



Combined Notice of Race
MISSA SW - Tier 3
Fall 2026

Date	Organizing Authority	Venue/Registration Link
August 29-30	MISSA	Sheridan Shore
September 13	MISSA	Columbia YC
October 4	MISSA	Columbia YC
October 10	MISSA	Lake Forest
October 17	MISSA	Sheridan Shore
October 31-Nov. 1	MISSA	Chicago YC Belmont

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the procedural rules of the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA), the bylaws and district rules of the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association (MISSA), this Notice of Race (NOR), the Joint Sailing Instructions (SI), Supplemental Sailing Instructions (SSI) issued for each event and any amendments thereto.

1.2 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, or

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Joint Sailing Instructions for all events covered by this NOR are located on the Official Notice Board.

2.2 Supplemental sailing instructions issued for each event will be available no later than 24 hours before the first warning of each event on the Official Notice Board.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board for each event is located at scores.hssailing.org. Courtesy notices may also be posted on Clubspot.

3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors and coaches on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSIs for each event. Coaches shall all carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine frequencies.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 This is a MISSA Tier 3 Regatta as defined in the MISSA rules.

4.2 8th Grade Students approved by the MISSA District Director under MISSA Rule 4.3 may participate in this regatta under ISSA PR 1.2 (c). Approval has been granted. Mixed teams are permitted.

4.3 With the exception of the Kick-Off Classic (which is a rotational event), this series is designed as a non-rotational event. Each team shall consist of a skipper and a crew.

- 4.4 A team may include alternate sailors at their coach's discretion.
- 4.5 Entry shall be through the designated link at the top of this document, or on the official notice board.
- 4.6 Registrations will close Friday of the week prior to the event.

6. FEES

- 6.1 Registration fees may vary by event, please check the official registration page for each event.
- 6.2 By registering for this regatta, in place of paying a damage deposit, a team agrees to pay the cost of any damages deemed responsible for by the host/protest committee/organizing authority, as well as the cost of any damages that cannot be attributed to a specific incident/team that is divided between the participants.

7. BOATS

- 7.1 Boats will be provided scholastic 420s or as otherwise designated in the SSI for each event.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be the open waters of Lake Michigan generally near the venue for each event, or as otherwise defined in the SSI for each event.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Unless modified in the SSI for each event, the schedule for each day shall be:

Time	Item
0845 -930	Registration and rigging
0930	Mandatory competitor meeting
1015	First warning
1500	No warning after this time

10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 10.1 For events starting in October, competitors must provide a drysuit and have them on hand at the venue on each day of racing. The event host may require drysuits to be worn by all competitors; this will be announced at the competitor's meeting on the day of racing.
- 10.2 Any competitor failing to wear a drysuit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the event host will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

11. COACHING

- 11.1 Coaches must provide their own coach boat, which serves as the team's designated coaching platform. This must be identified to the Race Committee before the start of the first race.
- 11.2 Coaches are required at all times when on the water to wear an approved personal flotation device as required by ISSA PR 2.2 and to wear engine kill cords / cut off devices in good working order.
- 11.3 Coaching by parents or other Support Persons as defined in the RRS who are not on a designated coaching platform is prohibited.
- 11.4 On the water Safety: Coach and support boats must operate without speed/wake at all times within 100m of the racing area, unless responding to an emergency. Coaches not adhering to the no-wake zone will be removed from the race course or made to anchor.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes shall be awarded as set out in the SSI for each event.

13. RIGHT TO USE NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS.

13.1 ISSA PR 5 shall apply.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 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 and their parents and guardians agree 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.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information on specific events, please contact the event host listed below:

- **Chicago YC:** Kate O'Donnell: 773-366-0218, kate.odonnell@chicagoyachtclub.org
- **Columbia Sailing School:** Mike McBrien: 631-560-9416, mike@columbiasailingschool.org
- **Lake Forest Sailing:** Cristina Ortiz Vivas: 847-881-4382, ortizvivasc@cityoflakeforest.com
- **Sheridan Shore Sailing School:** Katie Tinder: 651-491-9994, katie@sheridanshore.org