



Mississippi State High School Fleet Racing Championship Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Bay Waveland Yacht Club
March 21-22, 2026

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, ISSA Procedural Rules, SEISA Supplemental Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the SEISA, BWYC, and St. Stanislaus College (SSC).
- 1.3. RRS appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) (Propulsion).
- 1.4. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"
- 1.5. Changes to PR 15 (b) "A protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest. Failure to do so makes her protest invalid. This changes rule 60.4."
- 1.6. Per ISSA PR 18 and RRS 70.3(b), all results are final. The right to appeal is denied.
- 1.7. The Race Committee reserves the right to modify these sailing instructions verbally or in writing, on land or water, as they deem necessary.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1. Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

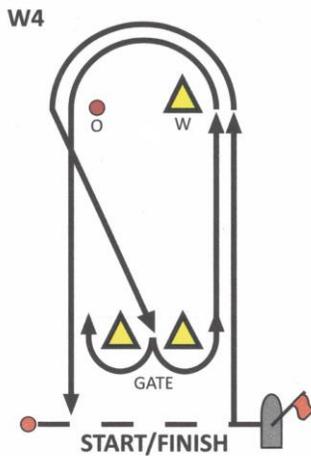
3. SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 21, 2026 Fleet Racing		Sunday, March 22, 2026 Team Racing	
Registration	0830-0900		
Competitor's Meeting	1000	Competitor's Meeting	1000
First Signal	1100	First Signal	1100
Trophy Presentation EACH DAY as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing.			

- 3.1 The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the principal race officer.
- 3.2 Two complete fleet racing rounds are scheduled. One completed race shall constitute a regatta.
- 3.3 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be distributed at the competitor's meeting.

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 4.1. The course for fleet racing will be course W4 (see ISSA Appendix 9 and graphic below).
- 4.2. The race committee may change & designate course selection orally.
- 4.3. All rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons or orange balls. The start/finish mark will be an orange or white ball.
- 4.4. 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.



5. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES:

- 5.1 In accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(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.

6. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:

- 6.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9 (3 minute sound sequence).
 6.2 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix U4. Per RRS U5, failure to hear an adequate hail or sound signal shall not be grounds for redress. X flag need not be displayed.
 6.3 General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles. After a general recall, the round the ends provision of RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(c).
 6.4 The start/finish line will be between the signal boat and an orange or white ball.

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 PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 5.

8. PROTESTS:

- 8.1 Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.
 8.2 Competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.

9. SCORING:

- 9.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

10. COACHING:

- 10.1 Support and coach boats are explicitly permitted. All personnel are encouraged and expected to render assistance to any boat in need, regardless of team. This is a specific exception to ISSA PR 8(a).
 10.2 Coaching may only take place between races ashore, or in an area designated by the PRO. During races, unless rendering assistance, coach boats should stay well-clear of boats racing.

11. SAFETY:

- 11.1 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III lifejackets. Inflatable type lifejackets and buoyancy aids are not permitted.
 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.

12. TROPHIES:

- 12.1 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall will be awarded.
 12.2 For the Mississippi Championship: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded to top placing Mississippi schools. The 1st place team will also win the 2023 Mississippi High School Sailing Championship & Perpetual Trophy (The Rock).



Mississippi State High School Team Racing Championship Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Bay Waveland Yacht Club
March 21-22, 2026

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS) as changed by Appendix D (Team Racing Rules), Prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, ISSA Procedural Rules, SEISA Supplemental Rules, this NOR, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is SEISA, BWYC, and St. Stanislaus College (SSC).
- 1.3 RRS D2 shall apply. Flags will be provided.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P is in effect modified per ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c) (Propulsion).
- 1.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"
- 1.6 Changes to PR 15 (b) "A protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest. Failure to do so makes her protest invalid. This changes rule 60.4."
- 1.7 Per ISSA PR 18 and RRS 70.3(b), all results are final. The right to appeal is denied.
- 1.8 The Race Committee reserves the right to modify these sailing instructions verbally or in writing, on land or water, as they deem necessary.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 Official notices including changes to the SI will be posted on the official notice board. Changes to the schedule shall be posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect. Other changes will be posted as soon as practicable.

3. SCHEDULE:

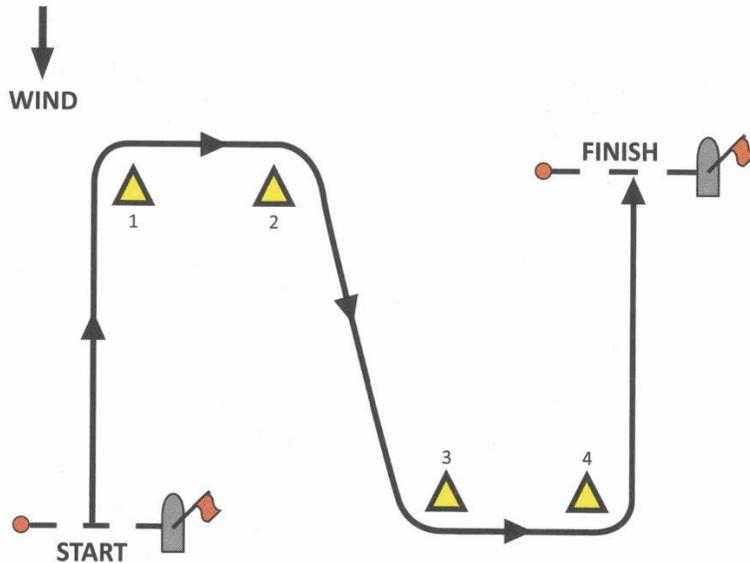
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Fleet Racing		Team Racing	
Registration	0830-0900		
Competitor's Meeting	1000	Competitor's Meeting	1000
First Signal	1100	First Signal	1100
Trophy Presentation EACH DAY as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing.			

- 3.1 The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the principal race officer.
- 3.2 Two rounds are scheduled. One completed round shall constitute a regatta.
- 3.3 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be distributed at the competitor's meeting.

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 4.1 The course will be the digital "N" in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules Appendix 10.
- 4.2 All marks will be orange balls or tetrahedrons.

- 4.3 In accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.8(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).
- 4.4 The course, in accordance with ISSA PR Appendix 10, is diagrammed below.



5. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES:

- 6.1 In accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.8(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.

6. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:

- 6.1 Races will start in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.9(a) (3 minute sound signal sequence).
- 6.2 The initial order of starts will be announced at the competitor's meeting.
- 6.3 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix U4. Per RRS U5, failure to hear an adequate hail or sound signal shall not be grounds for redress. X Flag need not be displayed.
- 6.4 General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles. After a general recall, the round the ends provision of RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 7.9 (c) (Changes RRS 30.1).
- 6.5 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 6.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made are asked to stay clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats.

7. BREAKDOWNS:

- 7.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests. This changes RRS D5.2.
- 7.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 11.2. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA Procedural Rule Appendix 5.

8. PROTESTS:

- 8.1 RRS D2 shall apply.
- 8.2 If a boat is entitled to a hearing per RRS D2.6, protest procedures will be in accordance with RRS D1.2(c). It will be the intention of the umpires to hear any protests on the water immediately after the race is finished.
- 8.3 Per Procedural Rule 8(b), competitors shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee their intent to protest.
- 8.4 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes in the round in which the incident occurred, or 30 minutes after the Race Committee docks, if it is the last race of the day.

9. SCORING:

9.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D as modified by ISSA Procedural Rule 11 and the NOR.

10. COACHING:

- 10.1. Support and coach boats are explicitly permitted. All personnel are encouraged and expected to render assistance to any boat in need, regardless of team. This is a specific exception to ISSA PR 8(a).
- 10.2. Coaching may only take place between races ashore, or in an area designated by the PRO. During races, unless rendering assistance, coach boats should stay well-clear of boats racing.

11. SAFETY:

- 11.1. Per ISSA Procedural Rule 2.2, competitors shall wear USCG approved "wearable" lifejackets. Inflatable type lifejackets are not permitted.
- 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.

12. TROPHIES:

- 12.1. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded to the top-placing teams overall. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded to the top-placing Mississippi teams. The top placing Mississippi team will be designated as the Mississippi State Champion.