



Gichigami Grapple
Hosted by DSSA & DYC
August 21st - 22nd, 2026

Duluth~Superior Sailing Association, Duluth MN

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. [DP] [NP] ILCA Class Rules or Club 420 Class Rules will apply.
- 1.3. Under RRS 87, ILCA Fundamental Class Rule Sail Identification will not apply.
- 1.4. US Sailing and/or Class memberships are not required, but are encouraged.
- 1.5. The Organizing Authority is Duluth Superior Sailing Association.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be posted on or before 0800, 8/21/2026 on the official online notice board and at [DSSA].

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official online notice board is located at:
<https://sites.google.com/sailingforall.org/twinportsyouthsailing/gichigami-grapple>

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. No competitor age restrictions will be in place for ILCA or Club 420.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online through Clubspot, paying the entry fee in its entirety, and completing the online liability waiver.
- 4.3. Registration link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gichigami-grapple-tickets-1997510205797>
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 1000, 8/22/2026 OR going afloat from the venue.

5. FEES

5.1. **The required fees are as follows:**

<u>Sailor Status</u>	<u>Fee</u>
All Sailors	\$70
TPYS Team Members	\$40
Dinner Only	\$15

5.2. **Approximate Fee Breakout:**

\$30 - DSSA venue & insurance
\$10 - Awards
\$30 - DYC dinner and host costs/RC

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. **Saturday:**

0800 - [DSSA] Gate/Site Open
0830 - [DSSA] Late Check in Opens
0930 - [DSSA] Mandatory Competitors Meeting
1000 - [INSIDE] first warning OR [OUTSIDE] harbor start

Following Racing - [DYC 13th] Social site open

1700 - [DYC 13th] Awards & Recognitions
Dinner / Grillout (included with entry)

- 6.2. Number of races: No maximum.
- 6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day will be confirmed at the competitors meeting.
- 6.4. Lunch will NOT be provided and there will be no break ashore for lunch. Dinner will be provided during awards.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The intended racing area is Superior Bay near DSSA/Park Point [INSIDE], or if conditions allow, N of the Minnesota Point Lighthouse/Breakwater & Superior Entry [OUTSIDE]
- 7.2. [DSSA] refers to the property leased by Duluth Superior Sailing Association, in the gated area, located at approximately 5025 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN 55802
46.73235670897698, -92.05650954460596

[PPBL] refers to the public municipal boat ramp & its parking, neighboring DSSA, located approximately at 5025 Minnesota Ave, Duluth, MN 55802
46.73157346872494, -92.0560549785034

[DYC 13th] refers to the Duluth Yacht Club tent site, located at the end of 13th St S, Duluth, MN 55802
46.77027172083834, -92.08987196199068
- 7.3. Alcohol/Open Containers are not allowed at any time on [DSSA] or [PPBL] property.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Course diagrams will be available in the Sailing Instructions, and shall show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Expect Windward-Leeward style drop-buoy courses.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. The protest committee (PC) will be made up of one competitor of the protestor's choice, one competitor of the organising authority's choice, and one competitor of the other two PC members' mutual agreement.

10. SCORING

10.1. The scoring system is as follows: RRS Appendix A

10.2. At least one completed race is required to constitute a series.

10.3.

a) When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

11.1. Support vessels shall keep clear of the race course and only coach from the SI designated area between races.

11.2. The DSSA will not provide dock space for any support vessels, except those belonging to the DSSA, DYC, or Twin Ports Youth Sailing (TPYS).

12. RISK STATEMENT

12.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

13. PRIZES

13.1. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded in the following classes & categories:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Categories</u>
ILCA / Laser Dinghy	A fleet, B fleet
Other Classes	All competitors

ILCA / Laser fleet separation is determined by participation. C420 sailors may be transferred to the ILCA / Laser fleet(s) due to low participation.

14. CONTACT INFORMATION

14.1. When contacting the host, please include all three contacts in your email.

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