

BCSC Tier 2 Regatta
Baltimore County Sailing Center
2200 Rocky Point Rd., Baltimore, MD 21221
Saturday, April 25, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules as modified by MASSA and MDISA Procedural Rules, 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. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA) in conjunction with host Baltimore County Sailing Center.
- 1.3. All Competitors must be registered members of an active ISSA high school team.

2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on Techscore and may also be posted on the official notice board located at the BCSC Pavilion. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be announced at the Skippers Meeting and posted to the Official Notice Board immediately thereafter and updated on Techscore.

3. SCHEDULE:

- 3.1. Report time and skippers' meeting will be 0915 on 25 April 2026. First race will be at 1000 or as soon as practical thereafter. The number of races will be at the discretion of the regatta chairperson. RC will endeavor to run 2 A Division races followed by 2 B Division races, but the RC has discretion to modify this in order to ensure that an equal number of races are sailed in each division.
- 3.2. No race will start after 1500.
- 3.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score prior to the skippers' meeting and will be listed on the reverse side of the Official Notice Board.

4. BOATS

- 4.1. Boats shall be 420 sailboats provided by Baltimore County Sailing Center. No adjustments to standing rigging/shrouds may be made.
- 4.2. Mainsheets may be run at 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.

5. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 5.1. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR 7.7 and the diagram at the end of these Sailing Instructions. Course W4 is preferred.
- 5.2. The race committee may designate the course selection orally.
- 5.3. All marks will be Orange or Red Buoys. Starting/finishing marks may be white buoys.
- 5.4. 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).
- 5.5. The racing area will be Hawk Cove.

6. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:

- 6.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(a).

- 6.2. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix S6. RC will hail sail numbers 2 times and will maintain the "X" flag raised until all boats have restarted or the first boat rounds the windward mark, whichever is earlier.
- 6.3. General recalls will be signaled by two horns and, if necessary, a series of short whistles.
- 6.4. The start line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a white buoy.
- 6.5. The finish line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a white buoy.

7. BREAKDOWNS:

- 7.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 7.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

8. PROTESTS:

- 8.1. Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.
- 8.2. Per Procedural Rule 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee (start/finish boat) their intent to protest.
- 8.3. OA has the option to hear protests throughout the day or at the conclusion of racing.

9. **SCORING:** Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9. Scores will be listed on TechScore and on the reverse of the Official Notice Board. In the event of any conflict between TechScore and the Official Notice Board, Techscore will prevail.

10. COACHING:

- 10.1. Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, 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 personnel.
- 10.2. Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment or sustenance, only while on shore.

11. SAFETY:

- 11.1. Competitors shall wear USCG approved lifejackets as outlined in Procedural Rule 2.2. Pinnies are not required but are recommended.
- 11.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.
- 11.3. The Race Committee may require wetsuits or drysuits if the combination of air and water temperature is less than 120 degrees or if conditions otherwise warrant.

12. FORMAT:

- 11.1 The race committee will attempt to complete a full single-round robin rotation. Three races in each division constitute a regatta.
- 11.2 It is the intent of the race committee to run two A Division races followed by two B Division races and vice versa. The race committee retains the right, in its sole discretion, to modify this procedure to ensure that equal numbers of races are completed in each division.

13. ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK:

12.1 All sailors enter into the regatta solely at their own risk and aware of their own skill level. It is a sailor's sole decision as to whether that sailor chooses to go afloat and/or participate in racing. Each sailor and their parent and/or guardian acknowledges this risk in participating in this regatta.

12.2 Each team shall have a designated adult that remains on-site throughout the regatta.

Course Diagrams

Marks of the course shall be left to port

Course	Marks
W3	Start – W – O – G – Upwind Finish
W4	Start – W – O – G – W – O – Downwind Finish
W5	Start – W – O – G – W – O – G – Upwind Finish

