



MAISA North Nationals Qualifiers

United States Merchant Marine Academy

17-18 April 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the prescriptions of US SAILING (including Appendix D during Part 2 of this regatta), the current Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition (PR) (except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions), and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted electronically on the Tech Score Notice Board and will be distributed via email to all teams prior to the event.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be announced orally and posted on the Regatta Notice Board before the first race they are to take effect.

4. Boats and Equipment

- 4.1. Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 4.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 4.3. Z420 and FJ mainsheets may be rigged with a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.
- 4.4. The penalty for infringing the above instructions shall be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.
- 4.5. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water. The penalty for infringing this instruction, unless the Jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.
- 4.6. Breakdowns will be decided using PR 20. Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots, the loss of pins or rings, except that the Jury may grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot.

5. Format

- 5.1. This event will be split into two parts, each following the format as written below. Part 1 will be the MAISA North National Qualifier – Fleet Race. Part 2 will be the MAISA North National Qualifier – Team Race.
- 5.2. The format for Part 1 will be a single combined A/B division fleet race in FJs. The Race Committee aims to run a maximum of 8 races. The Race Committee will aim for 12-15 minute races.
- 5.3. The format for Part 2 will be a Team Race round robin in Z420's. RRS Appendix D will apply for Part 2. The Race Committee intends to run a triple round robin. The Race Committee will aim for 15 minute races.
- 5.4. Part 1 will begin at the start of racing on Saturday 17 April as listed in *Section 7. – Schedule of Events*. When Part 1 is concluded, Part 2 may be started on Saturday 17 April

depending on if time and conditions allow, and based on consultation between the Race Committee and coaches.

5.5. The cutoff time for Part 1 of the regatta will be Saturday at 1600. A minimum of three races in Part 1 will constitute an official regatta. If less than three races in Part 1 are completed by 1600 on Saturday, racing will continue until three races are completed or until the published time of sunset (Saturday, April 17 at 1937), whichever comes first.

6. Rotation of Boats

6.1. Boats will be assigned at the start of each format and there will be no rotation of boats during each format series.

7. Schedule of Events

Saturday, April 17	0900	Report Time
	0915-0945	Rigging & Launching
	1000	First Warning
Sunday, April 18	0900	Report Time
	0915-0945	Rigging & Launching
	1000	First Warning
	1600	No Starting Signal After

8. Racing Area

The racing area will be Western Long Island Sound, East of the Throgs Neck Bridge, including Little Neck and Eastchester Bays.

9. Courses and Marks

9.1. For Part 1, the courses will be W-3s, W-4s, W-5s. Rounding Marks will be red balls. Start/Finish pins will be yellow balls. See *Appendix A*.

9.2. For Part 2, the course will be Digital-N team race courses. Rounding Marks will be red balls. Start/Finish pins will be yellow balls. See *Appendix B*.

10. Changes of course after the start

10.1. Any Mark of the course may be moved in accordance with PR 18 (c)(i).

11. Starting and Finishing

11.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b) and PR Appendix C.

11.2. The "I" Flag may be displayed at any time during Part 1, meaning the 1-minute rule is in effect.

11.3. The starting and finishing line will be between a red flag on the race committee start or finish boats and a yellow mark on the port end of the line.

11.4. 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.

11.5. Starts will not be delayed due to capsized boats.

12. Recalls

12.1. 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.

12.2. The "I" flag may be used at any time during Part 1. The "I" flag will be displayed during an "I" flag start.

12.3. Multiple horns/whistles and the hail of the words "General Recall" will signal a General Recall during Part 1. The "first substitute" flag may be displayed to help with general recalls.

13. Protests

13.1. Protests during Part 1 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."

13.2. Written protests, including requests for redress and breakdowns, shall be filed electronically with the Regatta Chair within 30 minutes of the last competitor's arrival ashore after the race or set of races in which the incident occurred. The format for electronic submission of protests will be outlined in the COVID Protocols distributed before the regatta. This clause modifies PR 30.

13.3. Protests during Part 2 shall be initiated in accordance with RRS D2 as modified by PR 25.

14. Coaching

14.1. In accordance with PR 19.

14.2. Each team will be assigned a powerboat for on the water coaching that will be restricted to only the coach and alternates from that college.

15. MAISA Rep

15.1. The MAISA Rep for the regatta will be the representative from HWS.

16. Safety

16.1. All coaches, competitors, and alternates must wear USCG approved PFD's when afloat.

16.2. A boat requesting assistance from support boats should signal by waving hands overhead.

16.3. 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".

16.4. A boat that retires is asked to notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately upon arriving ashore.

17. Minimum wind strength

17.1. 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 before the start as measured using instrumentation and while not moving over the bottom or anchored.

17.2. 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.

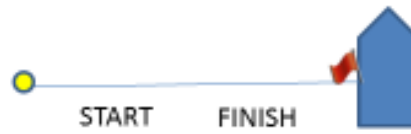
18. COVID Protocols

18.1. Teams are required to follow the Regatta COVID protocols that will be electronically distributed to all teams prior to the event.

18.2. This includes no close interaction between teams while on shore. Bathrooms and staging areas ashore will be assigned to each team prior to the event (see *Appendix C*).

APPENDIX A.

Windward / Leeward Courses

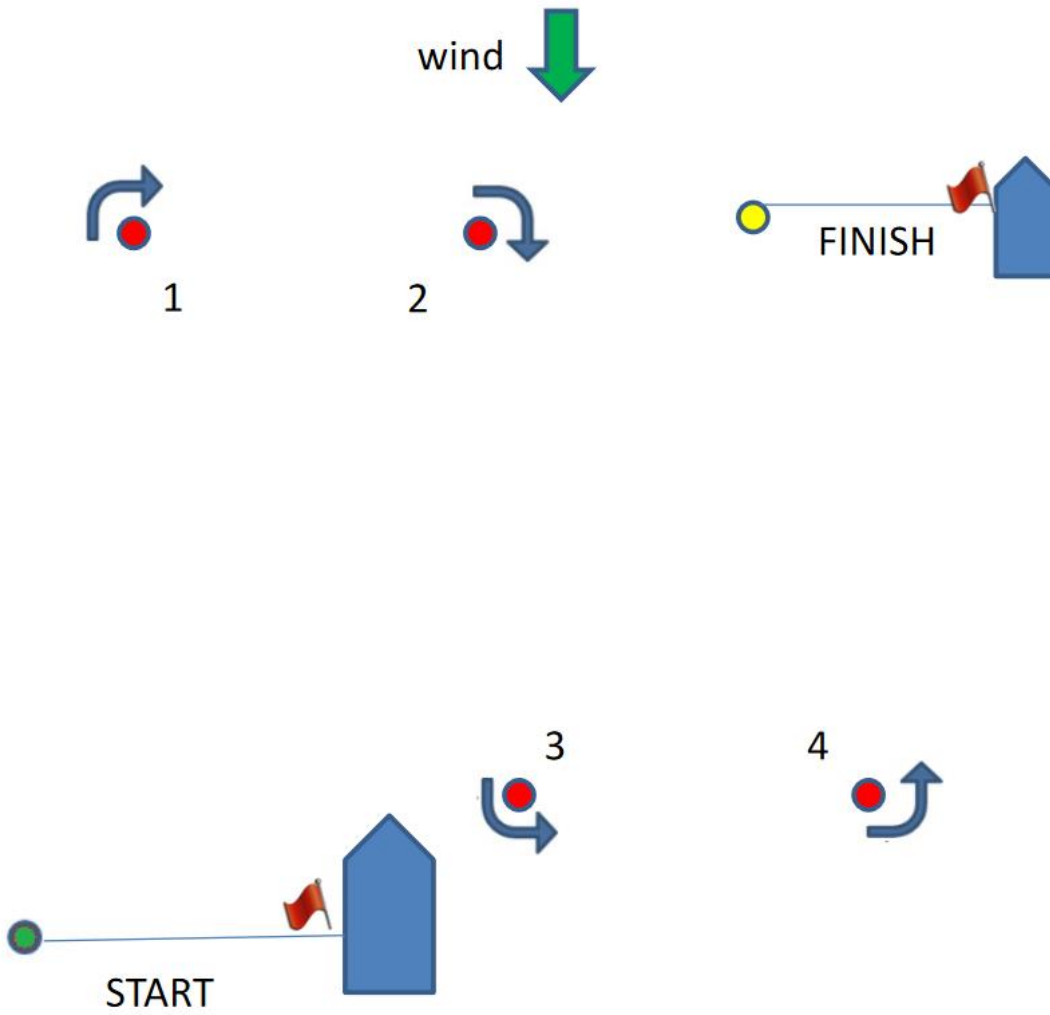


W3: START – W – O – G – FINISH(W)

W4: START – W – O – G – W – O – FINISH

W5: START – W – O – G – W – O – G – FINISH(W)

APPENDIX B.



APPENDIX C.



Please see the above map for staging areas and restroom assignments for each team.

HWS: parking near Yocum Sailing Center/USCG Station

- assigned to Yocum Sailing Center (2nd floor) including pavilion and 2nd floor restrooms
- access to the dinghy docks will be via the North Dock gangway

STONY BROOK: parking near Yocum Sailing Center

- assigned to Eldridge Pool lawn – there are picnic tables along the seawall that you can use; bathrooms on the east side of the Eldridge Pool will be available for use
- access to the dinghy docks will be via the South Dock gangway

MARITIME: docking at south end of Hague Basin, near Whaler floats

- assigned to South Dock and pavilion adjacent to Prosser Waterfront Gym – there are bathrooms inside of the Prosser Gym that will be open and available for use
- access to the dinghy docks will be via the South Dock gangway

USMMA:

- assigned to Yocum Sailing Center (1st floor) including team room and 1st floor restrooms
- access to the dinghy docks will be via the North Dock gangway