



# COLUMBIA SAILING SCHOOL

## MISSA SW – TIER 3 REGATTA

Hosted by Columbia Sailing School  
Chicago, IL

**Sunday, 13 September 2026**

### SUPPLEMENTAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SSIs)

The following are additions or changes to the Joint Sailing Instructions MISSA SW - Tier 1 Fall 2026.

#### 1. RULES

1.9 ***ISSA Rule 7.7a is removed***, as the regatta series is to be sailed in a non-rotational format. Sailors should bring and wear pinnies, but ***ISSA Rule 2.4 will not be enforced with scoring penalties***.

1.10 Please see Appendix 2 for Venue-specific Rules and Reminders.

#### 2. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD AND COMMUNICATIONS

2.4 The Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts on VHF Channel 78. All coaches shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine frequencies.

#### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be verbally announced.

3.2 When flag AP is announced ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

| TIME | ITEM                         |
|------|------------------------------|
| 945  | Report Time and Rigging      |
| 1015 | Mandatory Competitor Meeting |
| 1100 | First Warning Signal         |
| 1530 | No warning after this time   |

**\*\*Please note this changes Joint NOR 9.1 and Joint SIs 4.1.**

## 5. RACING AREA

5.1 The racing area will be either inside Monroe Harbor or the open waters of Lake Michigan outside of Monroe Harbor, as designated by the Race Committee. The approximate course location will be shared at the Competitors' Meeting.

## 7. MARKS

7.1 Marks will be red, white, and yellow inflatable 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 an inflatable buoy at the port end.

## 9. THE FINISH

9.1 The finish line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the port end and an inflatable buoy at the starboard end of the finish line.

## 10. HEARING REQUESTS

10.2 Protest forms are available in the clipboard marked "PROTEST FORMS" outside the classroom that is located on the first floor rail deck of Columbia Yacht Club.

## 11. SCORING

11.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) finishing boats/teams.

## 13. OFFICIAL NOTICE FOR ALL TEAMS

13.1 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.

## 14. REGATTA CONTACT

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## Appendix 2 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 Millennium 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. Parents, spectators, and visitors may view the racing from the third-floor deck, or the lakefront trail around Monroe Harbor.
- 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** in the cubbies in the classroom. Sailors should not go upstairs into the lounge, bar, or restaurant area.

- There will be no lunch break, so sailors should prepare to bring lunch to eat during their off flights. A sailor's off-flights 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.