

2021 MCSA Fall Championship
Hosted by Northwestern University and the Chicago Yacht Club
October 30th & 31st 2021
Sailing Instructions (SI's)

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), ICSA Procedural Rules (PR), ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, and the Notice of Race, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. ICSA PR 32 (Immediate Penalties for Breaking RRS 42) shall be in effect.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) shall be MCSA, Northwestern Sailing Team, and Chicago Yacht Club.
- 1.3 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors.
- 1.4 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, shall follow House and Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS/CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on Tech Score.
- 2.2 A secondary Notice Board may be provided with paper copies from the Official Notice board, which will be located on the sailing school barge.
- 2.3 Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally. Any change made orally or on the water, which applies to future races, will be subsequently posted online as an amendment prior to future days of racing.
- 2.4 Changes to sailing instructions may be made on the water: Oral changes may be given on the water per RRS 90.2(c).

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with coaches via VHF radio on channel 74.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, 10/30

0830 – 0915 Report Time/Registration and Rig
0915 - Competitor's Briefing
1000 - First Warning Signal – races continue throughout the day

Sunday, 10/31

0900 - Report Time/Rig
0945 - First Warning Signal
1500 - No Starting Signal After

5 FORMAT

- 5.1 The race committee will attempt to complete a single round robin two division regatta.
- 5.2 Rotation schedules and boat assignments will be posted on Tech Score.

6 [DP] SUPPORT TEAMS AND COACHING

- 6.1 Coaching and Support teams shall act in accordance with ICSA PR 19.
- 6.2 Coaching shall be from an Organizing Authority (OA) that may provide coach boat, or from the shores or docks of the regatta site.
- 6.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished, retired, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 6.4 Coaching may take place below the finish line or to starboard of the finish line if the course is "M". All coaches shall assist when and where necessary for safety or at the request of the Race Committee. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the racecourse.

7 COURSES AND MARKS

- 7.1 The race committee may designate course selection orally.
- 7.2 Marks will be orange inflatable or robotic marks.
- 7.3 After the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required. ***This changes RRS 33.***
- 7.4 The courses will be windward/leeward and will be announced on the water.
- 7.5 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the courses, 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.
- 7.6 For W Courses, Mark 1 may have an offset. If the offset is not in place, the single windward mark shall be left to port. Mark 2 will be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 7.7 For the Modified Windward-Leeward Course (Course M), the start/finish line shall be "open". Open means that competitors may sail through the line on the upwind or downwind leg.
- 7.8 Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a boat or competitor and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. RRS 31 still applies.

8 BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 A Zim E420 will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 8.2 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 8.3 The penalty for infringing instruction 8.1 or 8.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.
- 8.4 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee Finish Boat.

9 THE START, FINISH, AND RECALLS

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with PR 18 (b) and PR Appendix C.
- 9.2 Code flags "A" and "B" may be used to signal each division's start.
- 9.3 The "I" Flag may be displayed at any time. When the "I" Flag is displayed, RRS 30.1 "The Round the Ends Rule" is in effect.
- 9.4 The start line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an inflatable mark on the port end of the line.

- 9.5 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark per the course diagrams.
- 9.6 US Sailing Prescription Appendix U - Sound-Signal Starting System shall be used.
- 9.7 If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, or the rotation, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position.
- 9.8 Starts may not be delayed due to capsized boats. This decision is at the discretion of the Race Committee.

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with PR 18(b)(ii) except the maximum time Code Flag "X" will be displayed is 60 seconds. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the boat(s) sail number(s). Failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for granting redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 10.2 Multiple horns/whistles and the hail of the words "General Recall" will signal a General Recall. The First Substitute flag may be displayed to help with general recalls.

11 PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

- 11.1 Protest shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules except that "Race Committee" in PR 29(b) is changed to "Race Committee Finish Boat."
- 11.2 PR 30 is in effect. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of coming ashore after the race in which the incident occurred.
- 11.3 Protest forms will be available at the location of the Front Desk on the Member Barge and shall be filed with the Race Committee that is present.
- 11.4 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be presented by the competitors as evidence at protest hearings. ***This changes RRS 63.6.***
- 11.5 Penalties for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 will be in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 11.6 All student-athletes shall register annually with ICSA prior to competing.
- 11.7 A college team representative shall enter completely on the Record of Participation Form the names and class years of all skippers and crews who competed, as well as the races in which they competed. A team failing to properly complete the Record of Participation Form before the expiration of protest time at the end of the regatta, shall be rescored according to PR 33(a) for fleet racing and PR 33(b) for team or match racing. (See also PR 23, PR 24 and PR Appendix D - ICSA FORMS).

12 JUDGING

Coaches of uninterested parties to a protest may need to serve as part of the regatta protest committee.

13 SAFETY

- 13.1 Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving arms overhead.
- 13.2 All coaches, competitors, and alternates must wear USCG approved PFDs when afloat.
- 13.3 A capsized boat may be righted and sailed by its crew unless, in the sole judgment of the Race Committee, safety or the progress of the regatta would be affected, in which case the crew shall accept assistance and the boat will be scored "DNF" without a hearing. ***This changes RRS 63.1.***

- 13.4 A boat that retires is asked to notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately upon arriving ashore.
- 13.5 Team Uniforms - All student-athletes competing in ICSA regattas shall wear a uniform designating their college. The uniform shall be a lightweight jersey, bib, or pinnie worn over the lifejacket, or like-colored lifejackets. To designate the college, any combination of the college's name, nickname, mascot, or other identifying image shall be present on the back of the uniform and, except for an individual's name or number, shall be the same for all team members competing. ICSA recommends that the image used to designate the college be at least 8" X 8" in size.

14 MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH

- 14.1 Races should not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the wind strength in the starting area, and to the best of its belief on the rest of the course, is in excess of an average of three knots (3.45 mph) for a reasonable period of time before the start as measured using instrumentation and while not moving over the bottom or anchored.
- 14.2 If the wind speed is less than three knots (3.45 mph) in the starting area at any time during the last minute prior to the start signal, the start should be abandoned

15 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors 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.

16 CAMERAS, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, DRONES, AND U.A.V.s

- 16.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras and/or sound equipment as specified by the OA.
- 16.2 Individuals and their teams are permitted to use personal video/film/camera or sound recording equipment on their boats, however, the video and audio obtained by their personal cameras may not be used during a protest hearing. Video/film/camera equipment includes, but is not limited to, GoPro and other action cameras, U.A.V.s, and Drones.

Venue Address

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ADDENDUM A

COURSE DIAGRAMS

Mark colors and shapes may differ from the diagram and are described in the SIs.

Course	Mark Rounding Order	Course	Mark Rounding Order
W3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Upwind Finish	M4	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish
W4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish	M5	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Finish
W5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Upwind Finish	M6	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish

