

2026 SEISA Fleet Racing & Team Racing Championship



Qualifier for the ISSA Fleet Racing & Team Racing National Championship

Notice of Race

Date: April 18-19, 2026

Location: Community Sailing New Orleans

Class: 420E: boats and sails provided

Level 1 Regatta

1. Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028, the prescriptions of US Sailing, ISSA Procedural Rules, SEISA District rules, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 In accordance with Rule 70.5(a) and ISSA PR 18, the decisions of the protest committee are final. US Sailing's permission has been granted.
- 1.3 Rule 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"
- 1.4 Changes to PR 15 (b) "A protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, notify the Race Committee of its intent to protest. Failure to do so makes her protest invalid. This changes rule 60.4."
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the governing documents, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.
- 1.6 The organizing authority is SEISA in conjunction with Ursuline Academy.

2. Eligibility:

- 2.1 SEISA teams in good standing are eligible to compete. Competing schools must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in Procedural Rules Part III.
- 2.2 Sailors are eligible to fleet race per SEISA Rules Part III, 4.1(a). Four to eight sailors in 9th-12th grade per team.
- 2.3 Sailors are eligible to team race per SEISA Rules Part III, 4.1(b). Six to nine sailors in 9th-12th grade per team.
- 2.4 Teams may have a coach or responsible adult go afloat on boats provided or approved by organizing authority

3. Entry and Communications:

- 3.1 Teams can enter by completing the [Entry Form](#) by Friday, April 10th, 2026.
- 3.2 Each school may enter one team with or without alternates.

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3.3 Entered teams unable to compete must notify the Regatta Chairperson and their SEISA representative as soon as possible.

4. Entry Fee

4.1 There is no entry fee for this regatta.

5. Damage Deposits

5.1 A damage deposit of (\$250.00) **per team** is required. The refundable boat damage deposit may be submitted via mail before the regatta, or in cash or check at regatta registration. Checks should be made payable to Ursuline Academy. Schools that fail to do so will not compete. The deposit is refundable provided all equipment and boats are returned undamaged. In the event of boat damage that cannot be attributed to a specific team, the cost of repairs will be shared equally by all teams via their damage deposits.

6. Boats

6.1 420Es will be provided by Community Sailing New Orleans. Boats will be sailed as provided. Competitors may bring telltales for shrouds.

6.2 Depending on conditions, the organizing authority may require the use of mast floats and/or reduced area sails as provided.

7. Regatta Format

7.1 The fleet racing will be April 18th two divisions, and team racing on April 19th regatta. For fleet racing, depending on the number of entered teams, A and B divisions may be on the water at the same time.

7.2 Rotations may take place from a coach boat as designated by the OA. In the event of a turbulent sea state, or a shortage of time, teams may be assigned a boat to use throughout the event without rotations (Modifies ISSA Procedural Rule 7.7(A))

7.3 Food will not be provided

7.4 If conditions allow, boats will come in for a restroom/lunch break

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8. Schedule

Please note the schedule may be modified by the Race Committee in order to complete both qualifying events.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time (Eastern)</u>	
Saturday	0830	Check-in begins
	0900	Competitor's meeting
	0930	Harbor start
	1000	First warning
	Following racing	Awards
Sunday	0830	Check-in begins
	0900	Competitor's meeting
	1000	First warning
	1500	No race started after this time
	Following racing	Awards

9. Awards

9.1 Awards will be presented after racing is completed.

10. Official Notice

10.1 Loss and damages to borrowed equipment due to willful, wanton, negligent or careless handling of equipment shall be the responsibility of the school or team members. By submitting registration, the respective school agrees and guarantees reimbursement to Ursuline Academy in the event of such loss or damage.

10.2 No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802, the possession of which is unlawful under U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine, and beer, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source, alleging such a breach a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors, and the chairperson of the protest committee, shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1(b). If a hearing under RRS 69 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practical, be removed from the regatta venues and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.2 may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team. This regulation is in effect during the entire event from the date and time of arrival through the date and time of departure from the regatta site.

11. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

11.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to 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

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departure, without compensation.

12. Waiver of Liability

- 12.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS Part 1, 3 Decision to Race.
- 12.2 The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host organization, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. Regatta Committee Contacts

Regatta Chairperson:

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