2026 MCSA Fall Championship Regatta
Hosted by The Ohio State University and
The Central Ohio High School Sailing Association
November 7-8, 2026
Hoover Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (MCSA) and The Ohio State University Sailing Team

1.2. This regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.3. The US Sailing prescription to 63.2 shall not apply.

1.4. The ICSA Procedural Rules, ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules and MCSA Policies shall apply.

1.5. For MCSA Championships the General Conditions for ICSA Championships shall be used

1.6. This Notice of Race (NOR), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions, shall apply.

1.7. RRS 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”

2. QUALIFICATION

2.1. The berths for this regatta will be allocated according to finishing place in pre-selected MCSA "Tier A" Coed Fleet Race regattas during the fall semester. The qualifying regattas are the following events:

2.1.1. Fall Fury hosted by the University of Wisconsin – Madison: qualifying berths to the first 4 distinct teams.

2.1.2. Pere Marquette hosted by Marquette University: qualifying berths to the first 3 distinct teams.

2.1.3. Cary Price hosted by the University of Michigan: qualifying berths to the first 4 distinct teams.

2.1.4. Rebecca “Becky” Blank Trophy hosted by Northwestern University: qualifying berths to the first 3 distinct teams.

2.1.5. Emma Biagioni hosted by Hope College: qualifying berths to the first 3 distinct teams.

2.2. If a team qualifies through two or more events, they will only be granted one (1) berth, with any subsequent qualifying berths being converted to an "at-large berth". The only exception to this will be if a team places first (1st overall) in any 2 of the qualifying events, they will be allotted a second berth for the fall championship from the pool of at-large berths. Any remaining at-large berths will be distributed within 2 days of the last qualifying event.

2.3. At-Large Berths: these berths will be made available to teams who did not place in qualifying positions at the qualifying regattas. The number of at-large berths will be dependent upon the host venue and forfeited berths from already qualified teams. The berths will be offered to teams in order, according to the following criteria (in order):

2.3.1. Lowest number of positions outside of a qualifying berth at any qualifying regatta.

2.3.2. The team with the highest attendance record at qualifying events.

2.3.3. The team that has the most berths at regattas since the previous midwinters.
2.3.4. The team that has the highest win percentage of that fall season.

2.4. If 1-4 are applied and 2 or more teams are still tied, then the berths will be allocated by the MCSA Board.

2.5. Results: The top 3 placing unique teams at the 2026 Fall Championship will receive automatic berths to the 2027 Women's and Co-ed Fleet Race Spring Championships and will not need to sign up separately at Midwinters.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. All Teams must be members in good standing of the ICSA and are scheduled to participate in the event at the Annual meeting or after that by the MCSA Regatta Coordinator.

3.2. All regatta team members participating must meet ICSA eligibility requirements. [See PR 12]

3.3. Student-athletes shall register annually with ICSA prior to competing.

3.4. All Student-athletes shall register online using Techscore [scores.collegesailing.org].

3.5. A representative from each competing team shall enter completely on the Record of Participation Form online with Techscore or in person, the names and class years of all skippers and crews who competed, as well as the races in which they competed.

3.6. A team failing to properly complete the Record of Participation Form before the expiration of protest time at the end of the regatta, shall be rescored according to PR 33(a) for fleet racing and PR 33(b) for team or match racing (see also PR Appendix C - ICSA FORMS).

3.7. MCSA Championship penalties will apply according to MCSA Policy 8.

3.8. Regatta fees of $100 per team will be charged.

3.9. If the event is classified as an interconference regatta (ie. Showcase, Interconference, Cross Regional, Promotional, Two-Conference) teams will be subject to an additional regatta fee as determined by the ICSA Fees & Billing Policies.

4. SCHEDULE AND NUMBER OF RACES

4.1. The regatta format will be a single round robin [unless the number of teams is small in which case two or more round robins or other additional races may be scheduled] as per ICSA PR 21(b)(ii) and the event conditions.

4.2. Schedule:

Saturday, November 7, 2026

0830 Report Time
0900 Competitors' Meeting
0930 First Warning Signal

Sunday, November 8, 2026

0930 First Warning Signal
1500 No A Division race shall be started after 3:00 pm local time for Championship events

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

5.1. E420s will be provided for competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.

5.2. The Sailing Instructions may permit competitors to have the option of rigging the mainsheet purchase either 3:1 or 4:1.

5.3. The standing rigging of Collegiate Dinghies shall not be adjusted.

6. TEAM UNIFORMS

6.1. All student-athletes competing in ICSA regattas shall wear a uniform designating their college.

6.2. The uniform shall be a lightweight jersey, bib, or pinnie worn over a PFD, or like-colored PFD.

6.3. To designate the college, any combination of the college's name, nickname, mascot, or other identifying image shall be present on the back of the uniform and, except for an individual's name or number, shall be the same for all team members competing. [See PR 13(e)]

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available prior to the competitors' meeting, online at the event website (scores.collegesailing.org), on the official notice board and on the MCSA Schedule.

8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area will be Hoover Reservoir

9. SPECTATORS

9.1. All coaching and spectating will be done from the sunny shores of Hoover Sailing Club: Coaches/support personnel will not go afloat.

10. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to teams that place in 1st through 3rd after competition is completed.

11. PHOTOGRAPHY, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

11.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, or positioning equipment as specified by the Organizing Authority (OA).

11.2. Individuals and their teams are permitted to use personal video/film/camera or sound recording equipment on their boats, however, the video and audio obtained by their personal cameras may not be used during a protest hearing. Video/film/camera equipment includes, but is not limited to, GoPro and other action cameras, U.A.V.s, and Drones.

12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant 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 departure, without compensation.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit scores.collegesailing.org for access to regatta information.
Visit the MCSA Schedule for access to schedule and regatta information.

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14. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

14.1. Drysuits will be required at this event. The OA may alter this rule at the competitors meeting.

15. REGATTA HOUSING

15.1. Limited regatta housing will be provided on a first come first serve basis. Contact sailclubosu@gmail.com for more information.