

Tulip Regatta
Macatawa Bay Junior Association
May 17, 2025
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES:

The regatta will be governed by the 2025-28 Racing Rules of Sailing (RSS), the prescriptions of USSAILING, the Interscholastic Sailing Association Procedural Rules, the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association Bylaws & District Rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

2.1 This is a Tier 3 regatta. Competing schools must be members of MISSA and ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.

2.2 A "Team" shall be made up of a minimum of 4 sailors, between the grades of 8-12. Mixed teams (comprised of students from different schools) are permitted.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

3.1 Official Notices to Competitors including any changes to the schedule or Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Junior Sailing Center, and available prior to the competitors meeting. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may also be announced at the Competitors Meeting.

4. BOATS:

4.1 Club 420s. Boats (16) shall be provided by MBJA.

4.2 Boats will be checked in and out upon launch and pullout. Any previously existing damage should be reported upon launching. Any new damage should be reported between races or upon pullout.

5. SCHEDULE:

Saturday May 17, 2025

1000 – Report time, Check in, Boat assignment, and Rigging

1015 – Competitors Meeting

1100 – First Warning

1600 – No Races after this time, awards to follow on shore

6. SCORING:

6.1 Scoring will be prescribed by the ISSA Procedural Rules.

6.2 All completed races shall be counted; there will be no throw-outs.

6.3 A minimum of one race in each division is required for a regatta to be official.

6.4 Tech Score will be used. RP forms are due no later than fifteen (15) minutes after dock time of RC

7 . FORMAT:

7.1 Two Division – A and B.

7.2 Rotation schedule and boat assignments will be posted on Techscore and provided to coaches prior to the competitor's meeting.

8. THE COURSE:

8.1 Course will be on the waters of Lake Macatawa.

8.2 Course diagrams will also be posted on the Official Notice Board inside the Junior Sailing Center and announced at the competitors meeting.

8.3 Marks of the course will be inflatable cylinders, balls or buoys.

8.4 Race time may exceed 20 minutes due to number of participants, thus changing ISSA Procedural Rule 7.7(b).

9. The START/FINISH:

9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

9.2 Finish will be between the blue flag on the port side of the signal boat and a nearby mark.

10. INDIVIDUAL/GENERAL RECALLS:

10.1 Code Flag "X" may be displayed for individual recalls. It is the responsibility of the yacht to make a proper start. Failure of the Race Committee to make these signals or failure of a starter on the course side to see or hear these signals shall not relieve the offending yacht from restarting and is not grounds for redress.

11. PROTESTS:

Protestors shall inform race committee at the end of race in question. Protests will be submitted and heard during rotations.

12. COACHING:

The Race Committee shall designate the area, which may be on shore or from a boat, where competitors may receive coaching or assistance, provided at least one coach from each team has equal access to the area.

13. PERSONAL FLOTATION AND PINNIES:

13.1 All competitors, coaches, and regatta officials shall wear USCG approved lifejackets, shore to shore. This changes RRS 40. Team Pinnies, shall be worn, properly, by all competitors while on the water.

14. PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded to teams placing first through third overall and individuals placing first through third in A and B divisions.

15. Regatta Contact Marie Mell Colville /// marie@mbja.org /// 616-403-6313

Registration link: <https://theclubspot.com/register/camp/dpK5Tw2bjw/class>