

2026 MDISA Team Race Qualifier

Hosted by

Severn Sailing Association

311 First Street
Annapolis, MD 21403

October 3-4, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D. The [ISSA Procedural Rules](#), [the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules](#), and [Code of Conduct](#), this NOR and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the latter shall take precedence. This modifies RRS 63.5.

1.2. RRS Appendix D 1.1(d) will be in effect.

1.3. 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”

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

2.1. Official notices will be posted on the official notice board located on Tech Score.

2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions shall be approved by the protest committee and the MDISA representative and posted no later than one half hour prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT:

3.1. Report time will be 0900 on Saturday, October 3rd.

3.2. The number of races each day will be at the discretion of the regatta chair.

3.3. Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score after the skipper's meeting.

3.4. Plan A: Two full qualifying round robins of all 10 teams followed by a final four phase will be attempted. All scores will carry over between each round. (96 races)

3.5. In accordance with ISSA PR 12.3, if conditions make the Plan A format unmanageable, the PRO and Chief Umpire may alter the format at any time as they deem fair to ensure an equitable determination of the winner. If it is necessary to change the format, the priority protocol is as follows:

3.5.1. Plan B: Two full round robins. (90 races)

3.5.2. Plan C: One full round robin with a top 6, bottom 4 and a final 4. (72 races)

3.5.3. Plan D: One full round robin with a top 6, and a final 4. (66 races)

3.5.4. Plan E: One full round robin and a final 4. (51 races)

3.5.5. Plan F: If only the Qualifying round has been completed, the results will stand as the championship. If any of the subsequent round robins (Championship, silver, or bronze) have been completed, the results of completed round robins will stand. Results from incomplete round robins may be used in tiebreakers. This changes ISSA PR 12.1(c).

4. COURSES AND MARKS:

- 4.1. Courses will be in accordance with ISSA PR Appendix 6 (Digital N Course)
- 4.2. All marks will be **2 foot orange cylinders, and 2 yellow 2 foot cylinders for the start/finish line pin.**

5. START/FINISH AND SIGNALS:

- 5.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.9.
- 5.2. ISSA PR 7.9(c) shall not apply.
- 5.3. The start line will be between an orange flag on a race committee vessel and a yellow mark. The finish line will be between a blue flag on a race committee vessel and a yellow mark.

6. BREAKDOWNS:

- 6.1. Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests.
- 6.2. Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 11.2. Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.
- 6.3. Competitors are responsible for inspecting their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment.
- 6.4. Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown, or loss of equipment, however slight, to the regatta representative managing rotations on the changing dock immediately upon arriving on shore and to the race committee finish-boat on the water immediately after all boats in their race have finished. Compliance with this instruction is required regardless of whether a scoring change for a breakdown is being requested. Failure to make this report will be subject to such penalty as the protest committee may impose, including loss of one or more race wins. This changes to RRS 63.5(a).

7. UMPIRING:

- 7.1 RRS D2 shall apply for all races.
- 7.2 The red flag requirement is deleted in RRS 60.2(a), D1.2(c) and D5.2, and Appendix D is modified below as follows: RRS D2.1(b) is changed by replacing the phrase "display a red flag" with "display a raised open hand."

8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

- 8.1 Protests procedure will be in accordance with ISSA PR Part VI and Appendix D2.
- 8.2 An umpire shall signal a decision with long sound and the display of a flag for no penalty as follows: *a green flag* or a green and white flag. This changes RRS D2.4(a).
- 8.3 In lieu of displaying a black flag, an umpire may hail, "black flag" or "report incident to the protest committee". This changes ISSA PR Appendix 7.
- 8.6 For protests not involving a rule listed in rule D2.2, competitors shall inform an umpire or the race committee at the finish or at the first opportunity prior to rotating boats or going ashore.
- 8.7 The protest time limit for requests for redress on an incident in the racing area that is to be heard on shore and for a breakdown request to be heard on shore is 15 minutes from the time the team rotates out of boats and shall be submitted in writing to the scorer.
- 8.8 Should a redress, or scoring change hearing be necessary ashore, the time, place and nature of the hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.

8.9 The umpires will, when appropriate, attempt to hear protest, requests for redress, and requests for scoring changes while afloat.

8.10 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.4.

9. SCORING:

9.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 11.

9.2 Finish in Place: A competitor may be finished in place by the race committee in the interest of time efficiency. Such cases will be advised to each competitor at that time.

10. SAFETY:

10.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

10.2 The race committee may request a boat to retire from the race at any time should their safety be in question.

10.3 If the air and water temperature is below 120 degrees Fahrenheit, drysuits are required.