

Goose Island COLORS



June 5-7, 2015 NOTICE OF RACE



1.0 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Columbia Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for Goose Island COLORS.
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2.0 RULES

- 2.1. 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.
- 2.2. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 2.3. For One Design Classes, the rules and regulations of their local class rules shall apply.
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. 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.

3.0 FLEETS & CLASSES RACING

The following fleets are invited to participate in this race:

- 3.1. Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF), which may be comprised of the following classes:
 - 3.1.1. Spinnaker Classes – boats that carry one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4.
 - 3.1.2. MAC- Cruising Classes – boats that comply with the current Chicago to Mackinac Cruising Division requirements.
 - 3.1.3. Non-Spinnaker Classes – boats that do not carry spinnakers or gennakers.
 - 3.1.4. Double-Handed boats will race in their assigned class, but scored against each other. Double-handed boats shall have only two persons on-board.
 - 3.1.5. One-Design Classes of boats of the same Manufacturer Type. This includes but is not limited to the Viper 640, J/70, T-10, Farr 40, /105, J/109, J/111, FT-10, Beneteau 36.7 and Beneteau 40.7 classes.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. All boats racing shall have a current, valid Rating Certificate issued by the fleet handicapping authority of the classes within which they are competing.
- 4.2. 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.
- 4.3. 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 22, 2015.
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. The 312 Case Chase will be offered on Friday evening for all entries of weekend COLORS and any other boats eligible to compete. This race will be in similar format to the Chicago Beer Can Series. The 312 Case Chase is open to all sailing yachts equipped for offshore night racing and of 25 feet LOA or greater.

5.0 FEES

- 5.1. Eligible boats shall complete online registration and payment via credit card on www.yachtscoring.com not later than May 31, 2015.
- 5.2. For the distance race
 - 4.2.1. The entry fee is \$55 through April 15, 2015.
 - 4.2.2. The entry fee is \$75 from April 16, 2015 through June 5, 2015.
- 5.3. For the buoy races
 - 4.3.1. The entry fee is \$135 through April 15, 2015.
 - 4.3.2. The entry fee is \$160 from April 16, 2015 through June 5, 2015.
- 5.4. For The 312 Case Chase
 - 4.4.1. The entry is free for boats for boats entered in either the buoy or distance races. For boats entering only The 312 Case Chase, the fee is \$25.00.
- 5.5. If the Entry is cancelled (withdrawn) prior to May 29, 2015, \$100 will be refunded for the buoy racing classes and \$50 for the distance race. After that date, no refunds will be made. There will be no refunds for The 312 Case Chase.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES & EVENTS

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| 6.1 | Fri 5 June | 1830 | Warning signal for first class in The 312 Case Chase |
| | | 2030 | Goose Island Case Chase Party |
| | | 2130 | Awards |
| | Sat 6 June | 1100 | Warning signal for Distance race |
| | | 1130 | Warning signal for first buoy race |
| | | 1700 | Post Race Social and Goose Island Sailing Party (See 9) |
| | Sun 7 June | 1100 | Warning signal for first race |
| | | 1600 | Post-Race Social and Regatta Awards |
- (1) Registration is for last minute entries that are not otherwise registered
- 6.2. Three races are scheduled for each day of buoy racing (Saturday and Sunday). However, it is the intent of the Race Committee to complete as many races as practical each day.
 - 6.3. One race is scheduled for the Distance Race.
 - 6.4. One race is scheduled for The 312 Case Chase.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at CoIYC on or about May 31, 2015. They will also be available online on www.yachtscoring.com.

8.0 REGATTA VENUE & COURSES

- 8.1. The closed courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 2 to 6 legs. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.
- 8.2. 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.

- 8.3 The Friday evening 312 Case Chase will utilize the Columbia fixed mark courses at Area III Starting Area 7 (SA7).
- 8.4 The buoy racing area will be offshore due East of Monroe Street Harbor entrance. The exact location will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 SCORING

- 9.1 For the Buoy race, six races are scheduled of which one shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 For the Distance Race and 312 Case Chase one race is scheduled per event.
- 9.3 The scoring of the Weekend Series (312 Case Chase + Distance Race) will be based on the low point scoring system. Ties will be broken at the party on Saturday.
- 9.4 Time on distance scoring will be utilized for all PHRF handicap classes.

10.0 SOCIAL

- 10.1 Friday, June 5: 312 Case Chase Party – Goose Island beer at the Club
- 10.2 Saturday, June 6: COLORS Fiesta - Goose Island Beer and Mexican Buffet Included, Live Music on the Aft Deck
- 10.3 Sunday, June 7: Awards Party – Awards Presentation, Goose Island Beer Included, a la carte Food

11.0 DOCKING

- 11.1 There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at Columbia YC from 1500 hrs, Thursday, June 4 through Sunday, June 7. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted alongside at least 2-3 deep.
- 11.2 Non-resident boats that intend to participate in the Helly Hansen NOOD regatta the following weekend will be offered ½ off dockage Monday, June 8-Sunday, June 14.

12.0 PRIZES

- 12.1 There shall be all kinds of prizes — including prizes for the top three finishers in each section. However, none of the prizes shall have anything more than symbolic value.
- 12.2 Any boat(s) that finish in the top 3 of both The 312 Case Chase and distance race will receive a series prize.

13.0 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.

14.0 SPONSORS

A big thank you to our title sponsor Goose Island Beer Company. Thank you to our supporting sponsors: Line Honors Yacht Racing Outfitters: The latest sailing gear from around the globe at competitive prices. Dry Creek Vineyard: Taste any of these California wines at the Club and COLORS parties! Skyway Yacht Works: Chicago's full-service yacht yard. Call (773)734-7777 for your last minute needs.

15.0 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.

16.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Organizing Club:	Regatta Chair:	Offshore Manager:
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