



## Great Lakes Qualifier “Last Chance”

Organized by MISSA  
Hosted at Sheboygan Youth Sailing Center  
619 Broughton Drive  
Sheboygan, WI 53081  
October 11th - October 12th, 2025



### Notice of Race (NOR)

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US Sailing, ISSA Procedural Rules 2025-2028, MISSA District Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 ISSA Procedural Rules 2025-2028 are available at <https://hssailing.org/resources/rules/>.
- 1.3 MISSA Supplemental Rules are available at <https://missa.hssailing.org/about/missa-district-rules>.
- 1.4 The organizing authority (OA) is MISSA in conjunction with SYSC.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on techscore ([scores.hssailing.org](https://scores.hssailing.org)) by 1700pm on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on techscore: [scores.hssailing.org](https://scores.hssailing.org).
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors & coaches on VHF radio channel 69.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is a MISSA Tier 2 regatta, open to MISSA teams in good standing, who have not already qualified for the Great Lakes Championship.
- 4.2 An entry consists of a team of 4-8 sailors from a single MISSA School.

- 4.3 Coaches and/or team leaders must email John Kiener (john@sheboyganyouthsailing.com) to register their team(s). Please include the school/team name(s), the names of your competing sailors, as well as an email address for your team chaperone/leader(s).
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, each team shall complete all registration forms and pay all fees on-site by 0915 on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 4.5 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: 14 total teams, and a limit of one team per school.
- 4.6 An entry consists of completing the on-site registration form, registration payment, damage deposit payment, and submitting completed waiver forms for all sailors.

## **5 FEES & DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

- 5.1 Entry fees are \$40 per sailor, which shall be submitted via check at the time of on-site registration.
- 5.2 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, which will then be divided among the participants.
- 5.3 Lunch is included in the entry fee. We will have sandwiches and snacks. If you have food allergies or restrictions, please be sure to bring your own food. Sailors and coaches should bring their own lunches, snacks, and reusable water bottles. SYSC will have a filtered water station on-site.
- 5.4 A light breakfast (donuts, fruit, juice, etc.) will be offered.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 Saturday 10/11/25
  - 0815: Registration opens
  - 0900 Coaches meeting
  - 0910: Registration closes
  - 0915: Competitor's meeting
  - 1000: First warning
  - 1530: No warning signal after this time
- Sunday 10/12/25
  - 0845: Coaches meeting
  - 0900: Competitor's meeting
  - 0945: First Warning
  - 1430: No warning signal after this time

## **7 COURSES & RACING AREA**

- 7.1 Courses will be set and sailed in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the ISSA Procedural Rules 2025-2028. Any changes will be noted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 Races will be sailed in the vicinity of Sheboygan Harbor either in the harbor or on the waters of it on Lake Michigan.

## **8 SCORING**

- 8.1 This regatta will be a 2-division scholastic event.
- 8.2 A minimum of three races in each division are required for a regatta to be scored.
- 8.3 A team's series score shall be the total of their race scores, in accordance with ISSA PR.

## **9 COACHING**

- 9.1 Support vessels shall keep clear of the racecourse and only coach between races.
- 9.2 Coaches must bring their own coach boats capable of on the water rotations.
- 9.3 If necessary, SYSC may have additional coach boats available for use. These boats may need to be shared with other coaches/teams. Contact the OA for more information.

## **10 BOATS**

- 10.1 SYSC will provide C420s.
- 10.2 Boats shall be sailed as provided.

## **11 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

- 11.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **12 PHOTOGRAPHY, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

- 12.1 Individuals and their teams are permitted to use personal video/film/camera or sound recording equipment on their boats, however, the video and audio obtained by their personal cameras may not be used during a protest hearing. Video/film/camera equipment includes, but is not limited to, GoPro and other action cameras, U.A.V.s, and Drones.

### **13 RISK STATEMENT & WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

- 13.1 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. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 13.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, any employee or volunteer, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### **14 AWARDS & QUALIFICATION**

- 14.1 Great Lakes Berths:
- Teams placing 1st - 4th will earn berths to the Great Lakes Championship.
- Teams placing 5th - 6th overall will earn berths to the Shepherd Championship.
- 14.2 Per MISSA Rule 5.10, berths not accepted by noon Central Time on the Tuesday following this regatta shall be rescinded and offered to the next eligible school by the MISSA District Director.
- 14.3 Physical awards shall be awarded to the top 3 teams.

### **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### **15.1 CONTACT INFORMATION**

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847-764-6447  
Program Director at SYSC

## 15.2 PARKING

There is a public lot adjacent to the sailing center with room for cars and vehicles with trailers during the day. There is no overnight parking in that lot.

## 15.3 HOUSING

Host housing is not available. There are many options for hotel and AirBnB stays within a short distance to the sailing center with advanced planning.

