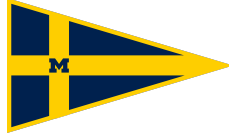


2023 MCSA Open & Womens Singlehanded Championship

Hosted by Crescent Sail Yacht Club and the University of Michigan

276 Lake Shore Rd, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

September 16 - 17



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1 The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat or the race committee may not protest for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 60.2(a).
- 1.2 The notation [DP] in a rule means that a boat may be given a Discretionary Penalty for breaking that rule (see RRS 64.6).

2. RULES

- 2.1 This regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 ICSA Procedural Rules (PR), ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules and MCSA Policies shall apply.
- 2.3 For MCSA Championships the General Conditions for ICSA Championships shall be used.
- 2.4 The Notice of Race (NOR) for this event, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions shall apply.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1. All Teams must be members of the ICSA and are scheduled for the event at the Annual meeting or after that by the MCSA Regatta Coordinator.
- 3.2 All regatta team members participating must meet ICSA eligibility requirements. [See PR 12]
- 3.3 Procedural Rule 15 shall apply.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the Notice Board on Techscore and the Official Notice Board at the south entrance to the CSYC clubhouse.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be announced orally before the first race in which they are to take effect and then be posted on the Notice Board.

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 16, 2023

0900	Report Time
0930	Competitors' Meeting
1030	First Warning Signal

Sunday, September 17, 2023

1000	First Warning Signal
1500	No Starting Signal After

7. FORMAT

- 7.1 There shall be a maximum of 14 races sailed. The target time for each race shall be 25 minutes. There will be no rotation. This changes PR 22.b.i.

8. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 Collegiate Dinghies (ILCA 6/7) are to be provided by the competitor.
- 8.2 Borrowed boats shall be considered "personal equipment". Per the Championship Conditions: "8.4 PR20 shall apply to equipment, supplied by the host or OA, but does not include personal equipment".
- 8.3 The Open division will be sailed on ILCA 7 boats.
- 8.4 The Women's division will be sailed on ILCA 6 boats.

9. ROTATION OF BOATS

- 9.1 There will be no rotation of boats.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The courses will be W3s, W4s, or W5s and will be announced orally and are located on the course diagram(s) (see Addendum 1).
- 10.2 Rounding marks will be inflatable cylinders or spheres.
- 10.3 Any mark of the course may be moved in accordance with PR 18 (c)(i).
- 10.4 If one of the downwind gate marks is clearly out of place or removed, competitors shall round the remaining mark to port.

11. START

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b).
- 11.2 White flag with red Laser logo will indicate ILCA 7 sequence; red flag with white Laser logo will indicate ILCA 6 sequence.
- 11.3 The start line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the course side of an inflatable mark at the port end of the line.
- 11.4 Starts may not be delayed due to capsized boats. This decision is at the discretion of the Race Committee.

12. FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line for downwind finishes (W4) will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby orange mark.
- 12.2 For upwind finishes (W3 and W5), the finish line will be between a flag on the Race Committee Finish boat and an orange windward mark to its port side.
- 12.3 If one or more boats are delaying the finish of a race or a rotation, the Race Committee at its discretion may end the race and then score the boat(s) in their current position [NP].

13. RECALLS

- 13.1 Recalls shall be handled per Procedural Rule 18b.
- 13.2 The "first substitute" flag may be displayed to help with general recalls.

14. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

- 14.1 A Protesting boat shall make the notifications required by PR 29(b) except that "Race Committee" is changed to "Race Committee Finish Boat" (Changes PR 29(b))
- 14.2 Protests by a boat, or by the Race Committee or Protest Committee, or a request for redress and breakdowns shall be delivered to the race office no later than 30 minutes after coming ashore after a race in which the incident occurred (Changes PR 30).
- 14.3 Protest forms will be available at the inside of the south door of the CSYC clubhouse, right by the notice board and shall be filed with the Protest Committee or their representative (or other location).

- 14.4 Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall not be admitted as evidence at protest hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 14.5 Penalties for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 will be in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

15. JUDGING

Coaches of disinterested parties to a protest may serve on the regatta protest committee, subject to PR 34.

16. COACHING

- 16.1 Coaching shall be in accordance with PR 19.
- 16.2 Coaching shall be from a coach boat provided by the Organizing Authority (OA) or from the shores or docks of the regatta site.

17. SAFETY

- 17.1 Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 All coaches, competitors, and alternates must wear USCG approved non-inflatable PFDs when afloat.
- 17.3 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".
- 17.4 A boat that retires is asked to notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately upon arriving ashore.

18. MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH

- 18.1 Races should not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the wind strength in the starting area, and on the rest of the course, is in excess of an average of four knots for a reasonable period of time before the start as measured using instrumentation and while not moving over the bottom or anchored. This changes PR 18g.
- 18.2 If the wind speed is less than four knots in the starting area at any time during the last minute prior to the start signal, the start should be abandoned. This changes PR 18g.

Windward / Leeward Courses

W3:

**Start-1-2-(3s or 3p)
-upwind finish**

W4:

**Start-1-2-(3s or 3p)
-1-2-3p-downwind finish**

W5:

**Start-1-2-(3s or 3p)
-1-2-(3s or 3p)-upwind finish**

