



NOTICE OF RACE
IL State Championship - Tier 2
May 16, 2026

Sheridan Shore Sailing School
20 Harbor Shore Drive, Wilmette, IL 60091

1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the ISSA Code of Conduct, the MISSA Supplemental Rules, and the Scholastic Dinghy Class Rules.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is MISSA, and the regatta host is Sheridan Shore Sailing School.
- 1.3. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.4. In accordance with Rule 70.5(a) and ISSA PR 20, the decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The sailing instructions will be posted on Tech Score by 1700hrs on Friday, May 15, 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION:

- 3.1. The online official notice board will be Tech Score.
- 3.2. All Coach boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will communicate with coaches on VHF radio on Ch69.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Competing schools and competitors must be members of MISSA in good standing and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.
- 4.2. This event is a MISSA Tier 2 event and is limited to schools within the state of Illinois. Sailors must be in grades 9-12 to be eligible to compete. Only one team per school is allowed to compete,
- 4.3. The regatta has an allowance of 18 berths.
- 4.4. Eligible schools and sailors must enter the regatta by completing the entry form and submitting the entry fee no later than the entry deadline of Friday, May 8th at 5:00pm CDT. The online entry form is available at: <https://sheridanshore.org/register/regatta/25NJCo6ujE/class>
- 4.5. A team that withdraws from the regatta after the entry deadline or fails to compete at the event shall forfeit their entry fee.

5. FEES:

- 5.1. The entry is \$100.00 per school, paid through the online registration.
- 5.2. No food is provided at this regatta.
- 5.3. By registering for this regatta, in place of paying a damage deposit, a team agrees to pay the cost of any damages deemed responsible for by the host/protest committee/organizing authority, as well as the cost of any damages that cannot be attributed to a specific incident/team that is divided between the participants.

6. BOATS:

- 6.1 420s will be sailed as-is, as provided by Sheridan Shore Sailing School. Any previously existing damage should be reported upon launching. Any new damage should be reported between races to a Sheridan Shore representative on the dock. 6.1. C420s are provided by Sheridan Shore Sailing School. Boats will be sailed as provided.
- 6.2. Any alterations to the boats will be under ISSA PR 7.11.

7. SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 16, 2026

- 0830 - Check in/Registration/Rigging of boats.
0900 - Competitor's Meeting.
0930 - First warning, with racing for the remainder of the day.

8. VENUE:

- 8.1. All races will be sailed outside of Wilmette Harbor, roughly 1/4 mile from Wilmette Harbor entrance.
- 8.2. Clothing and gear should be stored in vehicles, which can be parked on Middle Road in Gillson Park. Restrooms are available inside the Wilmette Harbor Club. Please keep this facility clean; Sheridan Shore Sailing School is a tenant/guest of the club.

9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT:

- 9.1. Competitors must provide their dry suits and have them on hand at the venue on each day of racing. The OA may require dry suits to be worn by all competitors, this will be announced on each day of racing.
- 9.2. A competitor's failure to wear a dry suit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA will be scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

10. COACHING:

- 10.1. Coaches must provide their coach boat, which serves as their team's designated coaching platform.
- 10.2. Sheridan Shore Sailing School will not provide boats for teams to use as their coaching platform.
- 10.3. Coaches are required to:
 - a. Wear an approved flotation device as required by ISSA PR 2.2.
 - b. Wear kill cords/engine cut-off devices on all vessels while afloat.
- 10.4 On the water Safety: Coach and support boats must operate without speed/wake at all times within 100m of the racing area, unless responding to an emergency. Coaches not adhering to the no-wake zone will be removed from the race course.

11. PRIZES:

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL): ISSA PR 5 shall apply.

13. RISK STATEMENT

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, decision to race.

13.2 In consideration for permitting the undersigned participants, skipper, and/or boat owner, if different from the skipper, to participate in a regatta sponsored by the Sheridan Shore Sailing School and conducted at, adjacent to, and through the facilities of the Wilmette Harbor Association (“WHA”) and the Wilmette Harbor Club (“WHC”), each of the undersigned agrees to the following:

13.2(a) I will abide by the rules and regulations of the SSSS, the WHA, and the WHC.

13.2(b) I understand that, because of the nature of sailing, competitive sailboat racing and the “IL State Championship” regatta, there is a risk of physical injury onshore and offshore during the regatta. I hereby release and agree not to sue SSSS, WHA, WHC, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (“MWRD”), NSA Properties, Inc. (“NSA”), and their employees, subcontractors, sponsors, agents, affiliates, directors, members (except in their capacity as race competitors), event volunteers, counsel or attorneys (collectively, “Releasees”) from all present and future claims that may be made by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns for property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death arising out of my participation in the regatta, including, but not limited to, claims arising out of or resulting from (1) acts, inactions, equipment, property (including adjacent property) or other facilities of Releasees or any of them, and (2) any acts or inactions by me, my crew, or my guests, wherever, whenever, or however the same may occur.

13.2(c) I understand and agree that the Releasees are not responsible for any personal injury or property damage arising out of the regatta, even if caused by their ordinary negligence; provided, however, that I do not release any claims or rights against any competitors in the regatta for any wrongful acts by them, including damage to property or personal injury. I understand that participation in the regatta involves certain risks, including but not limited to serious injury. I, by voluntarily participating in the regatta with knowledge of the danger involved, agree to accept all risks of such participation.

13.2(d) I have read this form and understand by registering for this regatta that I am giving up and releasing rights and remedies.

14. REGATTA CONTACTS:

Regatta Chair:

Katie Tinder

Executive Director

katie@sheridanshore.org

651-491-9994

Please note:

- There will be no lunch break, so sailors should prepare to bring lunch to eat during their off-sets.
- Arrange coach boat arrival/storage with Katie ahead of the event. Thanks!