



CASUAL SERIES

2020 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These Sailing Instructions provide additional information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Casual Races ("Races"), a fun, easy set of races for all to enjoy. Please join us for fun on the lakefront this summer!

1. RULES

- 1.1 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"). U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 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 via www.chicagosailracing.org, and will be sent via e-mail and/or text to all entered competitors. Additionally, the Race Committee may provide courtesy broadcasts during each Race via VHF 71. These broadcasts are intended to assist all boats in understanding how the race is being conducted. Such broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

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 receive e-mails or text messages regarding amendments, and the Race Committee may broadcast information regarding these amendments via VHF 71. Failure to receive these communications shall not be grounds for redress.

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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 will also be sent via e-mail and/or text message to skippers of all entered yachts. If the AP flag is flown, it signals that there is a postponement on shore. (The AP flag is the Answering Pennant, which is a long red and white striped flag. The AP flag may also be used at the start line.) When this flag is displayed onshore, and dropped, it signals that the Race will begin in one hour or later. The Race Committee may provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF 71 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. Each Race will start at 1245 hours, unless postponed by the Race Committee.

6. RACING AREAS

All Races will be conducted off Chicago's lakefront. The Pursuit of Happiness – Day 1 Casual Race and the Chicago Regatta Casual Race will use the following starting area:

41° 52.80 N
87° 34.46 W
Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)

The Pursuit of Happiness Race -- Day 2 Casual Race will use the following starting Area:

41° 50.00' N
87° 35.42' W
Appx. 090° T, 0.5 NM from the 31st Street Harbor Entrance

7. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

When arriving at the starting area, boats should approach the Race Committee boat, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. To facilitate safety of all competitors, if a boat must withdraw from a race, it shall notify the Race Committee via VHF 71. Boats that are not currently racing or starting their race should remain clear of the starting area and give way to all boats that are starting or racing.

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8. COURSES

8.1. Courses for each Race are designed to be simple and easy to follow, and are set forth below:

Pursuit of Happiness Casual Race – Day 1 (Saturday, August 29, 2020)

Start	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W
Four Mile Crib	41° 52.40' N, 87° 32.70' W (round crib and all guard marks to STARBOARD)
Clemson Shoal Buoy	41° 48.41' N, 87° 32.08' W (round mark to STARBOARD)
Finish	41° 50.00' N, 87° 35.50' W (approximately 90°T, 0.5 NM from 31st Street Harbor Entrance) (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

Pursuit of Happiness Casual Race – Day 2 (Sunday, August 30, 2020)

Start	41° 50.00' N, 87° 35.50' W (approximately 90°T, 0.5 NM from 31st Street Harbor Entrance)
Four Mile Crib	41° 52.40' N, 87° 32.70' W (round crib and all guard marks to PORT)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41° 55.00' N, 87° 34.30' W (round crib/guard marks to PORT)
Finish	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

Chicago Regatta Casual Race (Saturday, September 12th, 2020)

Start	41° 52.80 N, 87° 34.46 W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41° 54.59 N, 87° 34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Four Mile Crib	41° 52.22 N, 87° 32.45 W (round crib to STARBOARD)
Orange Mark	41° 52.80 N, 87° 34.46 W (round mark to STARBOARD)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41° 54.59 N, 87° 34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Finish	41° 52.80 N, 87° 34.46 W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

8.2 Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on VHF 71. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

8.3 **The Race Committee may shorten the course by setting up a finish line at any mark and raising code flag "S."**

The Race Committee may broadcast courtesy announcements regarding the shortening of a course via VHF 71.

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9. MARKS

Marks will be either government buoys or structures, or marks. When rounding a water intake crib, yachts shall stay outside of the Restricted Area Buoy surrounding each crib.

10. THE START

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Each race shall begin at 1245 hours. If the Race Committee needs to postpone the race, it will fly the Answering Pennant (Flag AP). Once the Answering Pennant is lowered, the Race Committee will broadcast the new starting time via VHF 71.
- 10.3 At the start of each Race, 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 15 minutes of the start time. The Race Committee will note each boat's start time for scoring purposes. At 14 minutes after the start line opens, the Race Committee shall make one long sound, indicating that the line will close in one minute. At the end of the 15-minute window, the Race Committee will again make ten long sounds. Boats may not start after this time.
- 10.4 In order to make it easier for the race committee to identify boats at the start and finish, boats shall display a sail number on their sails. If a boat does not have a sail number on their sail, they may display it on a sail board or large piece of paper or cardboard in letters at least 12" tall so that it is clearly visible to the Race Committee. Boats should use the sail number already assigned to them if one already exists on its sails. Boats without a sail number may apply for one from US Sailing at www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/services/sail-number-application.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark, which should be left to port. The Race Committee signal boat should be left to starboard. Boats shall display their sail numbers required under Section 10.4 from five minutes before finishing until one minute after finishing. This enables the Race Committee to easily identify boats when they finish.

12. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each Race will be 1600 hours, plus the amount of any postponement.

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13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on the first weekday following the weekend's races. Protests must be filed via the applicable protest portal on each Race's website.
- 13.3 Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.
- 13.4 Violations of Section 3 of the Notice of Series are protestable only by the Race Committee.

14. SECTION BREAKS AND SCORING

Each yacht will receive an elapsed time from the Race Committee, derived by subtracting its start time from its finish time. Calculation of start times is not subject to redress by competitors. CASRA ratings will be applied to finish times in order to derive scores. Section breaks will be established by the Race Committee for scoring purposes and may be established after the completion of the race. Boats racing in "Jib and Main" sections will be scored separately from boats racing in "Spinnaker" sections.

15. 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.

16. THANKS

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

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