



MISSA NE Great Lakes Qualifier
MI Doublehanded State Championship
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
788 Lake Shore Road Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan 48236
September 26-27, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the ISSA Procedural Rules, the MISSA 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 In accordance with US Sailing prescription to rule 70.5 (a) and ISSA PR 20, decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority is the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA), in conjunction with Grosse Pointe Yacht Club (GPYC) and Grosse Pointe South Varsity Sailing.
- 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 as is from a boat that was neither involved in nor saw the incident, or”

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This event is open to Michigan High Schools who are members of MISSA.
- 2.2 This is a Tier 2 fleet race regatta.
- 2.3 A team shall have no fewer than four sailors and a maximum of eight sailors.
- 2.4 Sailors must be in grades 9-12. No mixed teams.
- 2.5 This regatta is a closed qualifier, open only to competing schools within the MISSA NE District.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1 Each school will enter one team, with or without alternates.
- 3.2 Entry deadline is Friday, September 18 at 1700h EST.
- 3.3 Eligible teams must officially register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/missa-ne-great-lakes-qualifiermi-state-champs-tickets-1998517965032?aff=oddtcreator>



3.4 Complete team rosters shall be emailed to cnoland@gpyc.org by 2000h EST. Thursday, September 24.

3.5 Entered teams unable to compete must notify the Regatta Chairperson as soon as possible. All entry fees are final and nonrefundable after 1701h EST. on September 21, 2026. Registrations are not transferrable between teams.

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fee is \$65 per sailor. Lunch will be provided for all competitors and one coach per team.

4.2 Each team must submit a refundable boat damage deposit of \$500 prior to going afloat.

4.3 Damage Deposits will only be receivable in the form of a check made out to “GPYC” with “Team Name DD” in the memo line.

4.4 In the event damage cannot be attributed to a particular team or teams, the repair cost will be divided evenly among all competing teams.

5. BOATS

5.1 420Es shall be sailed as provided.

5.2 No changes or modifications to rigging or boats are permitted. Teams violating this rule may be disqualified from the regatta.

6. SAFETY

6.1 Personal Floatation Devices must be worn in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 2.2.

6.2 Kill cords shall be attached by all power boat operators while the engine is running.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday September 26

0800 Check-in & rigging of boats at GPYC – MAC (Marine Activities Center)

0900 Competitors Meeting & Racing to follow

0957 First Warning

Racing to continue through the day

Sunday September 27

0830 Report to GPYC MAC for rigging



0957 First Warning

1500 No races shall commence unless to complete a rotation in the series

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board in the GPYC MAC, and available via Techscore.

9. VENUE

9.1 The event will take place at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Marine Activity Center

10. RACE AREA & COURSES

10.1 Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine courses in accordance with the ISSA Procedural Rules (PR).

10.2 The event shall be sailed on the waters of Lake St. Clair, in reasonable proximity to the GPYC MAC.

11. FORMAT & SCORING

11.1 The format will be decided by the PRO & OA based on the time and weather conditions and team participation.

11.2 Scoring will be done in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules

12. SUPPORT BOATS and COACHING

12.1 It is the intention of the OA to hold on-shore rotations. Guest teams are not required to bring coach boats.

12.2 Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from reporting time Friday until regatta ending time Saturday, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with the requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors and teams associated with the infringing support personnel.

13. PRIZES



13.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the top 3 teams placing overall in the regatta; with first place earning the MI State Championship title.

13.3 This event is a qualifier for the Great Lakes Championships & Shepherd Regattas held in Chicago on 10/24-25 and 10/31-11/1, respectively. The top seven teams from this regatta will qualify for subsequent regattas, with places 1-4 earning a berth to The Great Lakes Championship and places 5-7 earning a berth to Shepherd. Berths must be accepted in accordance with MISSA Supplemental Rule 5.9.

13. OFFICIAL NOTICE

13.1 No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S. code 802, the possession of which is unlawful under U.S. code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each defined in chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use.) An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source, alleging such a breach a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson of the protest committee, shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1 (b). If a hearing under RRS 69 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practical, be removed from the regatta venues and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.2 may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team. This regulation is in effect during the entire event from the date and time of arrival through the date and time of departure from the regatta site.

14. RIGHTS TO NAME AND LIKENESS

14.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors 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.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

15.2 The race organizers (Organizing Authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, or any other organization or official) 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. 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 the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. REGATTA CONTACTS

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