



BeerCan Regatta Series 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Columbia Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for the Columbia Beer Can Regatta Series.

2.0 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 2.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60, 63.2, and 63.4
- 2.3 Rule 44.1 will be changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 2.4 Rule 62.1(a) will be changed to limit the grounds for a request for redress concerning courtesy broadcasts.
- 2.5 Rule 63.7 will be changed so that in case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail
- 2.6 Under rule 87, rule 5 of the T-10 Class Rules on crew will not apply

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Racing notice board located on the port side of Columbia Yacht Club's rail deck and as a courtesy on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1200 on the day it will take effect

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the aft mast of the Columbia Club Ship and as a courtesy on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races	Dates
Tune Up Race	Wednesday, May 21
Beer Can Series	Wednesdays, May 28 through September 3.
No Racing (Mackinac Break)	Wednesday July 23

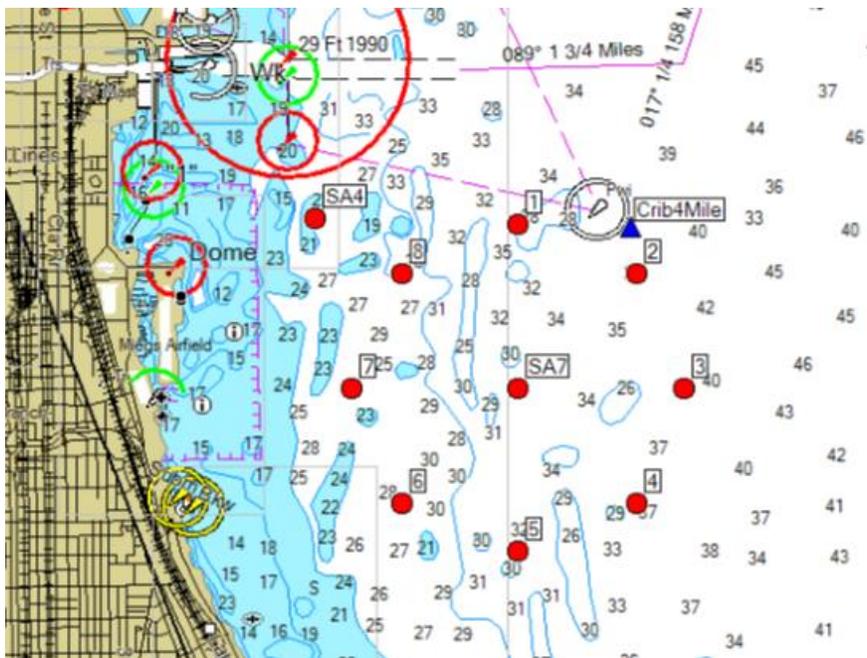
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each racing day is 1840
- 6.3 To alert boats that the first sequence of races will begin soon, the race committee may make repetitive sound signals at least one minute before the warning signal is made

7.0 CLASS FLAGS

Class	Identification	Beer Can Handicap
Jam 2	YC Burgee & #2 Code Pennant	More than 140
JAM 1	YC Burgee & #1 Code Pennant	Less than 139
Tartan Ten	#0 Code Pennant	126
Spin 3	YC Burgee & #3 Code Pennant	More than 88
Spin 2	YC Burgee & #2 Code Pennant	71-87
Spin 1	YC Burgee & #1 Code Pennant	Less than 70
Newbie	YC Burgee & #4 Code Pennant	ALL

8.0 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The races will be held on the Columbia Yacht Club Beer Can Regatta Race Course. This is a circle of permanent marks southwest of the Four-Mile Crib. Marks 1 - 8 are located 1.25 statute miles from SA7 at 45-degree intervals in a circle starting at a bearing of 000 degrees true for Mark 1 through 315 degrees true for Mark 8.
- 8.2 The approximate locations of the marks in the SA7 Race Circle are shown below



8.3 Mark Locations

Mark	Latitude	Longitude
SA7	N41° 51.17'	W87° 33.41'
1	N41° 52.26'	W87° 33.41'
2	N41° 51.94'	W87° 32.37'
3	N41° 51.17'	W87° 31.95'
4	N41° 50.40'	W87° 32.37'
5	N41° 50.08'	W87° 33.41'
6	N41° 50.40'	W87 34.44'
7	N41° 51.17'	W87 34.87'
8	N41° 51.94'	W87 34.44'

9.0 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course for each race will be selected by the Race Committee from those in instruction 9.4.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal of the first start, the race committee signal boat will display the course selected on a course board
- 9.3 The Race Committee may give courtesy announcements of the course selected on VHF channel 69 prior to the first start. Additional announcements may be given before each warning/starting signal. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 9.4 Course Descriptions:

Course Name	JAM, T10 & Spinnaker		Newbie	
	Heading to 1 st Mark	Marks	Heading to 1 st Mark	Marks
1	000	SA7-1-8-6-5-SA7	045	SA7-2-SA7
2	045	SA7-2-1-7-6-SA7	090	SA7-3-SA7
3	090	SA7-3-2-8-7-SA7	135	SA7-4-SA7
4	135	SA7-4-3-1-8-SA7	180	SA7-5-SA7
5	180	SA7-5-4-2-1-SA7	225	SA7-6-SA7
6	225	SA7-6-5-3-2-SA7	270	SA7-7-SA7
7	270	SA7-7-6-4-3-SA7	315	SA7-8-SA7
8	315	SA7-8-7-5-4-SA7	000	SA7-1-SA7
Course Length	4.95 nautical miles		2.17 nautical miles	

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 Prior to the warning for the first race or during the four-minute period prior to their start, each boat shall check in with and be recognized by Race Committee by passing close on starboard side of the Signal Boat and hailing their sail number or boat's name. Radio requests for confirmation of check in will not be acknowledged.
- 10.2 The starting area extends 100 yards beyond the ends and to windward and leeward of the starting line. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 10.3 The starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and SA7.
- 10.4 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will hail boats On Course Side by VHF on Ch. 69. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).
- 10.5 Starting Sequence:

Time	Flag Up	Flag Down	Warning	Start
1840	2		JAM 2	
1845	1	2	JAM 1	JAM 2
1850	0	1	T10	JAM 1
1855	3	0	Spin 3	T 10
1900	2	2	Spin 2	Spin 3
1905	1	3	Spin 1	Spin 2
1910	4	1	Newbie	Spin 1
1915		4		Newbie

11.0 GENERAL RECALLS

The recalled class will start five minutes after the last scheduled start. If more than one class has been recalled, the additional recalled classes will be restarted at five-minute intervals in the order recalled. This modifies RRS 29.2.

12.0 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between mark SA7 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat.
- 12.2 The Newbie division will finish the course by leaving the race committee signal boat to starboard before finishing
- 12.2.1 If the race committee is absent, she shall finish by sailing close by mark SA7 and
- Note her finishing time. The finish time shall be the GPS CDT time when the alternate finish line is crossed.
 - Notify the race committee on VHF channel 69, of her finishing time (GPS CDT time) at the first reasonable opportunity

This changes the US Sailing Prescription to rule 34

13.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

Racing Rules of Sailing Appendices T1, T4 and T5 apply

14.0 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit to finish the race shall be 2100. The Time Limit will not be changed as a result of postponements, general recalls or for any other reason.
- 14.2 Boats that have started but have not finished by the time limit shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This modifies RRS 35

15.0 SCORING

- 15.1 The Beer Can Summer series will be scored using time on distance using Beer Can handicapping. The Beer Can Handicap Rating for a boat will be based on the LMPHRF data submitted and/or best available information
- 15.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four (4) worst scores. This changes RRS A2
- 15.3 Boats serving as Race Committee signal boat (other than for the tune-up race and races abandoned prior to first warning) shall be scored by 1 point. The scores of other boats shall not be changed. Therefore, there may be two boats scored in a first place tie for a race.
- 15.4 Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be awarded two (2) points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS A4.1 and A4.2.

16.0 WITHDRAWAL

Boats that retire from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course. Boats that cannot communicate with the Race Committee, shall call Columbia Yacht Club at 312-939-3625 (312-WET-DOCK), as soon as practical or to the Race Committee after docking.

17.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 69 for courtesy broadcasts. This information is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter their responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.
- 17.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies also to mobile telephones

18.0 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class regardless of the owner's Yacht Club affiliation after racing on each Wednesday at Columbia Yacht Club. However, if no crew or representative of a boat awarded a prize is present, the prize will be awarded to the next lower finisher
- 18.2 Prizes shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class for the overall season series at the Boaters Bash November 8th, 2014

19.0 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.

20.0 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.

21.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

There shall be shall be no whining! And no sniveling either! For additional information please contact

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