

## 2025 MISSA Baker Qualifier

April 26-27, 2025

Hosted by The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

In conjunction with MISSA & Grosse Pointe South Sailing

788 Lake Shore Rd, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

### **Notice of Race (NOR)**

#### **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, and Appendix P shall apply as modified by ISSA procedural rule 14.

1.2 The Official Procedural Rules for the Interscholastic Sailing Competition and the MISSA By-laws and District Rules shall apply.

1.3 This is a team racing event.

1.4 Races will be umpired according to RRS Appendix D2.

1.5 In accordance with ISSA PR 18 (b) and US Sailing prescription to RRS 70.3(b), there shall be no appeal of the decision of a protest or request for redress. US Sailing's permission has been granted.

1.6 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

#### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on techscore ([scores.hssailing.org](https://scores.hssailing.org)) on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

#### **3 COMMUNICATION**

3.1 The official notice board will be located online on techscore ([scores.hssailing.org](https://scores.hssailing.org)) and/or posted inside the GPYC Marine Activity Center, first level next to the stairs.



3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors & coaches on VHF radio channel 72.

3.3 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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 This event is open to qualifying MISSA member schools in good standing. A total of 10 berths will be allocated to MISSA Areas, in accordance with MISSA Rule 5.5.

4.2 This is a MISSA Tier 1 regatta.

4.3 A team shall have no fewer than six sailors and a maximum of nine sailors.

4.4 Teams should register by submitting the official online Entry Form by 1700 EST on Friday, April 18, 2025. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/missa-baker-qualifier-regatta-tickets-1297583109009?aff=oddtcreator>

Please include your school's name when registering. Enter school's name in the "last name" field on Eventbrite.

4.5 Each school shall enter one team, with or without alternates.

4.6 Entered teams unable to compete must notify the Regatta Chairperson and their MISSA representative as soon as possible. All entry fees are final and nonrefundable after 0900 EST on Monday April 21st. Registrations are not transferrable between teams.

4.7 Complete team rosters shall be emailed to [coland@gpyc.org](mailto:coland@gpyc.org) no later than 1200 EST Friday, April 25, 2025.

4.8 Damage deposits shall be turned in to the Regatta Chairperson by 0830 on Saturday, April 26, 2025



## **5 FEES & DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

5.1 The entry fee is \$65 per sailor. Registration fees can be paid online via the registration link. Lunch tickets will be provided for each sailor plus one coach. Teams are responsible for bringing their own snacks, and reusable water bottles. A water filling station will be available on site.

5.2 Each team must submit a refundable boat damage deposit check of \$500 no later than 0830 on Saturday April 26, 2025. In the event of damage that cannot be attributed to a specific team, repair costs will be allocated evenly to all the teams competing. Damage deposit checks will be destroyed after the event if no damage occurs.

5.3 Damage Deposits will only be receivable in the form of a check made out to “Grosse Pointe Yacht Club” with “Team Name DD” in the memo line.

## **6 BOATS AND CREW LIMITATIONS**

6.1 GPYC will provide 20 E420s. Boats shall be sailed as provided.

6.2 No alterations shall be made to any boats sailed.

6.3 Substitutions for the regatta will follow the ISSA PR 4.2 – “In Team Racing, substitutions are unlimited.”

## **7 UMPIRING**

7.1 It is the intention for the regatta to be umpired using Appendix D as modified by ISSA PR 12.

## **8 SCHEDULE**

*Saturday, April 26, 2025*

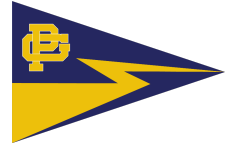
0745 Registration and rigging of boats

0820 Coaches meeting

0830 Registration closes

0830 Competitor’s meeting

0930: First warning, races to continue throughout the day



*Sunday April 27, 2025*

0745 Rigging of boats

0915 Warning signal for first race

1600 No warning signal after this time

Awards to follow racing

## **9 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

9.1 Due to water temperature, competitors are required to adhere to the following:

9.1.1 Provide their own dry suit and have it on hand at the venue on each day of racing per ISSA PR 2.3.

9.1.2 On each day of racing, the OA will announce whether dry suits will be required to be worn by competitors racing on that day.

9.1.3 Competitor's failure to wear a dry suit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA the team will be scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

## **10 VENUE**

10.1 The event headquarters will be the GPYC Marine Activity Center (MAC). The MAC is located on the Southeast corner of the GPYC property.

10.2 This event will be sailed in the vicinity of the MAC on the open waters of Lake St. Clair.

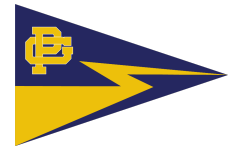
## **11 COURSE**

11.1 The race committee anticipates using the prescribed course according to ISSA PR 7.8.

## **12 FORMAT AND SCORING**

12.1 The format will be decided by the PRO, in conjunction with the OA, based on the time and, weather conditions and team participation.

12.2 The preferred format is as follows: A double Round Robin followed by the top 4 teams in a single Round Robin "Gold Fleet." A team's scores will carry forward to the Gold Fleet.



12.3 If the above format is not possible in the allotted time, an alternate format will be announced by the PRO &/or the OA to provide maximum racing.

### **13 SUPPORT VESSELS AND COACHING**

13.1 Coaching will take place ashore. Coaches shall not go afloat from the time of registration through the conclusion of the regatta.

13.2 Rotations will take place on docks adjacent to the MAC. Extra care and timeliness is requested during rotations.

13.3 GPYC will not be responsible for rotating sailors.

13.4 Spectator boats are not permitted. Spectators are encouraged to view racing from the GPYC MAC.

### **14 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

14.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority 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 RISK STATEMENT & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 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, 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.

16.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any



boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. 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 this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **16 AWARDS & QUALIFICATION**

16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top four teams.

16.2 Invitations will be granted as follows:

Teams placing 1st and 2nd overall will be invited to compete at the 2024 ISSA High School Team Racing National Championship for the Baker Trophy, Teams placing 3rd and 4th overall will be invited to compete at the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) Regatta.

16.3 Per MISSA Rule 5.10, berths not accepted by noon Central Time on the Tuesday following this regatta shall be rescinded and offered to the next eligible school by the MISSA District Director.

## **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

18.1 Regatta Contacts

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