

**MISSA West League Baker Pre-Qualifier  
Organized by PLSS  
Pewaukee Yacht Club, April 14, 2024**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

*The notation '[INP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*The notation '[DPI]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a breach of a rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The ISSA Procedural Rules 2021-2024 available at <https://hssailing.org/documents/ISSA-PR-2021-2024.pdf> apply.
- 1.3 The MISSA Supplemental Rules available at <https://missa.hssailing.org/about/missa-district-rules> apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix D is in effect.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) and ISSA PR 7.3 by hailing competitors of the change, flying code flag "L", and relaying the change via VHF to coach and support personnel.

**3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [scores.hssailing.org](https://scores.hssailing.org)
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with coaches on VHF radio channel 71.
- 3.4 The following communications will be made by the race committee on VHF channel 71
  - a) Changes to the sailing instructions (in accordance with SI 2.2)
  - b) General updates to coaches
  - c) Coordinating, confirming, or assignment of coaches as umpires
- 3.5 [DPI][INP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] [INP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] [INP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality. This includes the return of equipment in the same condition that it was provided in.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RC boat at dock.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 Sunday, April 14, 2024: Competitor's Meeting: 0830 & First Warning: 0930
- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed.

## **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area is Pewaukee Lake

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagram(s) in SI Addendum A show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.
- 8.4 The intended course length will be 6-10 minutes in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(b)

## **9 MARKS**

Mark(s) will be orange, yellow, red, or white balls as shown in SI Addendum A.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started as follows: ISSA PR 7.9
- 10.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position *or* the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable as provided in ISSA PR 7.8(a)

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue or orange flag and the applicable finishing marks as shown in Addendum A.

## **13 ROTATIONS**

- 13.1 Rotations will be outlined on techscore.

## **14 PROTEST COMMITTEE**

The protest committee will be made up of Whitney Kent as PC chair, with the second and third members being made up of the protestor's coach and the protestee's coach. If a conflict of interest occurs, Whitney Kent may be replaced with anyone of the other two members agreed choosing. Members two and three are not subject to conflict of interests, as they are offsetting interests.

## 15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2 [DPI] [INP] Hearing requests must be submitted to the race office.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held outdoors, at the location and time posted.

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 The scoring system is as described in RRS as modified by *ISSA PR 12*

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [DPI] [INP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 18 SUPPLIED BOATS

- 18.1 420s will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way, including changing mainsheet purchases.
- 18.2 Coach boats will not be provided.
- 18.3 Competitors are expected to inspect and ensure their boat's equality to other sailing equipment before leaving the dock. The regatta host will make all possible effort to even boats, including exchanging the boat for another, at the host's discretion. Failure to inspect equipment before sailing may not meet grounds for redress or replacement as outlined in ISSA PR.

## 19 SUPPORT TEAMS & COACHING

- 19.1 Coaches may be required to coach from shore.
- 19.2 Failure to provide your own coach boat will not restrict other coaches from going afloat.
- 19.2 [DPI] [INP] Team leaders, coaches, and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 19.3 Coaches may act as umpires at the direction of the Regatta Chair.

## 20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be given to the first-place team for MISSA Baker.
- 20.2 Berths will be allocated in accordance with MISSA Supplemental Rule 5.5 and must be accepted in accordance with MISSA Supplemental Rule 5.10.

## 21 RISK STATEMENT

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, *communicable illness including but not limited to COVID-19*, 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.*