



2025 MSCA Match Race Championship Qualifier
The Organizing Authority for this Event is the
Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association and Chicago Yacht Club
300 W Belmont Ave,
Chicago, IL 60657

Race Days – October 4-5, 2025

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) ISCA Procedural Rules: <https://collegesailing.org/documents/ISCA-Procedural-Rules-9-5-25.pdf>
 - (b) 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 or request for redress for a breach but may be protested by a *committee* or the Organizing Authority. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.
- 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 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).

- 1.8 The OA reserves the right to amend this NOR. Any amendments to the NOR shall be posted on <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/TtfW2iGL49>.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at registration and posted on the official notice board on TheClubspot.com.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted online on <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/TtfW2iGL49>.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff on the patio at Chicago Yacht Club's Belmont Station.

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:
- Wisconsin
 - University of Chicago
 - St. Thomas
 - University of Minnesota
 - Northwestern
 - University of Illinois
 - Hope College
 - Ohio State
 - Purdue
- 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: **9/29/2025**
 - 24-Hour Deadline: **10/3/2025**
- 4.5 The skipper will be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made directly to Chicago Yacht Club paid by credit or debit card. Venmo and other cash apps will not be an option.
- 4.6 A non-refundable entry fee of US \$200 per team shall be paid during online registration and includes some food (more details to follow).

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 Each skipper shall authorize a refundable \$2,500 US damage deposit at registration. This amount is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident. The damage deposit may be paid by credit or debit card. 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 assigned equipment except:
- (a) During practices, clinics, or other times when the sailing is not umpired, each skipper agrees to split damage costs 50 / 50 when two boats collide up to \$2,500 per skipper except if one skipper accepts responsibility, in which case the skipper accepting responsibility will be responsible for 100% of the damage up to the skipper's limit.
 - (b) When there is umpiring, the skipper agrees that if the umpires penalize only one boat, the skipper of that boat shall accept the assignment against their damage deposit unless a twin penalty is applied by match umpires or a rule 14 penalty is applied to both boats

under SI Addendum E or as a result of a hearing, where the assignment of the damage deposit will be shared up to \$2,500 per skipper.

- 5.3 CYC will not run a hold on the card, but it will be charged as damage is assessed throughout the event.

6 BOATS AND SAILS

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats provided by Chicago Yacht Club.
6.2 Standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
6.3 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

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 will 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

Friday October 3:

12:00 - 16:00 Race office open for registration and weigh in
12:00 - 16:00 Boats available for practice

Saturday October 4:

07:00 - 08:00 Race office open for registration and weigh in
08:00 - 09:30 First briefing and meeting with umpires with Match Racing intro
Time of the first attention signal each day will be announced at the briefing
After Racing Umpire debrief

Sunday October 4:

09:00 Morning Briefing
Time of the first attention signal each day will be announced at the briefing
15:00 Latest time to make an attention signal

After Racing Umpire debrief and awards

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

10 [NP] ADVERTISING

- 10.1 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 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

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

12 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.

13 PRIZES

The top placing skipper will be invited to the ICSA Match Race National Championship, hosted by University of South Florida. Other awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

14 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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