

MISSA Central Baker Qualifier

Hosted by Lake Forest Sailing

April 20-21, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 The ISSA Procedural Rules are available at <https://hssailing.org/documents/ISSA-PR-2021-2024.pdf> and the MISSA Supplemental Rules are available at <http://missa.hssailing.org/about/missa-district-rules> apply. This is a MISSA Tier 2 Regatta.
- 1.3 This is a team racing event.
- 1.4 Races may be umpired according to RRS Appendix D2
- 1.5 In accordance with rule 70.5(a) and ISSA PR 20, decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing permission has been granted.
- 1.6 PR Appendix 7 does not apply.

2 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 on April 19th, 2024 at the TechScore regatta website, <https://scores.hssailing.org/s24/missa-central-baker-qualifier/>

3 Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://scores.hssailing.org/s24/missa-central-baker-qualifier/>
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to the Team Coaches on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs

4 Eligibility And Entry

- 4.1 This event is open to qualifying MISSA member schools in good standing.
- 4.2 This is a Tier 2 regatta.
- 4.3 A team shall have no fewer than six sailors and a maximum of 9 sailors.
- 4.4 Schools Teams can register by submitting the official Entry Form by 2000 CST on Thursday April 11th, 2024 at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/9y5p7GcnPI>
- 4.5 Each school will enter one team, with or without alternates competitors.
- 4.6 Entered teams unable to compete must notify the Regatta Chairperson and their MISSA representative as soon as possible. All entry fees are final and nonrefundable after 2001h

Central Time on Thursday April 11th, 2024. Registrations are not transferrable between teams.

- 4.7 Complete team rosters shall be entered in <https://scores.hssailing.org/s23/missa-central-baker-qualifier/> no later than 1400h Friday April 19th, 2024.
- 4.8 Any and all liability forms shall be turned in to the Regatta Chairperson by 0830h Saturday April 20th, 2024.

5 Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$300.00 per team.
- 5.2 Each team must submit a refundable boat damage deposit of \$500 no later than 0830h on Saturday April 20th, 2024. In the event of damage that cannot be attributed to a specific team, repair costs will be allocated evenly to all the teams competing.
- 5.3 Damage Deposits will only be receivable in the form of a check made out to “LF Rec” with “*Team Name DD*” in the memo line.

6 Boats and Crew Limitations

- 6.1 LFS will provide Club 420s. Boats shall be sailed as provided. No other boats may be used in the regatta.
- 6.2 No alterations shall be made to any boats sailed.

7 Umpiring

Each boat shall have a red, 10” x 10” protest flag affixed to one of the crew members by a line or bungee.

8 Schedule

Saturday April 20th

- 0800 – Registration and rigging of boats
- 0830 – Competitor’s meeting
- 0930 – First warning, races to continue throughout the day

Sunday April 21st

- 0800 – Rigging of boats
- 0915 – Warning signal for first race
- 1400 – No race will start after this time

9 Clothing and Equipment

Due to water temperature, competitors are required:

1. To provide their own dry suit and have it on hand at the venue on each day of racing as per ISSA PR 2.3
2. On each day of racing, the OA will announce whether dry suits will be required to be worn by competitors racing on that day
3. If the air temperature plus water temperature exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit, dry suits will not be required on that day
4. Competitor's failure to wear a dry suit while racing on a day where dry suits are required by the OA the team will be scored DSQ by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

10 Venue

- 10.1 This event will be based out of Lake Forest Sailing. The best way to find LFS is to put "Lake Forest Sailing" in to google maps. The address is technically 601 N Forest Park Rd, Lake Forest, IL, 60045, however this will not come up on your maps.
- 10.2 The race area will be on the open waters of Lake Michigan just east of the Lake Forest Launch Basin. The distance from shore will be determined by the wind direction.

11 Course

The race committee anticipates using the prescribed course according to ISSA PR 7.8

12 Format and Scoring

- 12.1 The format will be decided by the Regatta Chair (OA) based on the time and weather conditions and team participation.
- 12.2 The preferred format is as follows: A double Round Robin followed by the top 4 teams in a single Round Robin "Gold Fleet." A team's scores will carry forward to the Gold Fleet.
- 12.3 If the above is not possible in the allotted time, an alternate format will be announced by the regatta chair (OA) to provide maximum racing.

13 Support Vessels and Coaching

- 13.1 Coaching will take place on the water. Coaches shall bring a coach boat capable of rotating a complete team race team on the open waters of Lake Michigan. Some teams may opt to bring 2 coach boats based on weather forecast.
- 13.2 Lake Forest Sailing will not provide coach boats nor rotate sailors.
- 13.3 Rotations will take place on the water and extra care is asked to be taken while rotating teams.
- 13.4 Coaches are required to A. wear approved flotation devices as required by ISSA PR 2.2 & B. wear kill cords/devices on all vessels while afloat.

14 Prizes & Qualifying

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

- 14.2 This is a qualifier for the MISSA Baker Qualifier May 4-5. Berths will be allocated in accordance with MISSA Supplemental Rule 5.5 and must be accepted in accordance with MISSA Supplemental Rule 5.10.
- 14.3 If the Racing Rules of Sailing, ISSA Procedural Rules, and MISSA Supplemental Rules cannot determine the teams moving to the MISSA Baker Qualifier, selections will be made by ranking the teams which qualified for, registered, and paid to attend the MISSA Central Pre Qualifier according to the most recent published MISSA Rankings and awarding berths accordingly.

15 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, decision to race. The organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 Photography and Video Rights

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

17 Further Information

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