



**MISSA Keelboat Championship
Chicago Yacht Club
November 1 - 2, 2025
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The ISSA Procedural Rules available at <https://hssailing.org/documents/2025-2028-ISSA-Procedure-Rules.pdf> and the MISSA Supplemental Rules available at <http://missa.hssailing.org/about/missa-district-rules> apply.
- 1.3 Sonar class rules shall not apply. The sailing instructions will include rules for handling boats that shall apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This is a MISSA regatta, open to all MISSA teams in good standing.
- 2.2 The regatta is limited to 12 teams. No school may enter multiple teams.
- 2.3 This regatta is a qualifier for the ISSA National Keelboat Invitational at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, Florida on December 13-14, 2025. The winning team must accept their berth in accordance with MISSA District Rule 5.9. If the berth is not accepted by the deadline it will be offered to the next qualified team by the MISSA President. If additional berths become available to MISSA, they will be offered to teams in the order of finish.
- 2.4 Teams shall be a crew of 4 sailing at once, with an optional 5th alternate rotating in. At least one boy and one girl must be on the boat at all times.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1 A team may enter the regatta by completing the entry form and submitting the entry fee no later than the entry deadline. The online entry form is available through Clubspot at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/eVHEeE9Mxf>
- 3.2 Liability waivers must be completed for all sailors no later than Thursday, October 30 at 1200. Liability forms will be sent through Clubspot to all sailors listed as crew members for their team.
- 3.3 A team that withdraws from the regatta after the entry deadline or fails to compete at the event shall forfeit its entry fee.

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fee is \$300 per team, paid through online registration. Teams bringing an alternate 5th sailor must pay an extra \$50.

4.2 Damage Deposit:

- a. The damage deposit of \$2,500 is the maximum payable by the skipper as the result of any one incident.
- b. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat and other assigned equipment unless the responsibility is otherwise assigned by the PC or, in the event of equipment failure, the bosun determines the failure is not due to sailor error or misuse of the equipment.
- c. The deposit shall be paid by credit card (the one used to pay entry fee unless otherwise noted on the team's damage deposit form). A hold will not be run on the card but it will be charged as damage is assessed throughout the event.

5. BOATS

5.1 Chicago Yacht Club will provide up to nine (9) sonars.

5.2 Boats shall be sailed as provided with no modifications to standing rigging or running rigging.

5.3 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

6. RACING AREA

The race area will be in Belmont Harbor or Lake Michigan east of the waters of Belmont Harbor.

7. COURSE

The course will be Windward/Leeward or Windward Leeward Trapezoid configuration with drop or robotic marks.

8. SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 1

0830 – Registration, rigging of boats

0930 – Mandatory Competitor meeting. Races to follow.

Sunday, November 2

0830 – Rigging of boats.

0900 – Mandatory Competitor meeting.

1000 – First Warning

1500 – No race will start after this time

9. COACHING

Coaches will be responsible for rotation of their teams. Coaches should plan on providing their own coachboat. CYC may have coach boats available with priority given to out-of-town teams. Contact Kate O'Donnell at Kate.ODonnell@ChicagoYachtClub.org to request a boat.

10. PRIZES

10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the teams with the three top scores.

10.2 This regatta is a qualifier for the ISSA Keelboat Championship December 13 - 14 in St Petersburg, FL. Qualifying teams must confirm their attendance in accordance with MISSA Rule 5.9 by Tuesday, November 4 at noon.

11. REGATTA CONTACTS

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