

# Notice of Race



## VERVE CUP REGATTA

Chicago Yacht Club  
Monroe Harbor Station

*August 16 - 20, 2006*



### OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

The Chicago Yacht Club Verve Cup Regatta Committee (CYCVCRC) shall represent the Chicago Yacht Club as the Regatta Organizing Authority. This Committee, in accordance with RRS, shall have the authority to accept, reject or rescind any boat entry prior to the start of the first race, and interpret the rules and conditions of the race. Notice is hereby given that all competitors (including spectators, officials and others) participate in this event solely at their own risk.

#### 1. RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), the 2006 Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) and the 2006 International Measurement System (IMS) Regulations.
- 1.2 The current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4, as modified by the Organizing Authority, shall apply to all offshore boats.
- 1.3 The T-10 Class will have a crew limit of 1100 pounds or five (5) people. This revises North American Championship Regulations, December 4, 2004 Revision, Article 7.1a.
- 1.4 The Protest Committee will be constituted in accordance to RRS 90(a). Pre-hearing arbitration will be employed. In addition to hearing protests, the Protest Committee will have final authority in resolving conflicts of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements. This will change RRS 63.1, 63.6, and 66.
- 1.5 Crew weight limits for all LMPHRF entries as stated on the rating certificate will apply. Any other eligible One-Design classes with crew weight limits shall apply.
- 1.6 All competing boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 9, 16, 68, 71, 72, and 78.
- 1.7 All boats shall compete with all designated equipment (i.e. floor boards, cushions, etc.)

#### 2. ADVERTISING:

Advertising, unless prohibited by class rules, shall be as defined by ISAF Regulation 20. Competitors that are permitted to display Category C advertising are urged to refrain from displaying advertising that competes with the sponsors of this event.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1 All owners and/or skippers of boats participating in the Verve Cup Regatta must be a current member of their national sailing body. (US SAILING - 1-800-877-2451 to join.)
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to any boat with a minimum LOA of 25 feet, that has sleeping accommodations, holds a current Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) Handicap Certificate and is a boat which meets the criteria established for this Regatta by the Organizing Authority for entry in a class. Such Certificate is waived for boats racing on a One-Design or Level basis. A minimum of 7 legitimate entries must be received by August 7, 2006, to qualify in a class for a separate Handicap, One-Design or Level section for starting and scoring purposes. If the number of entries seeking to constitute a Level or One-Design section does not meet this minimum requirement, the CYCVCRC has the authority to assign these boats to the appropriate LMPHRF section. The CYCVCRC reserves the option to create a "grand prix" class of boats at the faster end of the rating spectrum if a significant number of entries are received. The CYCVCRC reserves the option to create a one-design class that does not meet the LOA requirements.

- 3.3 The boats shall be assigned sections according to One-Design Classes, Level Ratings, Handicap Ratings, and other factors at the discretion of the CYCVCRC.
  - 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Official Entry Form and sending it along with the entry fee, including any late charges, and, if applicable, submission of a valid LMPHRF handicap certificate, and must be mailed to Chicago Yacht Club–Verve Cup, 400 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601-6493 and received by **August 7, 2006**.
    - 3.4.1. Registration is also available on-line at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org) by completing the registration form at this web site. Formal completion of the entry requires, if applicable, submission of a valid 2006 LMPHRF handicap certificate to Chicago Yacht Club–Verve Cup by August 7, 2006.
    - 3.4.2. See special instruction sheet enclosed for on line entry.
  - 3.5 Entries received after August 7, 2006 and before 1700 August 14, 2006 may be accepted at the discretion of the CYCVCRC and shall be assessed a late fee of \$75.
  - 3.6 The entry form submitted by each owner/skipper shall certify that he/she has read and accepts the Notice and Conditions of the Verve Cup Regatta. The condition of the boat shall be as stated in the valid, signed measurement certificate or applicable class requirements at the start and throughout the Regatta.
- 4. FEES:**
- 4.1 Entry fee for all boats is **U.S. \$6 per foot**. Late fee for entries received after August 7, 2006 and before 1700 August 14, 2006 is **U.S. \$75** in addition to the original calculated entry fee. An administrative fee of \$35 may be applied to cancellations.
  - 4.2 The entry fee for all boats entering the Saturday, August 19th, race **ONLY** is **U.S. \$3 per foot**. The late fee for entries received after August 7, 2006 and before 1700 August 14, 2006 is **U.S. \$50** in addition to the original calculated entry fee.
  - 4.3 The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew. Underage drinking is a concern for the Chicago Yacht Club. Owners/skippers shall be held responsible for their crew's actions and may be subject to protest and/or disqualification.
- 5. SCHEDULE:**
- 5.1 **REGISTRATION:** Each Skipper or his representative must register as indicated below:  
Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station,  
Wednesday, August 16, 2006: between 1500 hours and 1800 hours  
Thursday, August 17, 2006: between 1100 hours and 1900 hours  
The Skipper's meeting will be at Monroe Street Station at 1830 hours, Thursday, August 17.
  - 5.2 **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** A maximum of three races is scheduled for Friday, August 18. A modified distance race is scheduled for Saturday, August 19. If racing is abandoned on Friday, August 18, for all classes, racing on Saturday, August 19, will consist of windward/leeward courses. Racing on Sunday, August 20, will consist of windward/leeward courses with as many races completed as practical. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, August 20. The first warning signal for Friday and Sunday is scheduled for 1025. The first warning signal for the Saturday distance race is 0955.
  - 5.3 The right is reserved to modify the racing schedule by increasing or reducing the number of races or abandoning and/or restarting any races should weather conditions or other factors so dictate.
  - 5.4 One race shall constitute a Regatta. All races shall be scored.
- 6. MEASUREMENT:**
- 6.1 Measurement is not required, however, each boat racing on a handicap basis shall submit a valid LMPHRF Handicap Certificate. Applications for a LMPHRF Certificate may be obtained from: Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet, 1135 Maricopa Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904, (Tel. 920-233-5743). No handicap or rating changes will be accepted after 1800 hours, August 14, 2006.
  - 6.2 One-Design Measurement Certificates shall be available for inspection, if so required by the Class Rules.
  - 6.3 Section breakdowns will be available at Registration beginning August 16, 2006.

6.4 Required crew weigh-ins will be conducted during registration hours.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration beginning August 16, 2006.

**8. SAILING VENUE:**

Boats will be assigned to one of three racing areas, each of which will be off of Monroe Street Harbor.

**9. THE COURSES:**

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**10. PENALTY SYSTEM:**

A boat may elect to take a penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.1 or RRS 44.3 where the scoring penalty will be 20%.

**11. SCORING:**

Scoring will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Each boat's score will be the sum of its scores for all races. There shall be no throwouts. This amends RRS A2. RRS A4.2 is amended to read: *All boats that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or were disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats in the section starting the race. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the section.*

**12. PRIZES:**

Individual race and series prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded by class. The Verve Cup will be awarded to the class winner whose class features the closest, most competitive racing. To be eligible for the Verve Cup overall award, the boat's section must have at least seven (7) starters. Boats sailing in the distance race only, held Saturday, August 19, are not eligible for the Verve Cup overall award.

**13. SPECIAL DOCKING INSTRUCTIONS:**

**13.1** All slips will be assigned by the CYCVCRC and the Chicago Yacht Club dockmaster.

**13.2** The eastern slips will be assigned to boats whose LOA is forty (40) feet or greater. The western slips are available for all smaller boats that can access the area.

**13.3** Slips will be available from 2200 hours Wednesday, August 16, 2006, for out-of-town boats participating in the Verve Cup until 1000 hours Friday, August 18, 2006. **Any Chicago harbor system boat using the slips during this period will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.**

**13.4** After racing on Friday, August 18, 2006, through 1500 hours on Sunday, August 20, 2006, all slips will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for ONLY those boats participating in the Verve Cup.

**13.5** No personal gear or boat equipment may be left on the docks while participating in the Regatta.

**14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

Competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4 — Decision to Race.) The CYCVCRC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, or during or after the Regatta.

**15. INSURANCE:**

It is required that all boats carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance for the period of the Regatta. Insurance certificates shall be available for inspection upon request.

**16. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE:**

The CYCVCRC reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendment will be posted on the Chicago Yacht Club web page, the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at registration.

**17. INFORMATION RESOURCE:**

**17.1** Phone: 312-861-7777

Fax: 312-861-1840

[www.ChicagoYachtClub.org](http://www.ChicagoYachtClub.org)

**17.2** Future dates: August 17, 18, 19, 2007  
August 16, 17, 18, 2008

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**  
**Chicago Yacht Club Verve Cup Regatta**  
*August 16-20, 2006*



Owner/Skipper \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 US SAILING or your National Authority Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sail No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make or Class \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Color \_\_\_\_\_  
**Division:**     PHRF     Level Class (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Rating \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby agree that my boat will be equipped and outfitted in accordance with the Notice of Race and that she will have all the required equipment aboard, is seaworthy in hull, rig and sails and that she will be competently manned. As Owner/Skipper, I agree to abide by all conditions of the Regatta and accept full responsibility for the conduct and safety of each member of my crew and guests arising from participation in any of the activities of this Regatta.

I further acknowledge and agree to waive, release and discharge any and all claims that I or my representatives may have against the Verve Cup Committee, the Chicago Yacht Club, the Sponsors, their Officers, Directors, Members, Employees, Agents or Volunteers for any damage or injury arising out of my participation in any of the activities related to this Regatta. I knowingly assume the risks of yacht racing and agree that the decision to start and continue a race is solely my responsibility.

Owner/Skipper Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY DEADLINE: 1800 AUGUST 7, 2006**

*There will be no refunds of entry fees after 8/07/06*

**Each Entry must be accompanied by:**

1. Valid Rating Certificate  
 2a. Entry fee for Regatta:  
 \$6.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ feet = .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A late fee of \$75 will be assessed after 8/07/06 until 8/14/06 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 2b. Entry fee for the distance race only:  
 \$3.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ feet = .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A late fee of \$50 will be assessed after 8/07/06 until 8/14/06 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_  

**TOTAL**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send Entry Form and check payable to:  
**Chicago Yacht Club, Attn: Erin Stephens, Verve Cup Regatta, 400 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603-6493**

**Phone: 312-861-7777    Fax: 312-861-1840    or follow on-line instructions.**

Please charge my:     VISA     MasterCard    Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_    Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All Verve Cup entries may be posted on the web site.  
 If entries are received prior to **August 12th**, a written confirmation will be sent.

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