



BeerCan Regatta Series 2014

Notice of Race

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing
- 2.2. 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.
 - 2.2.1 Rules 35, A4.2, A5 and A11 will be changed so that boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat finishes in its class will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus two.
 - 2.2.2 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.
 - 2.2.3 Rule 62.1(a) will be changed to limit the grounds for a request for redress concerning courtesy broadcasts.
 - 2.2.4 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
 - 2.2.5 LMPHRF and T-10 Class Rule on crew limitation do not apply.
- 2.3 Boats competing must meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and be equipped for offshore sailing at night
- 2.4 Boats must be equipped with a VHF radio capable of broadcasting and receiving on VHF channel 69 and a GPS
- 2.5 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reject or cancel any entry for violation of these rules or for unsportsmanlike conduct, subject to rules 69 and 76
- 2.6 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall not apply

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all sailboats 20ft or longer entered by an owner or responsible person who is a member in good standing of a club or other organization affiliated to USSailing as of date of entry.

- 3.2 Assignment of BeerCan handicaps is offered as an accommodation and such handicaps are not subject to competitor initiated review or protest
- 3.3 The Beer Can regatta will be raced in 4 Divisions:
- 3.3.1 **T-10.**
 - 3.3.2 **SPINNAKER.** The Spinnaker Division will initially be divided into classes subject to the ratings of the entered boats. Final class breaks will be in the sailing instructions.
 - 3.3.3 **JAM.** Boats competing in a Jib and Main (JAM) Division may only use a headsail with a mid-girth no greater than 50% of the foot. Spinnakers including Code 0 and cruising spinnakers are prohibited. This modifies RRS 50.4. A whisker or spinnaker pole of any length may be used. The JAM section may be divided into classes subject the ratings of the entered boats. Class breaks, if any, will be in the sailing instructions
 - 3.3.4 **NEWBIE.** The Newbies class can use whatever sails they declare. The Beer Can Chairmen must approve Newbie entries.
- 3.4 Eligible boats **must** complete the online registration and a Columbia Yacht Club Rating Application at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=1102>
- 3.5 At least one crew from each eligible boat must attend a mandatory BeerCan College meeting held at Columbia Yacht Club on Wed, May 14, 2014 at 7PM

4. FEES

Entry fee for all boats is \$75.00 payable to Yachtscoring. No boats will be started, finished or scored if not entered through Yachtscoring.com.

5. SCHEDULE

One race is scheduled every Wednesday evening with a first warning at 1840 as follows:

Races	Dates
College	May 14
Tune Up Race	May 21
Beer Can Series	May 28 - Sept 10

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available no later than two weeks prior to racing on the BeerCan website <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=1102>

7. VENUE AND COURSES

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 with the center mark SA7 located at N41° 51.17' W87° 33.41'

8. SCORING

8.1 Time on distance scoring will be utilized

8.2 Each individual race will be scored using the low-point scoring system of RRS A2 as modified by NOR 8.4 and 8.5

8.3 The series will be scored using the low-point scoring system of RRS A2 as modified by NOR 8.3.1, 8.4 and 8.5.

8.3.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

8.4 Boats serving as Race Committee signal boat (other than for 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.

8.5 Boats failing to finish by 2100 hours will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be awarded two points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, A5 and A11

9. PRIZES

9.1 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.

9.2 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

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

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

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