



Laker Showdown

Hosted by Grand Valley State University and Hope College

2157 S Shore Dr. Macatawa, MI 49434

April 11th & 12th 2026



NOTICE OF RACE

1. DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1. The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat or the race committee may not protest for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.2. The notation [DP] in a rule means that a boat may be given a Discretionary Penalty for breaking that rule (see RRS 64).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association (MCSA) and the Club Sailing Team of Grand Valley State University (GV Sailing) and the Macatawa Bay Juniors Association (MBJA), with help from the Hope College Sailing Team.
- 2.2. This regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.3. The US Sailing prescription to 63.2 shall not apply.
- 2.4. The ICSA Procedural Rules, ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules and MCSA Policies shall apply.
- 2.5. For MCSA Championships the General Conditions for ICSA Championships shall be used.
- 2.6. This Notice of Race (NOR), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions, shall apply.
- 2.7. 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”.
- 2.8. [NP] If robotic marks are used, routine movement of these marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor, and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. This changes RRS 60.1(a), 61.4(a). RRS 31 still applies.

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. The drop deadline for this event is March 28th, 2026.
- 3.8. The 24-hour drop deadline is 12 noon on Friday April 10th, 2026.
- 3.9. To drop a berth for this event, contact the MCSA Regatta Coordinator. Drop deadline penalties can be found in the MCSA Policies.
- 3.10. Regatta fees of \$10.00 per sailor will be charged.
- 3.11. 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, April 11

- 0830** Report Time
- 0900** Competitors' Meeting
- 0930** First Warning Signal

Sunday, April 12

- 0930** First Warning Signal
- 1300** No A Division race shall be started after 1:00 pm local time for regular events and 3:00 pm local time for Championship events

5. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 5.1. Collegiate Dinghies 420s 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

- 7.1. 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 the waters of Lake Macatawa in the vicinity of the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club.

9. SPECTATORS

- 9.1. All support persons shall remain at least 100 yards from the competitors while racing. Support persons shall receive 1 warning upon entering the racing area. The second entrance may be cause to call a hearing for the support person or the affiliated team(s).
- 9.2. Spectator boats shall not dock in areas that interfere with the function of the sailboat rotation area.

10. TROPHIES

- 10.1. Trophies will be awarded to teams that place 1st through 3rd in overall, A fleet, and B fleet.

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

- 12.1. 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

- 13.1. Visit scores.collegesailing.org for access to regatta information.
Visit the [MCSA Schedule](#) for access to schedule and regatta information.
MCSA Regatta Coordinator: Alden Gort, mcsaregattacoordinator@gmail.com

Regatta Chair(s): Lucy Herlein, herleinl@mail.gvsu.edu, (231) 670-6649

Primary Regatta Contact(s): Nate Bacheller, bachelna@mail.gvsu.edu, (248) 444-4640

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

Regatta housing will be provided on a first come-first serve basis. There is an extremely limited availability of housing with GV team members, so if you are unable to secure housing with GV, we encourage you to seek an alternative. In the Holland area, there are a number of low-cost lodging options, hotels, and short-term rentals that can suit your team's needs.

Please contact Nate Bacheller (bachelna@mail.gvsu.edu, (248) 444-4640) to see if there is any housing available.