



**MISSA West Great Oaks Qualifier
Tier 2 – October 4-5, 2025
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by: 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, ISSA Procedural Rules, MISSA By-laws and District Rules, NOR, and the SI's.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority is MISSA in conjunction with Sheridan Shore Sailing School.
- 1.4 In accordance with RRS 70.3(b) and ISSA PR 18, the decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing Permission has been granted.
- 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 Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the SI's will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect on the Official Notice Board on Techscore.
- 2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) and ISSA PR 7.3 by hailing competitors of the change, flying code flag "L" and relaying the change via VHF to coaches and support personnel.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole on the upper deck.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday 10/4

0830 - 0900 – Check-in and Rigging of Boats

0900 – Coaches Meeting

0915 – Competitor's Meeting

1000 – First Warning

Racing throughout the day

Sunday 10/5

0830 - 0900 – Report & Rigging of Boats

1000 – First Warning

1430 – No warning signal after this time

Trophies to be awarded immediately following racing.

5 RACING AREA

5.1 The Racing Area will be due East of Wilmette Harbor, on the open waters of Lake Michigan.

6 COURSES

6.1 The diagram(s) with the course are available on Techscore.

6.2 The race committee may designate course selection orally and/or from a whiteboard located on the race committee boat.

7 MARKS

7.1 Start and Finish marks will be yellow buoys. The Weather, Offset, and Leeward Gate marks will be red buoys.

8 THE START

8.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a yellow ball on the port end of the line.

8.2 The starting sequence shall be a 3-minute dinghy start per RRS Appendix U.

8.3 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(b). It is the responsibility of the yacht to make a proper start. Failure of a starter on the course side to not see or hear these signals shall not relieve the offending yacht from restarting and is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

8.4 General Recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles. After a general recall, RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I (India) need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(c).

8.5 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9 THE FINISH

9.1 The finish line will be between a staff with a Blue Flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the finish line and a yellow ball at the port end of the finish line.

10 HEARING REQUESTS

10.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat dock time.

10.2 Protest forms are available in the clipboard marked "PROTEST FORMS" in the lower lobby of the club, near the locker rooms.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 A minimum of 3 races in each division are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 A teams series score shall be the total of their race scores in accordance with ISSA PR 9.
- 11.3 The top 3 teams from this event will qualify to attend the Great Oaks Regatta in New Orleans, Louisiana.

12 COACHING

- 12.1 It is the responsibility of the coaches to know the limits of their competitors and pull competitors from racing if conditions exceed their limitations.
- 12.2 Coaches shall stay clear of the racing area unless assisting competitors. Coaching and rotations should take place to leeward of the start/finish line.
- 12.3 No coaches are to operate above an idle speed within 100' of competitors in sailboats, or in the surrounding course area. The start/finish area is a no wake zone. Coaches not adhering to the no wake zone will be required to leave the racing area.
- 12.4 All coaches are required to wear an ECOS and personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while operating a powerboat.

13 OFFICIAL NOTICE FOR ALL TEAMS

- 13.1 Sheridan Shore Sailing School, Wilmette Harbor Club, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, and its officers, members, employees, and race committee assume and accept no responsibility for property damage to any boat or personal injury to any skipper, crew, or friends incurred while participating in this regatta, including pre-and post-race activities. It is the responsibility of the skipper, along with his/her coach, advisor, and/or parent(s) to assess the condition of his/her boat, whether or not he/she owns said boat, and its suitability for the weather expected during the race, and to decide whether to start or continue any race.

14 REGATTA CONTACTS:

- 14.1 Regatta Contact: Katie Tinder – 651-491-9994
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