

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

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MCSA Open Fleet Race Qualifier
Tong Family Marina
800 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706
April 11-12, 2026

Sailing Instructions

Amendment 1 (04/10/2026) noted in red

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat or the Race Committee may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. Rules

- 1.1. This regatta shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), ICSA Procedural Rules (PR), ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules, and the Notice of Race, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. 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”

2. ENTRY

- 2.1. All student-athletes shall register annually with ICSA prior to competing.
- 2.2. A college team representative shall enter completely on the Record of Participation Form the names and class years of all skippers and crews who competed, as well as the races in which they competed. 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 23, PR 24 and PR Appendix D - ICSA FORMS).

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted on the Notice Board on Techscore and the Official Notice Board at the Tong Family Marina.

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4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Online Notice Board and Official Notice Board as well as announced orally before the first race of each division in which they are to take effect.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 11, 2025

If racing for team racing is completed on Friday, fleet racing will begin as follows. Otherwise, fleet racing will begin following the completion of the team racing series.

~~0830~~ 0900 Report Time

~~0900~~ 0930 Competitors Meeting

~~0930~~ 1000 First Warning Signal

Sunday, April 12, 2026

~~0930~~ 1000; First Warning Signal

1500 No Starting Signal After 3 pm (CST)

6. FORMAT

- 6.1. The format will be a single round-robin, two-division regatta.
- 6.2. No more than two races in a division shall be sailed back-to-back.

7. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 7.1. Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way.
- 7.2. The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 7.3. 420 mainsheets may be rigged with a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.
- 7.4. The penalty for infringing instructions 7.1, 7.2, or 7.3 above shall be disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of these sailing instructions.

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7.5. Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the boat repair committee immediately after arriving ashore or to the Race Committee on the water. The penalty for infringing this instruction, unless the Jury is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

8. ROTATION OF BOATS

8.1. The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the provided rotation sheet on the official notice board and on TechScore.

8.2. The rotation of boats will occur on the water or at the T-dock, depending on conditions.

9. THE COURSE

9.1. The courses will be W3s, W4s, or W5s and will be announced orally by the Race Committee before the start of each race. Course diagram(s) are presented in Addendum 1.

9.2. Rounding marks will be inflatable cylinders or spheres.

9.3. Any mark of the course may be moved in accordance with PR 18 (c)(i).

9.4. If one of the downwind gate marks is lost or removed, competitors shall round the remaining mark to port.

10. START/FINISH

10.1. Races will be started in accordance with PR 18(b).

10.2. The start line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an orange mark on the port end of the line.

10.3. The finish line for downwind finishes (W4) will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of a nearby orange mark. For upwind finishes (W3 and W5), the finish line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee Finish boat and an orange windward mark.

10.4. If a boat is delaying the finish of a race, or the rotation, the Race Committee may end the race and score the boat in its current position.

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11. RECALLS

- 11.1. Individual Recalls will be signaled in accordance with PR 18(b)(ii). The Race Committee will attempt to hail the boat(s) sail number(s). Failure to hear a hail is insufficient cause for granting redress.
- 11.2. Multiple horns/whistles and the hail of the words “General Recall” will signal a General Recall. Following a general recall, the warning for any subsequent start may be initiated at any time (Changes RRS 29.2). After a general recall, RRS 30.1 (I Flag Rule), shall apply to subsequent starts of the corresponding race and no signal need be given (changes RRS 30.1).

12. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

- 12.1. Protest shall be filed in accordance with the ICSA Procedural Rules except that “Race Committee” in PR 29(b) is changed to “Race Committee Finish Boat.”
- 12.2. PR 30 is changed. Protests shall be filed within 30 minutes of coming ashore after the set in which the incident occurred.
- 12.3. Protest forms will be available at the official Notice Board in the clubhouse and shall be filed with the Race Committee or Protest Committee that is present.
- 12.4. Any video, data and/or photographs taken from any source may only be presented by competitors as evidence at protest hearings if the competitor provides the technology to view the evidence and leaves said technology with ability to view it during deliberations. This changes RRS 63.4 (b).
- 12.5. Penalties for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 will be in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

13. COACHING

- 13.1. Coaching shall be done in accordance with PR 19.
- 13.2. Coaching shall only be from an Organizing Authority (OA) provided coach boat, or from the shores or docks of the regatta site.

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14. SAFETY

- 14.1 Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 14.2 The PFD requirements in PR 13(c) apply to all coaches, competitors, and alternates when afloat.
- 14.3 A capsized boat may be righted and sailed by its crew unless, in the sole judgment of the Race Committee, safety or the progress of the regatta would be affected, in which case the crew shall accept assistance, and the boat will be scored “DNF”.
- 14.4 A boat that retires is asked to notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or immediately upon arriving ashore.
- 14.5 Team Uniforms - All student-athletes competing in ICSA regattas shall wear a uniform that complies with ICSA Procedural Rule 13(e).

15. MINIMUM WIND STRENGTH

- 15.1. Races should not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the wind strength in the starting area, and to the best of its belief on the rest of the course, is in excess of an average of three knots (3.45 mph) for a reasonable period of time before the start as measured using instrumentation and while not moving over the bottom or anchored.
- 15.2. If the wind speed is less than three knots (3.45 mph) in the starting area at any time during the last minute prior to the start signal, the start should be abandoned.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 16.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA 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.

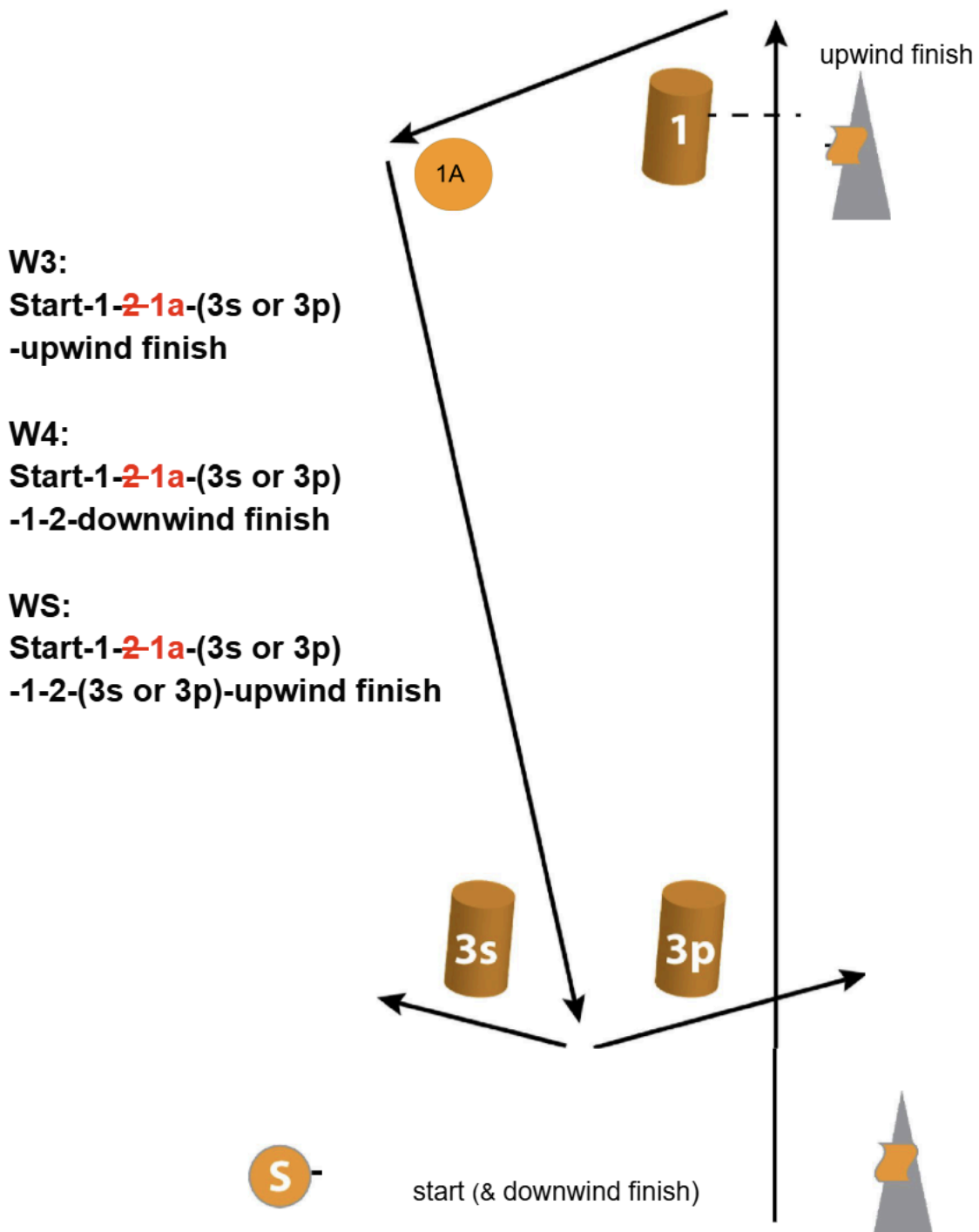
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- 17. CAMERAS, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, DRONES, AND U.A.V.s**
 - 17.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras and/or sound equipment as specified by the OA.
 - 17.2. U.A.V.s, (drones and similar aircraft) may only be flown in the racing area by FAA Part 107 certified pilot and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations surrounding U.A.V. use and shall be approved by the Host and Organizing Authority.

ADDENDUM 1 - Course Diagram

Windward/ Leeward Courses



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