



COLUMBIA SAILING SCHOOL

MISSA Shepherd Championship

TIER 2

Columbia Yacht Club

Columbia Sailing School

25-26 October 2025

Monroe Harbor, Chicago, IL

Notice of Race (NOR)

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the [ISSA Procedural Rules](#), the ISSA Code of Conduct, the [MISSA Supplemental Rules](#), and the [Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will be available by 1800 on Friday, 24 October 2025.

3. COMMUNICATION

- a. The online official notice board is located on Tech score for the event.
- b. All Coach boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
- c. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to coaches on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. Competing schools and competitors must be members of MISSA in good standing and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the ISSA Procedural Rules.
- b. Qualified teams from each of the 5 qualifying events must accept their berth to this event via the procedures, and within the time limit, prescribed by the MISSA Supplemental Rules.
- c. Qualified teams may enter the regatta by completing the registration and submitting the entry fee no later than the entry deadline. **Only one entry should be submitted per qualified team, including the team's name as the "Skipper Name."**
- d. The online entry form is available through the website at:
<https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/TSXRV3Yhih/class>
- e. All teams must register by 17 October at 1700, to participate in the regatta.
- f. A waiver will be sent to all registered teams and must be completed by a guardian of each member of a competing school individually.
- g. This event is limited to MISSA member schools and is a Tier 2 event.
- h. Selection of competing schools will be determined by the following 5 qualifying events:
 - i. Great Lakes Open Last Chance Qualifier - 2 berths
 - ii. Northeast Great Lakes Qualifier - 3 berths



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- iii. Southwest Great Lakes Qualifier - 3 berths
- iv. Northwest Great Lakes Qualifier - 3 berths
- v. Southeast Great Lakes Qualifier - 3 berths
- i. The regatta has an allowance of 14 team berths. Any additional allocations in place of teams that cannot attend, or if additional berths become available, will be determined by the MISSA Board.
- j. A/B Division format - Each team shall consist of two (2) two-person boats
- k. A team shall have no fewer than four (4) sailors to enter the regatta. A team may include alternate sailors.

5. FEES

- a. Entry fees is \$100 per team paid through online registration.
- b. No food is provided at this regatta.
- c. A team that withdraws from the regatta after the entry deadline or fails to compete at the event shall forfeit its entry fee.
- d. By registering for this regatta, in place of paying a damage deposit, a team agrees to pay the cost of any damages 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 between the participants.
- e. Coaches, parents, and chaperones can use the club's facilities. Food and beverage can be purchased using a credit card. **Please see Appendix A for more details.**
- f. There will be no lunch break. Athletes are to bring a lunch to eat on land or on the water in between races.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- a. Columbia Sailing School will provide club 420s. Boats shall be sailed as provided. No other boats may be used in the regatta.
- b. Any alterations to the boats will be in accordance with ISSA PR. 7.11
- c. Any Substitutions during the regatta will follow ISSA PR 4.2.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, 25 October

1000 – Registration and rigging of boats

1030 – Competitor meeting. All competitors shall attend the competitor meeting.

1100 – First warning. Races will continue throughout the day.

Sunday, 26 October

0900 – Rigging of boats

1000 – Warning signal for first race

1500 – No race will start after this time



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Any changes to the schedule will be posted in the SIs or on the official notice board.

8. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- a. Due to water temperature, competitors are required:
 - i. 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.
 - ii. On each day of racing, the host will announce whether dry suits will be required to be worn by competitors racing on that day.
 - iii. If the air temperature plus the water temperature equals or exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit, dry suits may not be required to be worn on that day.
 - iv. Competitor's failure to wear a dry suit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA will be scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing. ***This changes RRS 63.1.***

9. VENUE

- a. This event will be based out of Columbia Sailing School, located at 111 N Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60601.
- b. The race area will be in Monroe Harbor or on Lake Michigan east of the harbor.
- c. Please see Appendix A of the NOR for details on access to Columbia Yacht Club.

10. COURSES

The courses will be Windward/Leeward.

11. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- a. Each team must provide a coach boat that will serve as each coach's respective designated on-the-water coaching platform for the event.
- b. If the event is sailed inside of the harbor, coaching will take place onshore. If racing is moved out of the harbor, coaches will go afloat.
- c. Columbia Sailing School may not be able to provide boats for teams to use as their coaching platform.
- d. Coaches are required:
 - i. To wear approved floatation devices as required by ISSA PR 2.2.
 - ii. Drivers shall wear kill cords/devices on all vessels while afloat.

12. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS



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Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial or commercial purposes or to be used in press information.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Appendix A

A few important reminders about our venue:

- There is **NO PARKING** for competitors or guests permitted in the Columbia Yacht Club lot. The DuSable Harbor Parking Lot is the closest option, and is located across the street from the YC. Other options include the Field Harbor Parking Garage and the Millenium Park Parking Garage.
- The Yacht Club asks that parents, spectators, and visitors **NOT** to take seats on the second-floor restaurant deck unless they intend to sit for a meal at the restaurant.
- Sailors may bring outside food for lunch/snacks. However, any **parents, spectators, visitors should NOT bring outside food**. Food is available to purchase with a credit card from the restaurant and bar for in-house service or to-go.
- All sailors can keep their gear **NEATLY** along the perimeter of the 1st floor rail deck of the club ship. Sailors should not go upstairs into the lounge, bar, or restaurant area in wet gear.
- There will be no lunch break, so sailors should prepare to bring lunch to eat during their off-sets. A sailor's off-set might be on the water.

If you are bringing a powerboat to launch, please remember there are no facilities to launch from at Columbia YC or Monroe Harbor. The closest ramp is Burnham Harbor, immediately south of Monroe Harbor.