



**Commodore's Cup Jr. Twilight Navigation Race  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Belmont Station, Chicago, IL  
Friday, August 20, 2021**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**ABBREVIATIONS**

**[DP]** Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

**[NP]** Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. **This changes RRS 60.1(a)**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 63.1 and 63.2.
- 1.4 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors.
- 1.5 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, shall follow [House and Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19](#).
- 1.6 Crew substitutions or changes shall be recorded online prior to the start of racing each day.
- 1.7 Violations of Section 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6 of these Sailing Instructions shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority. **This changes RRS 60.1.**
- 1.8 **[DP]** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14616>.  
As a courtesy, owners of entered yachts will receive emails and/or text messages regarding changes.
- 2.2 No changes will be made to the Sailing Instructions less than 24 hours prior to the start of the Race.

**3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14616> and will be sent via email and/or text message to all entered competitors.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 78. 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 41.**
- 3.3 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.**

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the staff at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.
- 4.2 When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes". **This changes Race Signals.**
- 4.3 Signals made ashore shall also be communicated to competitors via email and/or text message and broadcast on VHF 78.



## 5 SCHEDULE

1700-1730	Juniors meet at boats. Safety briefing. Boat and course briefing, etc.
1730-1850	Rig boats. Practice sail.
1855	First warning signal.
2030	Race Time Limit Expires.

## 6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 The race will be held in the open waters of Lake Michigan, East of Belmont Harbor.
- 6.2 The starting area will be approximately ¼ mile east of the Belmont harbor entrance. The starting area will be the same one used for the Belmont Wednesday Night Skyline races.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS and SECTION BREAKS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
PHRF 1	Code Flag One (1)

## 8 COURSE

- 8.1 First mark shall be a drop mark. The second mark shall be either Wilson Ave. Crib or Harrison-Dever Crib. Race Committee will post the range and bearing of the drop mark and rounding direction for both marks prior to the first warning.
- 8.2 Course Change After the Start: If race committee displays flag C at the drop mark, the next mark shall be the finish line.
- 8.3 Finish at the Start Line.

## 9 MARKS

Marks will be either government buoys or structures, or orange shapes. When rounding a water intake crib, yachts shall stay outside of the white stakes surrounding each crib.

## 10 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following area(s) are designated as an obstruction:
- a) The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the US Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal for the first class at 1855 hrs.
- 11.2 The starting Line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF 78. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

## 12 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 to be left to starboard.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendices T and V1 shall apply.



## **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 All boats must finish by 2030 hours. *This changes RRS 35.*
- 14.2 The course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee to allow for all boats to finish within the time limit.

## **15 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 Intention to protest shall be communicated to the Race Committee at the time of finish.
- 15.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in person at the protest desk at CYC-Belmont Station within 45 minutes of Race Committee docking time.
- 15.3 Hearings will be held in person.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 The scoring system is as follows: Elapsed Time.  
Unless in a one design class, each boat will be scored based on elapsed time, which is derived by subtracting her start time from her finish time. Calculation of start times is not ground for a request for redress.
- 16.2 LMPHRF (or CASRA if no LMPHRF certificate is available) ratings shall be applied to finish times to derive scores.
- 16.3 One (1) completed race shall constitute the event.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATION**

- 17.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing or displaying her sail number, and receiving an acknowledgement from the race committee prior to the warning signal.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course via VHF 78, if practicable.
- 17.3 All Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the US Coast Guard from dock to dock. Competitors shall comply with the requirements of the CASRA Nearshore Safety Equipment requirements as published at <http://chicagosailracing.org/documents/>

## **18 BERTHING**

Competitors are invited to dock at CYC Belmont Station for race awards and complimentary food and age-appropriate first beverage after racing. Additional beverages will be available for purchase.

## **19 RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **20 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

## **21 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NoR.

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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