



SAISA SOUTH POINTS #7

Varsity & Junior Varsity Fleets
Davis Island Youth Sailing Foundation
March 7th, 2026



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

OA: South Atlantic Interscholastic Sailing Association & Davis Island Youth Sailing Foundation

Venue: Davis Island Yacht Club, 1315 Severn Ave. Tampa, FL 33606

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RULES:

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the SAISA Supplemental Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.2. RRS Appendix P is in effect modified according to ISSA Procedural Rule 13(c).
- 1.3. All 420 mainsails shall have a maximum length of 43 inches at the top batten pocket.
- 1.4. North Blue-Ribbon Sails shall not be used.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on Techscore and, when possible, on a whiteboard located on the exterior north wall of DIYC.

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1. Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) by the race committee with multiple whistle signals along with megaphone hails from the signal boat. All changes will be announced prior to the warning signal of the race in which they take effect. Flag Lima will not be displayed.

SCHEDULE, FORMAT & SCORING:

- 4.1. Saturday, March 7th
 - 0800 – Arrival, Check-in & Rigging
 - 0830 – Competitors' Meeting
 - 0900 – First Warning
- 4.2. This will be a two-division regatta with the intention of sailing two races per division in each set. The Race Committee may change the format to match single "A" and "B" Division races to complete as many sets as possible.
- 4.3. Up to ten (10) races per division are scheduled.
- 4.4. Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA-PR 9 & 11 and the SAISA Supplemental Rules.

DAMAGE:

- 5.1. In accordance with RRS 14 and 60.2, the Race Committee may protest any boat for contact that causes damage, including damage to the Race Committee and other vessels. In cases of serious damage, the protest committee may impose penalties beyond disqualification, such as a DNE for one or more races, exclusion from the event, and or financial liabilities. See ISSA PR 14.

BOATS, EQUIPMENT & SAILS:

- 6.1. Each team must provide its own class rules-compliant C420 and will sail that boat throughout the event. This changes ISSA PR 7.4, 7.7(a), and SAISA SR 4.5 and 4.6.
- 6.2. Mainsheet bridles, trapezes, and spinnakers are not permitted. Mainsheets may be rigged 3:1 or 4:1, and any centerboard and traveler-mounted blocks must be tied or shackled down to the centerline within one (1) inch of the top of the centerboard trunk.
- 6.3. Shroud pins shall be set prior to the warning signal of the first race and not adjusted thereafter.
- 6.4. All Varsity boats will be assigned jibs at check-in that must be used for the duration of the event unless permission for a substitution is given by the Regatta Chair or PRO.
- 6.5. No redress shall be given under ISSA Procedural Rule 9(e), except for a breakdown of a jib provided by the Organizing Authority. Teams must supply their own jib sheets.
- 6.6. The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1, 6.2, or 6.3 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

ROTATION:

- 7.1. Boats will not be rotated. A&B division swaps will occur every two races, possibly reduced to every race as outlined in SI 4.2.
- 7.2. A&B Swaps will take place from the Swap Area at Point Beach.
- 7.3. Competitors are advised of shallow water and rocky hazards in the area of Point Beach.
- 7.4. Competitors must expedite their A&B swaps. Teams requiring more than 3 minutes of loiter time in the boat swap area will be asked by an event official to haul their boat to the Work Area on the grass above the Point Beach ramp.
- 7.5. The Race Committee reserves the right to start any race if it believes teams have been given adequate time to transit to the starting area from the Swap Area. A boat in the Work Area at the Warning Signal or a boat starting more than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. (Modifies RRS A5).

COURSES:

- 8.1. Courses will be announced by the Race Committee prior to the start of each race.
- 8.2. Courses will include either a W3 or W4 with a windward offset mark and a leeward gate separate from the start/finish line. Diagrams of the courses are available on page 50 of the ISSA PR's.

MARKS:

- 9.1. All turning marks will be orange buoys.

THE START:

- 10.1. For Junior Varsity Fleets, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end and the course side edge of the port end start/finish mark. This start/finish mark will be a pink buoy.
- 10.2. For Varsity Fleets, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin boat at the port end. The pin boat will be an orange RIB.
- 10.3. Races will be started in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.
- 10.4. OCS calls will be made by jib numbers for Varsity and mainsail numbers for Junior Varsity fleets.

THE FINISH:

11.1. On Course W4, the finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starting boat and the pink start/finish mark.

11.2. On Course W3, the finish line will be between a blue flag on the finish boat (Boston Whaler) and an orange finish buoy. This Orange buoy will be larger in size than the turning marks.

PROTESTS & PENALTIES:

12.1. Protest Procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR 15.

12.2. The penalty systems of rules 44.1, 44.2, ISSA-PR 4.2(c), 14, and 15 will apply.

12.3. The time limit for filing written protests is 20 minutes after the last boat in that division comes to shore after the race in which the alleged infringement occurred. Protest forms are available from and should be returned to the Protest Chairman near the scoring desk adjacent to the official notice board.

SAFETY:

13.1. Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving arms overhead.

13.2. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

13.3. Starts may not be delayed for capsized boats.

13.4. ISSA-PR 4.2 applies, requiring competitors to wear approved PFDs.

COACHING:

14.1. Coaching will be in accordance with ISSA PR 8. The designated coaching area described in the last sentence of PR 8 (a) will be an area of navigable water adjacent to the Swap Area within the poles marking the entrance of the Seaplane Basin and A-Dock at DIYC.

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. Sailing risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden weather changes, equipment failures, boat-handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue, which can increase the risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, heat stroke, or other causes. 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.