



CASUAL SERIES

2020 NOTICE OF RACES AND NOTICE OF SERIES

This Notice of Races and Notice of Series provides basic information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Casual Races ("Races"), a fun, easy set of races for all sailors to enjoy. Please join us for fun on the lakefront this summer!

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND DATES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authorities for the Races are the Burnham Park Yacht Club ("BPYC"), the Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC"), and the Jackson Park Yacht Club ("JPYC").
- 1.2 The Series will consist of three races:
 - Pursuit of Happiness Casual Race #1 Saturday, August 29, 2020 (JPYC/BPYC)
 - Pursuit of Happiness Casual Race #2 Sunday August 30, 2020 (JPYC/BPYC)
 - Chicago Regatta Casual Race Saturday, September 12, 2020 (CYC)

2. RULES

- 2.1 These 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"). The RRS may be obtained at www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/racing-rules-sailing-2017-2020. U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4.
- 2.2 RRS 52 is changed as follows: Power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted.
- 2.3 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).
- 2.4 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 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."

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3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 These Races are open to all boats of at least 22 feet length overall. Boats must have auxiliary power capability and comply with United States Coast Guard recreational safety requirements. Additionally, all boats must carry a functioning VHF radio and Global Positioning System ("GPS"). Boats may enter these Races by completing the Entry Form available via www.chicagosailracing.org. Boats must be able to display a sail number so the Race Committee can see it to identify boats when they finish. This can be done via numbers applied to the sail, or via a sign displaying the numbers large enough for the race committee to see them at the start and finish. To obtain an official sail number, visit www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/services/sail-number-application. If your boat already has sail numbers on the sails, they may be used instead.
- 3.2 In order to participate in one or more of the Races, boats must complete entry, including payment of any applicable entry fees, no later than 1200 hours on Friday prior to the Race in which it wishes to participate.

4. FEES

Entry fee for this group of Races is free of charge, compliments of the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Each Race will begin at 1245 hours on the dates outlined in Section 1.
- 5.2 The time limit for each Race will be 1600 hours, plus the amount of any postponement.

6. MEASUREMENT AND RATINGS

Because boats are of different sizes and speeds, it is necessary to use a handicapping system to properly score each Race. Each boat that enters one or more of the Races will receive a CASRA handicap rating for this purpose. To assist in the rating process, a member of the CASRA Handicap Committee may contact owners to obtain additional information about their boat, including information as to modifications that have been made from its original condition. This rating is only valid for the events described in this Notice. The CASRA Handicap Committee may adjust a boat's handicap as it sees fit.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions provide additional details concerning the conduct of each race. They will be available prior to August 20, 2020 at www.chicagosailracing.org. In the event of a conflict between this Notice and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall control.

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8. VENUE AND COURSES

The venue for the Races will be the Chicago waterfront on Lake Michigan, with specific starting areas outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTIES

Skippers are strongly encouraged to avoid contact with other boats. In the event of a penalty, the RRS will apply as written, including RRS 44.1.

10. SCORING

10.1 Each Race will be scored individually. Section breaks will be assigned for scoring purposes and may be set after the completion of each Race. Boats will have the option of racing in a "Jib and Main" division, or a "Spinnaker" division. Each division will be scored separately. In addition, all races will be scored as a series, with no throw outs. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.

10.2 The Low Point System (RRS A4) will be used to determine overall winners.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

To facilitate sharing of information and learning, boats are permitted to make voice or data transmissions via VHF radio and may provide advice and coaching to each other. This changes RRS 41.

12. PRIZES

Series prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second, and third in each division. If possible, prizes will be awarded at the CASRA Town Hall Meeting and End of Season Celebration, scheduled for November of 2020.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in these Races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any of the Races.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

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15. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit www.chicagosailracing.org for additional information. Please direct any questions to info@chicagosailracing.org.

17. THANKS

Thanks to all competitors for participating in the CASRA Casual Series!

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