



**2015 MISSA Baker Team Race Championship
Detroit Country Day School
May 16-17, 2015
Pontiac Yacht Club, West Bloomfield, MI**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016 (RRS), including Appendix D, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MISSA By-Laws, MISSA District Rules and their Appendices, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.2 Rule D2.5 and D2.6 will apply, Two-Flag Protest Procedure and Limited Umpiring
Every 420 will be provided two red flags, each one attached to a shroud with 2 yellow flags one attached below each red.
- 1.3 The umpires will use:
Green and white flag (no penalty)
Red flag (penalty) A boat penalized by an umpire will take turns as instructed
Yellow flag (insufficient information, competitor must follow protest procedure)
Black and white (to report incident to Protest Committee)
- 1.4 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association in conjunction with host Pontiac Yacht Club and Detroit Country Day School.
- 1.5 RRS appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the Pontiac Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the chief umpire and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

4 RACING SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 16

- 0800 – Registration, Check in, rigging of boats
- 0845 – Coaches meeting
- 0900 – Competitors meeting (mandatory)
- 0930 – First warning. Races will continue throughout the day.

Sunday, May 17

- 0800 – Competitors meeting. All competitors shall attend the competitors meeting.
- 0830 – Warning signal for first race.
- 1400 – No race will start after this time, with the exception of a sail-off, if needed.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND RACING AREA

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the grounds of PYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 5.3 The racing area will be on Cass Lake, North West of PYC.

6 COURSE/ CHANGE OF COURSE AND MARKS

- 6.1 The course will be the digital 'N' as shown in Appendix A.
- 6.2 The starting, finishing, and turning marks will be inflatable shapes. Color and shape will be posted Saturday AM.
- 6.3 In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(c) after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required (changes RRS 33).
- 6.4 In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(d) races will not be shortened. They will be abandoned. No signals are required. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee, in consultation with the protest committee if possible.

7 THE START AND FINISH

- 7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 7.2 The team numbers of the next teams to race will be displayed on the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for that race.
- 7.3 The race number will be displayed on a white board on the starting boat.
- 7.4 A boat starting later than two minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 7.5 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the race committee finish boat and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

8 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS AND BREAKDOWNS

- 8.1 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix S6. Individual recalls shall be signaled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat.
- 8.2 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 8.3 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 12.2. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

9 RECORD OF PARTICIPATION AND PROTESTS

- 9.1 Record of Participation deadline is at the end of protest time at end of regatta on day 2.
- 9.2 All races will be Umpired pursuant to Appendix D, Rule D2 of the RRS and ISSA PR Appendix 7. Protest procedure will be in accordance with Appendix D2.5 and D2.6 shall apply. Per Procedural Rule 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.
- 9.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes in the flight in which the incident occurred, or 30 minutes after the Race Committee docks if it is the last flight of

the day or if competitor is sailing in the next flight 30 minutes after the last boat finishes in that flight.

- 9.4 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the race committee office on the first floor of the PYC or handed to the Regatta Chair person.

10 COACHING

- 10.1 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel may go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, as explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, only while in the designated area, and not during race competition.

11 FORMAT

- 11.1 A Qualifying round using a single round robin of all 12 teams will be sailed.
- 11.2 Plan A: The top 6 schools in the Qualifying Round shall sail a Championship Division single/double round robin with all Qualifying Round scores carrying over. Schools placing 7-12 in the Qualifying Round will sail a Silver Division single round-robin with all scores carrying over. Championship Division has 1st Priority.
- 11.3 Plan B: The top 4 schools in the Qualifying Round shall sail a Championship Division double round robin with all Qualifying Round scores carrying over. Schools placing 5-8 in the Qualifying Round will sail a Silver Division single round-robin with all scores carrying over. Schools placing 9-12 in the Qualifying Round will sail a Bronze Division single round-robin with all scores carrying over. Championship Division has 1st Priority.
- 11.3 In the event that the conditions make the above format unmanageable, the Regatta Chair and the Chief Umpire may alter the format at any time as they deem fair to ensure an equitable determination of the winner. ISSA PR 12.3

12 SAFETY

- 12.1 No boat shall leave the dock without being directed to do so by the race committee or the regatta chairman.
- 12.2 Per Procedural Rule 2.2, competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III or V lifejackets. Inflatable type lifejackets are not permitted.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this event, each competitor and responsible parent/guardian agrees to release all involved of any and all liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent.

14 AWARDS

- 14.1 The top team moves on to the Baker Trophy ISSA Team Race Championship in Chicago, May 22-24. Teams finishing in 2 and 3 will be invited to the National Invitational Tournament in Rochester, NY, May 22-24.
- 14.2 Teams must notify the MISSA Baker regatta chair, the MISSA president, your MISSA Area President and the regatta chair of the Championship event by 12 noon, Tuesday, May 19 for acceptance. Any team, who does not wish to travel, will allow the next team in order of finish, to accept a position. Failure to notify will grant the next team in line for the entry. Please email the persons above before Tuesday at noon if possible.

APPENDIX A

