



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta**  
*Distance Race*  
**Chicago Yacht Club**  
**Monroe Station, Chicago, IL**  
**August 14, 2021**

## **Sailing Instructions (SIs)**

*The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the Organizing Authority.  
Chicago Yacht Club is the host.*

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**[SP]** Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing.

**[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 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors.
- 1.4 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, shall follow [House and Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19](#).
- 1.5 Crew substitutions or changes shall be recorded online at YachtScoring prior to the start of racing.
- 1.6 Violations of Section 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 of this Notice of Race shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority. **This changes RRS 60.1.**
- 1.7 The ORC Rating Rules (available at [www.orc.org/rules](http://www.orc.org/rules)) and Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) will apply for the respective handicap sections.
- 1.8 **[DP]** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area.

### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0730 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=14617>.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio channel 69.



- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 4 CODE OF CONDUCT**  
[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the northeast corner of the Monroe Station Clubhouse. In addition, signals made ashore will be distributed, as a courtesy, to the email or text address listed in a boat's entry form. Failure to receive courtesy electronic communications shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**  
The schedule is as follows:  
Saturday, August 14  
1025 First warning
- 7 CLASS FLAGS & STARTING ORDER**
- | <u>Class</u> | <u>Flag</u>       |
|--------------|-------------------|
| ORC          | Code Flag One (1) |
| PHRF         | Code Flag Two (2) |
- 8 STARTING AREA**  
The starting area is located approximately 0.9nm at a bearing of 128° from the Chicago Harbor Light. The approximate coordinates are 41° 52.80' North and 087° 34.46 West.
- 9 COURSES**
- 9.1 The description in SI Addendum A shows the course(s), approximate distance, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course letter on a course board for the respective class.
- 9.3 The race committee may assign a different course for each class.
- 10 MARKS**
- 10.1 Marks will be government navigation aids or pumping station cribs.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing mark will be an orange robotic mark or inflatable shape.
- 11 OBSTRUCTIONS**  
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.
- 12 THE START**
- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.



- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 **[DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area is defined as an area extending approximately 150 feet to windward and to leeward of the starting line and 150 feet to either end.
- 12.4 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. 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).***
- 12.5 A boat that does not start within twenty (20) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. ***This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.***
- 12.6 The race committee may combine classes for a start by displaying both class flags at the warning.
- 12.10 Any self-correction movement by a robotic mark on the starting or finishing line shall not be considered an improper action of the RC and not grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a). ***This is added RRS 27.2.***

### **13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark. The finishing area will be the same as the starting area.

### **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

### **15 TIME LIMITS**

The time limit will be 1630. If there is a postponement before the first warning signal, the time limit will be extended by the duration of that postponement, but not to exceed two hours.

### **16 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in person at the protest desk at Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 Alternatively, hearing requests forms are available from the US Sailing RRS mobile app and can be submitted to [regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org) within the appropriate time limit or filed online in the Owner's Corner of YachtScoring.
- 16.2 A boat's protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the Signal Boat for her circle.
- 16.3 Hearings will be held, in person, at Monroe Station immediately following the event in a socially distant manner.

### **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring.
- 17.2 Scoring inquiries shall be filed online at the event website at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
- 17.3 ORC scoring shall be in accordance with the ORC handicap certificate valid on August 6, 2021. ORC scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) utilizing the Triple Number All Purpose scoring option for all courses. Explanation of ORC scoring can be found on the US Sailing website at this link: [www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Summary-ORC-Scoring-Options-USA-CAN.pdf](http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Summary-ORC-Scoring-Options-USA-CAN.pdf).



- 17.4 LMPHRF scoring shall be in accordance with the LMPHRF handicap certificate valid on August 6, 2021 using the time-on-time (TOT) buoy handicap rating (HCP).
- 17.5 A score of TLE will receive the points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus two points. ***This changes RRS A4.2 and RRS A5.***

## **18 [SP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 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 her first race on each day of racing. A boat found to have broken SI 19.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impracticable, immediately after arriving ashore. A boat may notify the race committee using the designated VHF hailing channel. A boat found to have broken SI 19.2 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class. ***This changes RRS 63.1.***

## **19 BERTHING**

**[DP]** Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while at the CYC docks. Boats wishing to utilize CYC Monroe or Belmont station docks during the regatta shall make reservations prior to the regatta with the respective CYC Dockmaster. CYC Monroe 312-296-2042 or CYC Belmont 312-617-6997. You can also email at [dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org). If space is available during the regatta, it will be on a first come/first serve basis.

## **20 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.

## **23 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.

## **29 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NoR.

## **30 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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## Addendum A Course Descriptions

	<b>Rounding/ Crossing Direction</b>	<b>Approximate Location</b>
<b>Course A GREEN – 21 nm</b>		
Start	Between Mark and Flag on boat	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W
Four Mile Crib Light	Leave to Starboard	41° 52.40' N, 87° 32.70' W
Indiana Shoal Buoy 2	Leave to Starboard	41° 46.17' N, 87° 23.44' W
Finish	Between Mark and Flag on boat	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W

<b>Course B Red – 12 nm</b>		
Start	Between Mark and Flag on boat	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W
68th Street Crib Light	Leave to Port	41° 47.18' N, 87° 31.80' W
Clemson Shoal Lighted Bell Buoy 4	Leave to Port	41° 48.41' N, 87° 32.08' W
Finish	Between Mark and Flag on boat	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W

<b>Course C Yellow – 10.5nm</b>		
Start	Between Mark and Flag on boat	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W
Clemson Shoal Lighted Bell Buoy 4	Leave to Port	41° 48.41' N, 87° 32.08' W
South Park Shoal Buoy 6	Leave to Port	41° 47.84' N, 87° 32.15' W
Finish	Between Mark and Flag on boat	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W

<b>Course D Blue – 34 nm</b>		
Start	Between Mark and Flag on boat	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W
Indiana Shoal Buoy 2	Leave to Starboard	41° 46.17' N, 87° 23.44' W
68th Street Crib Light	Leave to Starboard	41° 47.18' N, 87° 31.80' W
Clemson Shoal Lighted Bell Buoy 4	Leave to Port	41° 48.41' N, 87° 32.08' W
Wilson Avenue Crib Light	Leave to Port	41° 57.98' N, 87° 35.47' W
Finish	Between Mark and Flag on boat	41° 52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W