



2026 MISSA NE Great Lakes Qualifier & Doublehanded State Champs
September 26-27, 2026
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
788 Lake Shore Rd., Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

ABBREVIATIONS

[NP] *Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.*

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in: The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules and the ISSA Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules, the Notice of Race (NOR), and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence.
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA), in conjunction with Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe South Varsity Sailing
- 1.3 [NP] Drones shall not be flown in the racing area except as authorized by the OA.
- 1.4 In accordance with US Sailing Prescription to rule 70.3(b) and ISSA PR 18, decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The official notice board will be located under "Notice Board" on TechScore, and/or posted on the cork board at the bottom of the stairs inside the GPYC MAC (Marine Activity Center)
- 2.2 When AP flag is displayed shore, "1 minute" is replaced by "30 minutes." This changes RRS Signal AP.



- 2.3 [NP]Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 2.4 [NP]While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that is not available to all boats.
- 2.5 [NP] Competitors in boats shall not leave the inner Harbor before a Race Committee vessel or a safety vessel.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Official notices, including changes to sailing instructions, will be posted on the official Notice Board. See SI 2.1
- 3.2 Changes to sailing instructions may be made on the water. Oral changes may be given on the water per RRS 90.2(c).

4 COURSES

- 4.1 Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PRs.
- 4.2 It is the intention of the Race Committee to run a Z-Trophy Course: Windward –Leeward, with an offset at the windward mark and a leeward gate. The finish will be a reaching leg between the course-right gate mark to a finish line to Starboard of the Race Committee boat. (See Appendix A – Course Diagram)
- 4.3 The Race Committee may designate course selection and number of legs orally.

5 MARKS

- 5.1. The start line pin will be a yellow ball
- 5.2 The windward mark & offset mark will be orange balls.
- 5.3 The leeward gate will be orange balls
- 5.4 The finish pin will be a white ball.



- 5.5 The description of any mark of the course may be changed at any time while not racing with only a verbal notice to competitors.

THE START, FINISH, AND RECALLS

- 6.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the starting pin.
- 6.2 The finish line will be between a white ball and a blue Race Committee flag on the Starboard side of the Race Committee boat.
- 6.3 If finishing upwind, the finish will be between the windward mark and staff displaying a blue race committee flag on an anchored motorboat to Starboard of the windward mark.
- 6.4 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9(b).

BREAKDOWNS

- 7.1 Breakdown requests for redress shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 7.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e).
- 7.3 Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 5.

8 PROTESTS & HEARING REQUESTS

- 8.1 Protest procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI.
- 8.2 Protest forms will be available in a file folder outside of the MAC office
- 8.3 Protests and requests for redress shall be placed in the “completed forms” file folder, also outside of the MAC office.
- 8.4 Protesters must notify regatta chair, Christina Noland, in person when filing.
- 8.5 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal boat returns to the dock at the completion of racing for the day, or 30 minutes after returning to the dock during a postponement after the incident occurred.



8.4 Hearings will be held in person in the MAC Office.

9 SCORING

9.1 The scoring system is as follows: Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

9.2 Three (3) races in each division are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

9.3 RP Forms are due no later than 30 minutes after dock time of RC boat at the completion of racing on Sunday, or 30 minutes after the AP over A is displayed on Sunday if competitors are ashore during a postponement.

10 SAFETY

10.1 Competitors shall wear USCG-approved life jackets as outlined in ISSA PR 2.2. A drysuit is not a USCG approved life jacket.

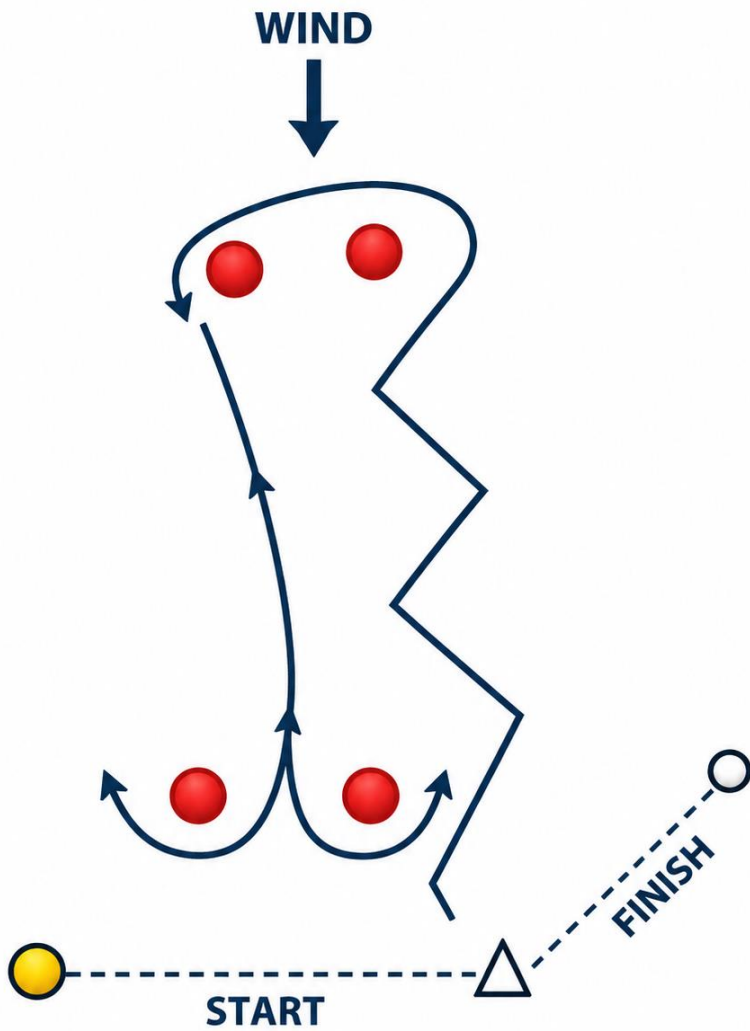
10.2 [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course or, if impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

11 FORMAT

11.1 The regatta will be a two-division event. The Race Committee will attempt to complete a full round robin, or more.

11.2 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score.

Appendix A. COURSE DIAGRAM



*Course right gate must be left to port at Finish.