



2026 MSCA Match Race Championship Qualifier

The Organizing Authority for this Event is the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association

The Event Host is Bayview Yacht Club

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Race Days – October 3-4, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC:	Protest Committee or International Jury	RC:	Race Committee
NoR:	Notice of Race	SI:	Sailing Instruction
OA:	Organizing Authority	TD:	Technical Delegate
RRS:	Racing Rules of Sailing	[NP]:	A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.4
WS:	World Sailing	PR:	ICSA Procedural Rules

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The most current versions of the following documents apply:
 - (a) ICSA Procedural Rules
 - (b) ICSA Championship Conditions
 - (c) MCSA Policies: <https://mcsa.collegesailing.org/documents/mcsa-policy>
- 1.4 The notation '**[NP]**' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 The US Sailing prescriptions to Rules 63.1(b) and the Preamble to Part 5, Section B shall not apply.
- 1.6 All student-athletes shall wear inherently buoyant personal flotation devices (USCG Certified Non-Inflatable Type III or Type V) while on the water. PFD's shall be worn outside all clothing and foul weather gear, except that a thin shirt or team uniform (See PR 13(e)) may be worn over the PFD. (Changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4.) All teams shall wear uniforms as described in PR 13(e).
- 1.7 When a boat in a match fails to *sail the course*, she will be disqualified without a hearing and scored zero points unless both of the boats in the match have sailed the same course in which

case the boats will be scored as if they had sailed the course. This changes RRS 28, 35, 63.1, 90.3(a), A5, and C10.7

- 1.8 Errors or omissions by the RC will NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. In the event of an error or omission, the Match or Chief Umpire may notify the RC of the incident and request postponement or abandonment. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).
- 1.9 A Protest Committee (PC) shall be appointed by the OA.
- 1.10 The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted on Club Spot at <https://byc.com/regatta/8e1Gb6vBk1>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at registration and posted on the official notice board on Club Spot at <https://byc.com/regatta/8e1Gb6vBk1>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online on Club Spot at <https://byc.com/regatta/8e1Gb6vBk1>
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the front lawn at Bayview.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the ICSA Procedural Rules.
- 4.2 **Per the ICSA Conditions for National Championships, each team shall include members of at least two different gender identifying individuals unless all members are female identifying.**
- 4.3 The following teams are expected to attend:
 - Northwestern University
 - University of Chicago
 - Hope College
 - Illinois
 - University of Michigan
 - Wisconsin
 - Notre Dame
 - Michigan State University
- 4.4 Teams wishing to withdraw from this event must notify the MCSA Regatta Coordinator by the date specified to avoid any fines or penalties
 - Cancellation Deadline: **9/18/2026**
 - 24-Hour Deadline: **10/2/2026**
- 4.5 Teams shall register on Club Spot at <https://byc.com/regatta/8e1Gb6vBk1>
- 4.6 The skipper will be entered on completion of registration, signature of all waivers by the skipper and each crew, crew weighing, and the payment of all fees and deposits.
- 4.7 A non-refundable entry fee of US \$100 per team shall be paid at the time of registration.
- 4.8 **All payments shall be made directly to Bayview Yacht Club via the Club Spot site. Venmo and other cash apps will not be an option.**

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 **Each skipper must post a refundable \$2,500 US damage deposit during check-in on site at the event. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. The damage**

deposit may be paid by credit card, debit card, cash or check. Venmo and other cash apps will not be an option.

5.2 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat and/or the RC boats including the Signal Boat if it is involved in the same incident.

5.3 In the event a portion of the damage deposit is used during the event, the skipper may be required to restore their original deposit to \$2,500 US in order to continue the event.

6 BOATS AND SAILS

Teams will compete using Bayview Yacht Club's Ultimate 20 sailboats.

7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

7.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4). All registered crew shall sail all races.

7.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency or when excused by the OA.

7.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

7.4 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed **660 lbs (299.4 kg)**, determined at the time of registration. No further weigh-in shall be required, except upon crew substitution.

8 EVENT FORMAT

8.1 The event format **may** consist of Round Robin(s), Knock-out Series and Finals racing. The format will be specified in the SIs.

8.2 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

8.3 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.

8.4 The course will be windward/leewards with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

9 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

9.1 Schedule

(a) Registration Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 0800 to 0900

(b) Weather permitting, practice will be available from 1400-1700 on Friday October 2. Teams interested in practice during this time must be fully registered via Club Spot at <https://byc.com/regatta/8e1Gb6vBk1> and then check-in and post their damage deposits with Bayview staff between 1300-1500 prior to being assigned a boat for the practice period of 1400-1700.

(c) Crew weighing Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 0800 to 0900

(d) First briefing on Saturday, October 3 at 0900

(e) First meeting with umpires immediately following First briefing.

(f) An umpire debrief with competitors will immediately follow racing each day.

(g) Racing days from Saturday, October 3, 2026 through Sunday, October 4, 2026

(h) Sunday briefing at 0830.

- (j) Time of the first attention signal each day will be announced at the daily briefings.
- (k) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1500 on Sunday, October 4, 2026.
- (l) Awards ceremony will follow racing on the last day as soon as feasible.

9.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at scheduled briefings and umpire debriefs is mandatory for all competitors.

10 MEALS THAT WILL BE PROVIDED

Box lunches will be provided on both Saturday and Sunday.
Competitors should bring their own water bottles and snacks.

11 [NP] ADVERTISING

- 11.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 11.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1.

12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

14 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA and BYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

15 PRIZES

The top placing skipper will be invited to the ICSA Match Race National Championship, held November 14-15, 2026, at Balboa Yacht Club. Other awards may be presented at the discretion of the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association.

16 HOUSING

There will be no housing provided for this event. There are several nearby hotel options. The Roseville area is popular with traveling high school sailing teams.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information may be found by contacting:

Visit scores.collegesailing.org for access to regatta information.

Visit the MCSA Schedule for access to schedule and regatta information.

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Release Date: (as soon as ready)