



**August 21-22, 2020**  
Hosted by the Columbia Yacht Club

## NOTICE OF RACE

This Notice of Race provides information about the 2020 Chicago Leukemia Cup Regatta. This regatta is designed to provide on the water enjoyment and a relaxed fun competition for boats wishing to participate in this charitable cause while adhering to mandates of the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago during the COVID-19 pandemic. All competitors are urged to use good sense and adhere to all appropriate governmental advice concerning health and safety during the pandemic.

The Chicago Leukemia Cup Regatta weekend starts with the Red Sky Night Silent Auction hosted virtually by Columbia Yacht Club on Friday evening August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The offshore keel boat race will be held on Saturday afternoon August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and immediately followed by the Dragon Force 65 Radio Controlled Sailboat regatta also on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

Support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life for patients and their families by registering to sail and joining your crew, family and friends in raising funds to accelerate cures.

### **RULES**

The Organizing Authority for the regatta is the Columbia Yacht Club. The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS)*, the *Prescriptions of US Sailing*; and this Notice of Race. For One Design Classes, the rules and regulations of the local class shall apply; however all crew numbers must also adhere to the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois regulations per the COVID pandemic. All weight limitations shall be waived. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern.

All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors, specifically including any crew limits and requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE).

COVID-19 can be a serious health concern and each competitor should judge his or her own ability to participate in light of this health threat. Violations of any COVID section of this Notice of Race shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or CoLYC, the Organizing Authority. Competitors are reminded of Racing Rule of Sailing 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

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### **ELIGIBILITY**

The regatta is open to all sailing yachts equipped for offshore racing and which comply with USCG Regulations and Dragon Force 65 Radio Controlled Sailboats.

- The **SPINNAKER RACING DIVISION** will consist of One-Design and handicap classes and will race on a windward/leeward or trapezoid course.

Handicap classes shall be scored using LM-PHRF Time on Distance scoring. If a competitor racing in a handicap class does not hold a current LM-PHRF certificate or wishes to race in a configuration different from that declared for their LM-PHRF handicap, the Organizing Authority will issue a temporary handicap.

For a One-Design class to be recognized, a minimum of FOUR (4) or more entries must be registered prior to noon, August 15, 2020.

- The **CRUISING DIVISION** will consist of a Distance Race with Short Handed, Jib & Main, Multihull, Catalina and Classic Yacht classes; and will race on a two or three random leg course using a combination of drop marks or existing fixed marks. Competitors will be assigned handicaps by the Organizing Authority.

Boats that race in the Jib & Main and the Catalina classes may use a headsail with a mid-girth no greater than 50% of the length of the foot. A whisker pole may be used to “pole out” the headsail clew. There is no restriction on the length of the whisker pole.

The **SHORT HANDED** Division will consist of single and double handed classes. Mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted in the Short Handed Division. This changes RRS 52.

- Competitors may be further subdivided into racing classes based on the number of entries received prior to noon, August 15, 2020. The Race Committee, at its sole discretion, shall determine eligibility and placement within classes.
- The **DRAGON FORCE 65** radio-controlled sailboats will race in Monroe Harbor near the Columbia Yacht Club Sailing School dock. The courses will be windward/leeward or simple triangles. There will be as many races as time permits.

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### **ENTRY**

Early Bird entry fee is \$125 through March 31, 2020. The general entry fee is \$150 through August 9, 2020 increasing to \$175 through August 21, and is \$225 on the day of the race. The registration must be received by August 1, 2020 in order for the boat's name to appear on the event t-shirt.

The Dragon Force 65 class general entry fee is \$10.

Register <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=11809>

In recognition of US Sailing's support for the Chicago Leukemia Cup Regatta and the fight to cure blood cancers, they are offering a special program for their members. If you join or renew through this program, US Sailing will donate \$10 of your membership to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, which will be applied directly to your Leukemia Cup Regatta fundraising page. Please join or renew today and take advantage of this special opportunity by [clicking here](#).

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Skipper packets will be available for pick up at Columbia Yacht Club Wednesday evening August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through Friday evening August 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 at the club White Cap on the rail deck, and on Saturday morning August 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 am-12 noon on the rail deck.

The Dragon Force 65 class shall race on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration will open two hours after conclusion of the offshore keelboat race(s), but no later than 6 pm, a skippers meeting at 6:30 pm, and the first warning signal shall be made at 7 pm.

The offshore races will be held on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a single race for each class.

The starting sequence for the Distance Race will begin at 12 noon followed by the Short Handed and Multihull Divisions at 10 minute intervals.

The starting sequence for all other offshore classes will begin at 1 pm.

Prizes will be announced at the virtual post race party, held via zoom, following racing, and subsequently delivered to competitors' yacht clubs for them to pick up.

### **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place boats at a virtual awards ceremony held via zoom.

### **BERTHING**

Consistent with health guidance from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago, no docking at ColYC's dock will be provided to 2020 Leukemia Cup Regatta competitors pre nor post racing.

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### **SOCIAL**

Consistent with health guidance from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago, there are no pre nor post race social activities scheduled nor planned in conjunction with the 2020 Chicago Leukemia Cup Regatta at this time. If and when that may change an amendment to this NOR will be posted at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).

Awards will be presented in a virtual post race awards ceremony via zoom. All competitors will be provided a link to connect to the zoom awards ceremony.

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

SIs will be available no later than August 17, 2020 at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

### **WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

Each participating boat shall carry liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see *RRS 4, Decision to Race*. The Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, or any other organization or official will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this regatta each competitor assumes the risks associated with yacht racing and agrees to release the race organizers and all associated personnel from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### **CONTACTS**

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