



MISSA Southwest Baker Pre-Qualifier

Hosted by Chicago Yacht Club

April 12-13, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 The ISSA Procedural Rules shall apply and are available at <https://hssailing.org/resources/rules/> and the MISSA Supplemental Rules are available at <http://missa.hssailing.org/about/missa-district-rules> apply. This is a MISSA Tier 2 Regatta.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association in conjunction with the host Chicago Yacht Club.
- 1.3 This is a team racing event.
- 1.4 Races will be umpired according to RRS Appendix D2
- 1.5 In accordance with rule 70.5(a) and ISSA PR 20, decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.

2 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 on April 11th on Tech Score.

3 Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board will be Tech Score.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to the Team Coaches on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs

4 Eligibility And Entry

- 4.1 This event is open to qualifying MISSA member schools in good standing.
- 4.2 This is a Tier 2 regatta.
- 4.3 A team shall have no fewer than six (6) sailors and no more than nine (9) sailors.
- 4.4 Schools Teams can register by submitting the official Entry Form by 2000 CST on Thursday April 3rd, 2025 at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/nB2aT79vgX>
- 4.5 Each school will enter one team, with or without alternates competitors.
- 4.6 Entered teams unable to compete must notify the Regatta Chairperson and their MISSA representative as soon as possible. All entry fees are final and nonrefundable after 2001h

Central Time on Thursday April 3rd, 2025. Registrations are not transferrable between teams.

- 4.7 Complete team rosters shall be entered in Clubspot no later than 1400h Friday April 11th, 2025.
- 4.8 All liability forms shall be signed digitally via link in email received at the email address entered for each sailor in their team's Clubspot registration by 0830h Saturday April 12th, 2025.

5 Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$60 per sailor paid through online registration and includes lunch both days for the sailor and one coach per team
- 5.2 By registering for this regatta, in place of paying a damage deposit, my team agrees to pay the cost of any damages we are deemed responsible for by the host/protest committee/organizing authority, as well as the cost of any damages that cannot be attributed to a specific incident/team that is divided equally between all participating teams.

6 Boats and Crew Limitations

- 6.1 CYC will provide E420s. Boats shall be sailed as provided. No other boats may be used in the regatta.
- 6.2 No alterations shall be made to any boats sailed.
- 6.3 Each boat shall have at least one red protest flag (at least 10" x 10") affixed to a crew member by a line or bungee. Protest flags will not be provided.

7 Schedule:

Saturday April 12th

0830 – Registration and rigging of boats

0915 – Competitor's meeting

1000 – First Warning (or as announced at Competitor's meeting)

Sunday April 13th

0830 – Rigging of boats

0900 – Competitor's meeting

1000 – First Warning (or as announced at Competitor's meeting)

1500 – No warning signals after this time

8 Clothing and Equipment

Due to water temperature, competitors are required:

- 1. To provide their own dry suit and have it on hand at the venue on each day of racing as per ISSA PR 2.3
- 2. On each day of racing, the OA will announce whether dry suits will be required to be worn by competitors racing on that day

3. If the air temperature plus water temperature exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit, dry suits may not be required on that day
4. Competitor's failure to wear a dry suit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA will result in the team being scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing for each race where a team member is observed not wearing a dry suit. This changes RRS 60.5(b).

9 **Venue and Course**

- 9.1 This event will be based out of Chicago Yacht Club's Belmont Station located on the southern end of Belmont Harbor.
- 9.2 The race area will be on the open waters of Lake Michigan east of the entrance to Belmont Harbor.
- 9.3 ISSA PR Appendix 10 details the 'Digital N' course that will be used.

10 **Format and Scoring**

- 10.1 The format will be decided by the Regatta Chair (OA) based on the time and weather conditions and team participation.
- 10.2 The preferred format is as follows: A double Round Robin followed by the top 4 teams in a single Round Robin "Gold Fleet." A team's scores will carry forward to the Gold Fleet.
- 10.3 If the above is not possible in the allotted time, an alternate format will be announced by the regatta chair (OA) to provide maximum racing.

11 **Support Vessels and Coaching**

- 11.1 Coaching will take place on the water. Coaches shall bring a coach boat capable of rotating a complete team race team on the open waters of Lake Michigan. Some teams may opt to bring 2 coach boats based on weather forecast.
- 11.2 CYC RIBs may be available to borrow, email kate.odonnell@chicagoyachtclub.org to inquire about availability.
- 11.3 Rotations will take place on the water and extra care is asked to be taken while rotating teams.
- 11.4 Coaches are required to:
 - A. wear approved flotation devices as required by ISSA PR 2.2
 - B. wear kill cords/devices on all vessels while afloat.

12 **Prizes & Qualifying**

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.
- 12.2 This is a qualifier for the MISSA Baker Qualifier April 26-27. Berths will be allocated in accordance with MISSA Supplemental Rule 5.5 and must be accepted in accordance with MISSA Supplemental Rule 5.9.
- 12.3 If the Racing Rules of Sailing, ISSA Procedural Rules, and MISSA Supplemental Rules cannot determine the teams moving to the MISSA Baker Qualifier, selections will be

made by ranking the teams which qualified for, registered, and paid to attend the MISSA Central Pre Qualifier according to the most recent published MISSA Rankings and awarding berths accordingly.

13 **Risk Statement**

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.

14 **Regatta Contacts**

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