

NOTICE OF RACE

GOOSE ISLAND COLORS REGATTA

May 31 – June 1, 2014

**Columbia Yacht Club
111 N. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 6060**



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, except as these are changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.3. For One Design Classes, the rules and regulations of their local class rules shall apply.
- 1.4. Boats competing must meet all class safety regulations. All boats entered must meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and comply with ISAF Category 4 safety requirements.
- 1.5. ALTERATION OF RULES

The following racing rules will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

- (a) Rules 35, A4.2, A5 and A11 will be changed so that boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in its class finishes will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two.
- (b) Rule 62.1(a) will be changed to limit the grounds for a request for redress concerning courtesy broadcasts.
- (c) Rule 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and for requesting reopening of a hearing on the last day of racing.
- (d) Rule A2 will be changed so that a boat's total score will be the sum of the scores for all races, and no score will be excluded.
- (e) US Sailing prescriptions 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- (f) US Sailing prescriptions Appendix T1, T2 and T5 will apply.



2. FLEETS AND CLASSES RACING

The following fleets are invited to participate in this race:

- 2.1. Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF), which may be comprised of the following classes:
 - 2.1.1. Spinnaker Classes – boats that carry one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4.
 - 2.1.2. MAC- Cruising Classes – boats that comply with the 2013 Chicago to Mackinac Cruising Division requirements.
 - 2.1.3. Non-Spinnaker Classes – boats that do not carry spinnakers or gennakers.
 - 2.1.4. Double-Handed boats will race in their assigned class, but scored against each other. Double-handed boats shall have only two persons on-board.
 - 2.1.5. One-Design Classes of boats of the same Manufacturer Type. This includes but is not limited to the J-70, T-10, Farr 40, J-105, J-109, J-111, FT-10, Beneteau 36.7 and Beneteau 40.7 classes.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. All boats racing shall have a current, valid Rating Certificate issued by the fleet handicapping authority of the classes within which they are competing.
- 3.2. PHRF boats will initially be divided into four (4) sections with ratings of 19 & below, 21 to 57, 60 to 73, and 74 & above. Final section breaks will be in the sailing instructions.
- 3.3. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of FOUR (4) or more yachts, desiring to race as a separate class, may petition the organizing authority for acceptance as a class. Such petitions must be made no later May 25, 2014.
- 3.4. A distance race will be offered on Saturday for entries in the Spinnaker, MAC Cruising, Non-Spinnaker and Double-Handed classes. The COLORS Distance Race is open to all sailing yachts equipped for offshore racing and of 25 feet LOA or greater.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Eligible boats shall complete online registration and payment via credit card at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1018> not later than **May 30, 2014**.
- 4.2. For the distance race
 - 4.2.1. The entry fee is \$55 through April 15, 2014.
 - 4.2.2. The entry fee is \$75 from April 16, 2014 through Friday, May 30, 2014.
- 4.3. For the buoy races
 - 4.3.1. The entry fee is \$135 through April 15, 2014.
 - 4.3.2. The entry fee is \$160 from April 17, 2014 through Friday, May 30, 2014.
- 4.4. If the Entry is cancelled (Withdrawn) prior to Thursday, May 29, 2014, \$100 will be refunded for the buoy racing classes and \$50 for the distance race. After that date, no refunds will be made





5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

- 5.1 Sat 31 May 1000 Warning signal for Distance race
1030 Warning for first buoy race
1700 – LATE Post Race Social and Goose Island Sailing Party (See 9)
- Sun 1 June 1000 Warning signal for first race
1600 Post Race Social and Regatta Awards

(1) Registration is for last minute entries that are not otherwise registered

5.2 Three buoy races are scheduled each day. However, it is the intent of the Race Committee to complete as many races as practical each day.

5.3 There will be no formal Skipper's Meeting on Friday May 30, 2014. However, Race Management will be available for consultations and the registration desk open for last minute registrations.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at COL YC on or about May 28, 2013. They will also be available online at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1018>.

7. REGATTA VENUE and COURSES

- 7.1 The closed courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 2 to 6 legs. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.
- 7.2 The distance race course length will be approximately 15-20nm and will consist of a simple two to four leg course using existing fixed government maintained marks/buoys.
- 7.3 The racing area will be offshore due East of Monroe Street Harbor entrance. The exact location will be in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 Six races are scheduled of which one shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2 PHRF Division. Time on distance scoring will be utilized.

9. SOCIAL

- 9.1 Friday, May 30: Pre Race Beer – Free keg of Goose Island 312 on the Dock
- 9.2 Saturday, May 31: COLORS Fiesta - \$10 Goose Island and Dry Creek Vineyards Open Pour Wristbands, Mexican Buffet Included, Live Music on the Aft Deck
- 9.3 Sunday, June 1: Awards Party – Awards Presentation, Free Goose Island 312, a la carte Food





10. DOCKING

- 10.1 There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at Columbia YC from 1500 hrs, Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted alongside at least 2-3 deep.
- 10.2 Non-resident boats that intend to participate in the Sperry Top-Sider NOOD regatta the following weekend will be offered half off docking through Thursday, June 5-Sunday, June 8.

11. PRIZES

There shall be all kinds of prizes — including prizes for the top three in each section. However, none of the prizes shall have anything more than symbolic value.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. SPONSORS

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Chicago IL, 60614

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14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Organizing Club:

Columbia Yacht Club
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