

MCSA Women's Fleet Race Championship & Qualifier

Hosted by the University of Michigan

Michigan Sailing Club, 8010 Strawberry Lake Rd, Dexter, MI, 48130

April 4 & 5, 2026



NOTICE OF RACE

PREAMBLE

- *The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest or request redress under this rule. This changes Rule 60.4(a) and 61.3 as stated below.*
- *The notation [DP] in a rule means the penalty for breaking this rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be more or less than a single disqualification. This changes Rule 60.5(c) as stated below.*

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (MCSA)
- 1.2. The host is the University of Michigan.
- 1.3. This regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.4. The US Sailing prescription to 63.1 shall not apply.
- 1.5. The ICSA Procedural Rules, ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, General Conditions for ICSA Championships, and MCSA Policies shall apply.
- 1.6. This Notice of Race (NOR), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions, shall apply.
- 1.7. RRS 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”
- 1.8. The jury may appoint observers under RRS Appendix P.
- 1.9. [NP] If robotic marks are used, routine movement of these marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes routine movements while keeping location, marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor, and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. This changes RRS 60.1(a), 61.4(a). RRS 31 still applies.
- 1.10. RRS 60.4(a) adds, “(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with notation [NP]”
- 1.11. RRS 60.5(c) adds, “(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single disqualification.”
- 1.12. RRS 61.3 adds, “or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP].”

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. All Teams must be members in good standing of the ICSA and are scheduled to participate in the event at the Annual meeting or after that by the MCSA Regatta Coordinator.
- 2.2. All competitors participating must meet ICSA eligibility requirements. [See PR 12]
- 2.3. Student-athletes shall register annually with ICSA prior to competing.
- 2.4. All Student-athletes shall register online using Techscore [\[scores.collegesailing.org\]](https://scores.collegesailing.org).
- 2.5. A representative from each competing team shall enter completely on the Record of Participation Form online with Techscore or in person, the **names** and **class years** of all **skippers** and **crews** who competed, as well as the **races** in which they competed.

- 2.6. 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 Appendix C - ICSA FORMS).
- 2.7. The drop deadline for this event is March 21, 2026.
- 2.8. The 24-hour drop deadline is 12 noon on the Friday before the event, April 3, 2026.
- 2.9. To drop a berth for this event, contact the MCSA Regatta Coordinator. Drop deadline penalties can be found in the MCSA Policies.
- 2.10. Regatta fees of \$10 per sailor will be charged.

3. SCHEDULE AND NUMBER OF RACES

- 3.1. The regatta format will be a single round robin [unless the number of teams is small in which case two or more round robins or other additional races may be scheduled] as per ICSA PR 21(b)(ii) and the event conditions.
- 3.2. Schedule:
If racing for the Team Race Championship & Qualifier is completed on Friday, fleet racing will begin as follows. Otherwise, fleet racing will begin following the completion of team racing.

Saturday, April 4, 2026

0830 Report Time

0900 Competitors' Briefing

0930 First Warning Signal (**MCSA Policy dictates that all regattas start at 0930**)

Sunday, April 5, 2026

0930 First Warning Signal

1500 No A Division race shall be started after 3:00 pm local time for Championship events

Note: If conditions allow, we hope to complete both the Team Race and Fleet Race Championship in two days. Meaning we hope to have completed all races by the end of the day Saturday, April 4. We will not start a race for Fleet Race Championships prior to Saturday, April 4.

4. RULE 42 ENFORCEMENT

- 4.1 The Protest Committee may appoint observers under RRS Appendix P.
- 4.2 If observers are appointed, they shall comply and operate under ICSA PR Appendix E.

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1. Collegiate Dinghies FJs will be provided for competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 5.2. The Sailing Instructions may permit competitors to have the option of rigging the mainsheet purchase either 3:1 or 4:1.
- 5.3. The standing rigging of Collegiate Dinghies shall not be adjusted.

6. TEAM UNIFORMS

- 6.1. All student-athletes competing in ICSA regattas shall wear a uniform designating their college.
- 6.2. The uniform shall be a lightweight jersey, bib, or pinnie worn over a PFD, or like-colored PFD.
- 6.3. 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. [See PR 13(e)]

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available prior to the competitors' briefing, online at the event website (scores.collegesailing.org), on the official notice board and on the [MCSA Schedule](#).

8. RACING AREA

Races will be sailed out of the Michigan Sailing Club, 8010 Strawberry Lake Rd, Dexter, MI 48130. The racing area will be on Baseline Lake.

9. SPECTATORS

- 9.1. All support persons shall remain at least 100 yards from the competitors while racing. Support persons shall receive 1 warning upon entering the racing area. The second entrance may be cause to call a hearing for the support person or the affiliated team(s).
- 9.2. Support person vessels shall not dock in areas that interfere with the function of the sailboat rotation area.

10. TROPHIES

Prizes will be awarded to teams that place 1st - 3rd.

11. PHOTOGRAPHY, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 11.2. Individuals and their teams are permitted to use personal video/film/camera or sound recording equipment on their boats. Video/film/camera equipment includes, but is not limited to, GoPro and other action cameras, U.A.V.s, and Drones.
- 11.3. Video, data and/or photographs taken from any source shall be permitted as evidence at hearings but all equipment required for viewing shall be provided in a timely manner by the party or witness providing the evidence. This changes RRS 63.4(b).

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant the Organizing Authority 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit scores.collegesailing.org for access to regatta information.

Visit the [MCSA Schedule](#) for access to schedule and regatta information.

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14. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Drysuits will be required at this event. The OA may alter this rule at the competitors briefing.

15. REGATTA HOUSING

Limited Regatta housing may be provided for this event.

Please Contact:

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