



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta**  
***Distance Race***  
**Chicago Yacht Club**  
**Monroe Station, Chicago, IL**  
**August 14, 2021**  
**Notice of Race (NoR)**

*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.
- 1.9 For boats participating in the Double Handed section, the “Nearshore” category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements will apply.  
(<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailingspecial-regulations>)
- 1.10 For boats participating in the Double Handed section, competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices at all times while on deck except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. Display of flag Y is not required. ***This changes RRS 40.***
- 1.11 For boats participating in the Double Handed section, wind vanes and/or auto-pilots are permitted during racing. ***This changes RRS 52.***

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after August 9, 2021 at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=14618>.



### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14618>.
- 3.2 **[DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 **[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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of 25 feet LOA or greater with valid ORC or LMPHRF handicap certificate or be a member of a one design racing fleet recognized by the Organizing Authority. A boat sailing under ORC or LMPHRF shall be assigned to a division and section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.2 There will be four divisions of the Verve Cup Distance Race:
  - Offshore Racing (ORC)
  - Offshore Racing (LMPHRF)
  - Double Handed (ORC)
  - Jib-and-Main (LMPHRF)Divisions may have more than one section.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14618> by August 1, 2021.
- 4.4 An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received, waivers are completed, and, if applicable, a valid 2021 ORC or LMPHRF certificate is furnished.
- 4.5 A minimum of four bona fide entries must be received by August 1, 2021 for a section to be recognized.
- 4.6 An entrant participating in the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta may participate in the Verve Cup Distance Race by marking the entry form accordingly. No additional entry fee, other than that for the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta, will apply. A Verve Cup Distance Race competitor will be scored DNC for that day's Verve Cup Offshore Regatta races.
- 4.7 An entire one design class may compete in the Verve Cup Distance Race if the fleet captain informs the Organizing Authority of its decision no later than August 1, 2021. The Verve Cup Distance Race results will be scored as part of that section's Verve Cup results, but no boat within that section will be eligible for the Verve Cup Trophy.
- 4.8 ORC and ORC DH certificates can be applied for at US Sailing: [www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/request-a-rating/](http://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/request-a-rating/). Please allow 5-10 days after application to receive a certificate.

### 5 FEES

- 5.1 Required Fees are as follows:

Fee Received By	Fee Per Foot
July 16, 2021	\$2.50
August 6, 2021	\$3.50

A boat's LOA should be rounded to the lower whole number (e.g. 35' 8" = 35') to determine fees.



- 5.2 Your entry fee includes:
- Entry to the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
  - Docking at the Chicago Yacht Club during the Regatta
  - Complimentary access to the Sponsored Pour
  - Complimentary access to the Saturday night party
  - Trophies
- 5.3 An administrative fee of \$25 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 6, 2021.
- 5.4 At the time of the publishing of this NOR, there is a regatta celebration being planned assuming governmental regulations will allow such an event to occur. Any additional fees to attend a celebration will be published closer to the event date.
- 6 ADVERTISING**  
Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 7 SCHEDULE**  
The schedule is as follows:  
Thursday, August 12  
1700-1900 Competitor Registration  
Friday, August 13  
1700-1900 Competitor Registration  
Saturday, August 14  
1025 First warning  
After Racing Awards Presentation
- 8 MEASUREMENT**  
Each boat competing in a handicap section shall provide a valid ORC or LMPHRF certificate no later than 1800 August 6, 2021.
- 9 VENUE**  
Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan off the Chicago lakefront starting off Monroe Harbor.
- 10 COURSES**  
Courses will be a random-leg distance race using fixed government marks and/or inflatable drop marks and will be designated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11 PENALTY SYSTEM**  
Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 12 SCORING**
- 12.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point System.
- 12.2 Boats entered in ORC classes will be scored using time-on-time (TOT) utilizing the Triple Number scoring for All Purpose courses. Boats entered under LMPHRF will be scored using the time-on-time (TOT) Distance Handicap rating (DHCP). All others will be scored without a handicap.
- 12.3 A boat participating in the Verve Cup Distance Race shall be scored DNC for each Verve Cup Offshore race sailed by its class that day.



12.4 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.***

12.5 Scoring inquiries shall be filed online at the event website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14618>.

### **13 BERTHING**

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 312-196-2042 or CYC Belmont 312-617-6997. If space is available during the regatta, it will be on a first come/first serve basis.

### **14 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.

### **15 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.

### **16 PRIZES**

16.1 Prizes will be awarded by section.

16.2 The 8 Mile Buoy Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the most competitive fleet.

### **17 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.

### **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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