

VERVE CUP REGATTA NOTICE OF RACE



Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Harbor Station
August 16 - 19, 2007



Presented by

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

The Chicago Yacht Club Verve Cup Regatta Committee (CYCVCRC) shall represent the Chicago Yacht Club as the Regatta Organizing Authority. Notice is hereby given that all competitors (including spectators, officials and others) participate in this event solely at their own risk.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS) including the USSAILING prescriptions, the 2007 Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF), the 2007 International Measurement System (IMS) Regulations and individual One-Design Fleet Rules (these may be modified by local fleet rules).
- 1.2 The current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4, as modified by the Organizing Authority, shall apply to all offshore boats.
- 1.3 The Protest Committee will be constituted in accordance to RRS 90(a). Pre-hearing arbitration will be employed. In addition to hearing protests, the Protest Committee will have final authority in resolving conflicts of eligibility and /or compliance with entry requirements. This will change RRS 63.1, 63.6, and 66.
- 1.4 All competing boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 6, 9, 16, 68, 71, 72, 73, 78 and 79.

2. ADVERTISING:

For the purposes of RRS 79 and ISAF Regulation 20, this regatta is designated "Category C." A brief description of any advertising carried by a boat must be provided with the entry form. Advertising deemed by the Organizing Authority not to be compliant with ISAF Regulation 20.2 and 20.2.1 may be rejected. **Competitors that are permitted to display Category C advertising are urged to refrain from displaying advertising that competes with the sponsors of this event.**

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1 All owners and /or skippers of boats participating in the Verve Cup Regatta must be a current member of their national sailing body. (US SAILING - 1-800-877-2451)
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to any boat with a minimum LOA of 25 feet, which holds either a current Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) Handicap Certificate or is racing in a One-Design Fleet. A minimum of 7 legitimate entries must be received by August 6, 2007, to qualify for a One-Design section for starting and scoring purposes. If the number of entries seeking to constitute a One-Design section does not meet this minimum requirement, the CYCVCRC has the authority to assign these boats to the appropriate LMPHRF section, in which case a valid LMPHRF certificate must be furnished no later than August 15, 2007. The CYCVCRC reserves the option to create a "grand prix" section of boats at the faster end of the rating spectrum if a significant number of entries are received. The CYCVCRC reserves the option to create a One-Design section that does not meet the LOA requirements.
- 3.3 The boats shall be assigned sections according to One-Design Handicap Ratings, and other factors at the discretion of the CYCVCRC.

3.4 Entries may be submitted on the Official Entry Form by fax, mail or online at www.yachtscoring.com by **July 30, 2007**. Late fees will apply to entries received after July 30th up to August 9th. Mailing address is Chicago Yacht Club–Verve Cup, 400 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60601-6493. Fax # 312-861-1840.

3.5 Entry is not valid until Entry Form, Fees and — if applicable — LMPHRF certificate are received.

4. FEES:

4.1 Entry fee for all boats is **U.S. \$6 per foot**. Late fee for entries received after July 30, 2007 and before 1700 August 9, 2007 is **U.S. \$75** in addition to the original calculated entry fee.

4.2 The entry fee for all boats entering the Saturday, August 18th race ONLY is **U.S. \$2 per foot**. The late fee for entries received after July 30, 2007 and before 1700 August 9, 2007 is **U.S. \$50** in addition to the original calculated entry fee.

4.3 The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew.

4.4 An administrative fee of \$35 shall apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 9, 2007.

5. SCHEDULE:

5.1 **REGISTRATION:** Each Skipper or his/her representative must register at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, Thursday, August 16, 2007 between 1000 hours and 1900 hours

5.2 There will be a Skipper's meeting at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, at 1830 hours, Thursday, August 16, 2007.

5.3 **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** Racing on Friday, August 17 will consist of windward/leeward courses with as many races completed as practical. The first warning signal for Friday is 1025.

A combined fleet course race is scheduled for Saturday, August 18. If racing is abandoned on Friday, August 17 for all sections, racing on Saturday, August 18, will consist of windward/leeward courses. The first warning signal for Saturday is 0955.

Racing on Sunday, August 19, will consist of windward/leeward courses with as many races completed as practical. The first warning signal for Sunday is scheduled for 0955 hours. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, August 19.

5.4 One race shall constitute a Regatta. All races shall be scored.

6. MEASUREMENT:

6.1 Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall submit a valid LMPHRF Handicap Certificate. Applications for a LMPHRF Certificate may be obtained from: Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet, 1135 Maricopa Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904, (Tel. 920-233-5743).

6.2 Each boat racing in a One-Design section shall carry a valid One-Design measurement certificate.

6.3 No handicap or rating changes will be accepted after 1800 hours, August 9, 2007.

6.4 Crew weigh-ins for One-Design, if required by fleet rules, will be conducted during registration.

7. SECTION BREAKS:

One-Design and Handicap section breaks will be available at Registration and online beginning August 16, 2007.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing instructions will be available at Registration and online beginning August 16, 2007.

9. SAILING VENUE:

Boats will be assigned to one of three racing areas, which will be from 3-6 miles from Monroe Street Harbor.

10. THE COURSES:

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM:

A boat may elect to take a penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.1 or RRS 44.3 where the scoring penalty will be 20%.

12. SCORING:

Scoring will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Each boat's score will be the sum of its scores for all races. There shall be no throwouts. This amends RRS A2.

13. PRIZES:

13.1 Series prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded by section.

13.2 The Verve Cup will be awarded to the section winner whose section features the closest, most competitive racing. To be eligible for the Verve Cup overall award, the boat's section must have a minimum of seven (7) starters for one race. Boats sailing in the combined fleet course race only held Saturday, August 18, are not eligible for the Verve Cup overall award.

14. SPECIAL DOCKING INSTRUCTIONS:

14.1 All slips will be assigned by the CYCVCRC and the Chicago Yacht Club dockmaster.

14.2 The eastern slips will be assigned to boats whose LOA is forty (40) feet or greater. The western slips are available for all smaller boats that can access the area.

14.3 Slips will be available from 2200 hours Wednesday, August 15, 2007, for out-of-town boats participating in the Verve Cup until 1000 hours Friday, August 17, 2007. **Any Chicago harbor system boat using the slips during this period shall be subject to protest by the CYCVCRC. A 10% placement penalty for entrant's first race will apply.**

14.4 After racing on Friday, August 17, 2007, through 1500 hours on Sunday, August 19, 2007, all slips will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for ONLY those boats participating in the Verve Cup.

14.5 No personal gear or boat equipment may be left on the docks while participating in the Regatta. Violators shall be subject to protest by the CYCVCRC.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4 –Decision to Race.) The CYCVCRC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Regatta.

16. INSURANCE:

It is required that all boats carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance for the period of the Regatta. Insurance certificates shall be available for inspection upon request.

17. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE:

The CYCVCRC reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendment will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online and copies will be available at registration.

18. INFORMATION RESOURCE:

18.1 Phone: 312-861-7777

www.yachtscoring.com

Fax: 312-861-1840

www.ChicagoYachtClub.org

18.2 Future dates: August 16, 17, 18, 2008

August 21, 22, 23, 2009

August 20, 21, 22, 2010

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
Chicago Yacht Club Verve Cup Regatta



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August 16-19, 2007

Owner/Skipper _____ Phone (H) _____
 Address _____ Phone (W) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email Address _____
 US SAILING or your National Authority Number _____
 Boat Name _____ Sail No. _____
 Make or Class _____ Length _____
 Yacht Club _____ Hull Color _____
Division: PHRF One-Design Class (Name) _____ Rating _____

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby agree that my boat will be equipped and outfitted in accordance with the Notice of Race and that it will have all the required equipment aboard, is seaworthy in hull, rig and sails and that it will be competently manned. As Owner/Skipper, I agree to abide by all conditions of the Regatta and accept full responsibility for the conduct and safety of each member of my crew and guests arising from participation in any of the activities of this Regatta.

I further acknowledge and agree to waive, release and discharge any and all claims that I or my representatives may have against the Verve Cup Committee, the Chicago Yacht Club, the Sponsors, their Officers, Directors, Members, Employees, Agents or Volunteers for any damage or injury arising out of my participation in any of the activities related to this Regatta. I knowingly assume the risks of yacht racing and agree that the decision to start and continue a race is solely my responsibility.

Owner/Skipper Signature _____ Date _____

ENTRY DEADLINE: 1800 JULY 30, 2007

There will be no refunds of entry fees after 8/09/07

Each Entry must be accompanied by:

- 1. Valid Rating Certificate
 - 2a. Entry fee for Regatta:
 \$6.00 x _____ feet =\$ _____
 A late fee of \$75 will be assessed after 7/30/07 until 8/09/07\$ _____
 - 2b. Entry fee for the distance race only:
 \$2.00 x _____ feet =\$ _____
 A late fee of \$50 will be assessed after 7/30/07 until 8/09/07\$ _____
- TOTAL** \$ _____

Please send Entry Form and check payable to:
Chicago Yacht Club, Attn: Verve Cup Regatta, 400 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603-6493
Phone: 312-861-7777 Fax: 312-861-1840

Please charge my: VISA MasterCard Acct. # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

All Verve Cup entries may be posted on the web site.

2007 Verve Cup Regatta OUTLINE OF EVENTS



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ENTRY INFO

JULY 30

Entry Deadline

AUGUST 1-9

*Entry Deadline with
\$75 Late Fee*

AUGUST 9 @ 1700 HRS
NO FURTHER ENTRIES
Event is CLOSED

REGISTRATION

AUGUST 16

*Monroe Station
1000 to 1900*

Order Box Lunches!

*Buy the
Regatta Merchandise!*

SKIPPER'S MEETING

AUGUST 16

*1830 at
Monroe Station
under the tent*

*Presented by
Corona Beer
A Mexican Fiesta!*

RACING

AUGUST 17, 18 and 19

Harbor Start - 0900 • First Warning Friday - 1025 • First Warning Saturday and Sunday - 0955

ON SHORE EVENTS

AUGUST 16, 17, 18 and 19

*Check out the **Audi** vehicles and
possibly test drive an Audi*

AUGUST 17, 18 and 19

*Visit the sponsor's kiosk to purchase Regatta
merchandise from **SLAM** - the hot, technical gear*

AUGUST 17, 18 and 19

*Available through the Three Day Event
Breakfast: Buffet or Continental
0730 to 0930*

AUGUST 17

***Mt. Gay Rum and St. Pauli Girl Beer** from 1700
while the daily quantities last
Sponsored by **Karma Yacht Sales**
FOOD COURT — GRILL STATION
1830 TO 2030
Entertainment provided by: **Eric Howell**
1400 - 1800*

AUGUST 18

***Mt. Gay Rum and St. Pauli Girl Beer** from 1700
while the daily quantities last
FOOD COURT — GRILL STATION
1830 TO 2030*

THE VERVE SWERVE PARTY
1900 to 2200

*Entertainment provided by:
Montgomery Street*

AUGUST 19

***St. Pauli Girl Beer and Mt. Gay Rum**
Beer and Rum "Leftovers" (if any!)
1400 TO 1700*

*FOOD COURT — GRILL STATION
1400 to 1800*

AWARDS CEREMONY - 1700

*Entertainment provided by: **The Flood Brothers**
1400 - 1800*

AUGUST 18 & 19

Reservations being taken for your crew dinners in the Dining room.

NOTE: Timing of all Shore Events is subject to change based on weather, arrival back at the docks, etc.

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