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2020 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These Sailing Instructions provide additional information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association’s Social Distancing Races (“Races”). These Races are designed to provide a fun and relaxed competition for boats wishing to race during the 2020 season while adhering to the 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.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 edition, as adopted by U.S. Sailing (“RRS”). U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4.
- 1.2 RRS 52 is changed as follows: Power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted.
- 1.3 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).
- 1.4 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 this Section or Section 2.3 of this Notice of Series shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or 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.”

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be published on each Race’s website, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org, Additionally, as a courtesy the Race Committee will provide broadcasts during each Race via VHF 78 and Notices to Competitors will be sent via email and/or text to competitors. These broadcasts, emails and texts are intended to assist all boats in understanding how the race is being conducted. Such broadcasts, emails and texts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

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3. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be published on each Race’s website, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org, no later than 24 hours before a Race’s start time. As a courtesy, skippers of entered yachts will be sent via e-mail and text regarding amendments, and the Race Committee may broadcast information regarding these amendments via VHF 78. Failure to receive these communications shall not be grounds for redress.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

In some cases, Organizing Authorities will need to signal information via code flags. Should that occur, the signals will be made at each Organizing Authority’s clubhouse. However, the information may also be conveyed via e-mail and text message to skippers of all entered yachts. The Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF 78 to assist sailors in understanding when the race will begin. Failure to receive courtesy e-mails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The Schedule of Races will be as prescribed in Section 1 of the Notice of Series.

6. RACING AREAS

All races will be conducted in the waters of Lake Michigan. Starting areas for each Race are as follows:

Social Distancing Series No 1. (CCYC)	41° 57.75 N
	87° 34.50 W
	Appx. 107°T, 0.75 NM from Wilson Avenue Intake Crib

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6. RACING AREAS (continued)

Social Distancing Series No. 2 (BPYC)	41° 52.80 N 87° 34.46 W Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
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Social Distancing Series No 3 (CYC/JPYC)	41° 52.80 N 87° 34.46 W Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
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Social Distancing Series No. 4 (COLYC)	41° 52.80 N 87° 34.46 W Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
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7. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

When arriving at the starting area, boats should approach the Race Committee boat if one is present, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. If no Race Committee boat is present, boats should hail the Race Committee on VHF 78 to check in, and their check in should be acknowledged. If a boat must withdraw from the race, it must notify the Race Committee via VHF 78.

8. COURSES

Courses will be as outlined in Amendments to these Sailing Instructions. Courses are anticipated to be 10-20 miles in length.

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9. THE START

- 9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange floating mark. The Race Committee may set a guard mark. If so, boats shall not pass between the guard mark and the signal boat.
- 9.2. During the starting sequence, the Race Committee will fly the appropriate section flag, as set forth in the below table. Boats need not fly these section flags on their backstay.

T-10	0 (zero)
Handicap	5, 4, 3, 2, 1
Beneteau 36.7	6
Beneteau 40.7	7
J105	J
J109	9
J111	E
J-88	K
Double-Handed	Q
Single-Handed	M
Casual:	8

- 9.3 Boats whose class signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 9.4 Any boat starting more than 20 minutes after its class's start will be scored DNS.
- 9.5 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by sail number via VHF 78. Failure to make or hear such hails is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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9. THE START (continued)

- 9.6 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The warning signal for restart of a class following a general recall shall be made one minute after the first substitute is removed.
- 9.7 For each Race, the Race Committee will provide Casual racers with a separate start. The starting line will be between an orange floating mark on the port end of the line, and an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat on the starboard end of the line. Casual starts will begin at 1200 hours. At the beginning of the Casual start, the Race Committee will make ten long sounds, and raise the orange flag marking the signal boat end of the start line. Thereafter, the start line is open, and **boats may start any time within 10 minutes of the start time**. The Race Committee will note each boat's start time for scoring purposes. At the end of the 10 minute window, the Race Committee will again make ten long sounds. Boats entered in the Casual section may not start after this time.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of a finishing mark, which should be left to port. The Race Committee signal boat should be left to starboard. Unless the Race Committee shortens the course, the finish location will be located at the same place as the starting areas.
- 10.2 If the Race Committee boat is absent from the designated finish line, an Alternate Finish Line may be described in each Race's Amendment to these Sailing Instructions, and boats should cross the alternate finish line. Upon doing so, the boat must report its finish time (per its GPS) to the Race Committee via VHF 78.

11. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each Race will be 1700 hours.

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12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgment. If no Race Committee boat is on station, the Race Committee may be notified via hail on VHF 78.
- 12.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on the first weekday following each Race. Protests shall be submitted via the appropriate portal on each Race's website.
- 12.3 Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.
- 12.4 Violations of Section 2.3 and Section 4 of the Notice of Series and Sailing Instruction 1.3 are protestable only by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V1 will apply.

14. SECTION BREAKS AND SCORING

Each Race addressed herein will be scored individually. Section breaks will be set by each Organizing Authority, and be transmitted to competitors by 1200 hours, via e-mail or text, on Thursday prior to each weekend's race(s).

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Series.

16. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us for these Races, and special thanks to Manitowoc Marina and North Sails for their sponsorship of the Social Distancing Series!

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