

9 PROTESTS

- 9.1 Protest procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.

- 9.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in person to regatta chair Samuel Bartel within the appropriate time limit.
- 9.3 All protests will be handled using the Three-Minute Justice system. A panel of judges will be comprised of one coach from the protesting team, one coach from the protested team, and a coach from a team not involved in the protest. The protesting skipper will have one minute to present their case. The protested skipper will then have one minute to present their case. The skippers and judges may question each other. If either skipper has a witness, the witness has one minute to present their testimony. The judges will then have one minute to reach a decision. A third-party certified judge may be consulted if the panel of coaches/judges are unable to agree on a resolution.
- 9.3 A boat's protest time limit is 30 minutes after the competitor returns to the dock after completion of racing for the day, or 30 minutes after returning to the dock during a postponement after the incident occurred.
- 9.4 Hearings will be held in person in the MYC Clubhouse Burton Room.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.
- 10.2 Three (3) races in each division are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.3 RP Forms are due no later than 30 minutes after dock time of RC boat at the completion of racing on Sunday, or 30 minutes after the AP over A is displayed on Sunday if competitors are ashore during a postponement.

11 SUPPLIED BOATS

- 11.1 C420s will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way, including changing mainsheet purchases.
- 11.2 Competitors are expected to inspect their sailing equipment before leaving the dock. Failure to inspect equipment before going afloat or racing shall not be grounds for redress or replacement as outlined in ISSA PR and breakdown guidelines.

12 FORMAT

- 12.1 The regatta will be a two-division event. The Race Committee will attempt to complete two full round robins, totaling 16 races in each division.
- 12.2 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score.

13 COACHING

- 13.1 Each team must have a coach or adult team representative present that will go afloat.
- 13.2 Coaches are required to wear an approved flotation device as required by ISSA PR 2.2 and wear ECOS devices / kill cords on all vessels while afloat.

Course Diagram

