



2023 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DISTANCE RACES

Organizing Authorities (OAs): Burnham Park Yacht Club ("BPYC"), Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club ("CCYC"), Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC"), Columbia Yacht Club ("COLYC"), Jackson Park Yacht Club ("JPYC"), Michigan City Yacht Club ("MCYC"), St. Joseph River Yacht Club ("SJRYC"), and Waukegan Yacht Club ("WYC").

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The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") and the notices of race.
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2.
- 1.3. All rules listed in the CASRA Distance Notice of Race (NOR) or any of its amendments will apply.
- 1.4. [NP] All competitors shall follow governmental regulations and the OAs rules and regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.

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- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on each event's website, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org, and a courtesy notification will be sent via e-mail and/or text message to all entered competitors. Additionally, the Race Committee may provide courtesy broadcasts during each race via VHF 78. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be published on the official notice board for each event, available at www.chicagosailracing.org and a courtesy notification 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 78. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Organizing Authority's clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Information provided via code flags may also be sent via email and text message to skippers of all entered yachts. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Schedules of Race will be as prescribed in Section 7 of the Notice of Races.

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6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags are:

Class	Flag
JAM	D
T-10	0 (zero)
MWPHRF	5, 4, 3, 2, 1
Beneteau 36.7	6
Beneteau 40.7	7
J105	J
J109	9
J111	E
J88	K
Double-Handed	Q
Multihull	F

7. RACING AREAS

All races will be conducted in the waters of Lake Michigan. The starting areas for each race are as follows:

Spring Opener (Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28, 2023)

41° 56.50' N 87° 34.0' W

Approx 108°T 3.5nm from Montrose Harbor Light

Approx 090°T 3.0nm from Belmont Harbor Light

Approx 022°T 3.3nm from Chicago Harbor Light
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Chicago to Waukegan (Saturday, June 24, 2023)

41° 56.50' N

87° 36.85' W

Approx. 090°T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)

Waukegan to Chicago (Sunday, June 25, 2023)

42° 21.70' N

87° 47.90' W

Approx. 120°T, 0.5 NM from Waukegan Pierhead

Chicago to Michigan City (Friday, June 30, 2023)

to Chicago

41° 52.80' N

87° 34.46' W

Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)

Gold Star Regatta (Saturday, July 8, 2023)

41° 52.80' N

87° 34.46' W

Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)

Rainbow Regatta (Friday, August 4, 2023)

41° 52.80' N

87° 34.46' W

Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light

Third Coast Cup - DAY 1 (Saturday, August 19, 2023)

41° 56.50' N

87° 34.0' W

Approx 108°T 3.5nm from Montrose Harbor Light

Approx 090°T 3.0nm from Belmont Harbor Light

Approx 022°T 3.3nm from Chicago Harbor Light

(Area C)

Third Coast Cup - DAY 2 (Sunday August 20, 2023)

42° 29.29' N

87° 47.44' W

Approx. 090°T, .35NM from the Northpoint Marina Entrance Lt.

Pursuit of Happiness (Saturday, August 26, 2023 and Sunday, August 27, 2023)

41° 50.00' N

87° 33.50' W

Approx. 90° T, 1.9 NM from 31st Street Harbor

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Chicago to St. Joseph (Friday, September 1, 2023)

41° 52.80' N 87° 34.46' W
Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light
(Area E)

St. Joseph to Chicago (Sunday, September 3, 2023)

42° 08.20' N 86° 30.00' W
Approx. 349° T, 1.3 NM from St. Joseph
North Pierhead Light.

St. Joseph to Michigan City (Sunday, September 3, 2023)
(3 optional starting areas)

SJMC-1 42° 06.60' N 86° 30.50' W
Approx. 255° T, 0.8 NM from St. Joseph
North Breakwater Light

SJMC-2 42° 02.70' N 86° 34.70' W
Approx. 218° T, 5.7 NM from St. Joseph
North Breakwater Light

SJMC-3 41° 59.60' N 86° 38.00' W
Approx. 218° T, 9.7 NM from St. Joseph
North Breakwater Light

Michigan City to Chicago (Monday, September 4, 2023)

41° 44.00' N 86° 54.80' W
Approx. 340° T, 0.4 NM from Michigan City
Breakwater Light

Holbeman Regatta (Sunday, September 10, 2023)

41° 56.50' N 87° 34.0' W
Approx 108°T 3.5nm from Montrose Harbor Light
Approx 090°T 3.0nm from Belmont Harbor Light
Approx 022°T 3.3nm from Chicago Harbor Light
(Area C)

Sheldon Clark Regatta (Saturday, September 16, 2023)

41° 56.50' N 87° 36.85' W
Approx. 090° T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light
(Area B)

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Polonia Cup (Sunday, September 17, 2023)

41° 57.75' N 87° 34.50' W

Approx. 095°T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light
(Area A)

Fall Closer Regatta (Saturday, September 30, 2023)

41° 57.75' N 87° 34.50' W

Approx. 095°T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light
(Area A)

8. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- 8.1. When arriving at the starting area, boats shall approach the Race Committee boat, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee.
- 8.2. If a boat withdraws from the race, it shall notify the Race Committee via VHF 78. If it does not receive a confirmation from the Race Committee of their withdrawal it shall also send an email, at the first reasonable opportunity, stating their withdrawal to the appropriate email address listed in section 11.5.

9. COURSES

Courses will be as outlined in amendments to these Sailing Instructions for particular races.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange floating mark.
- 10.2. The Race Committee may set a guard mark off the stern of the signal boat. In such a case, boats shall not sail between the signal boat and the guard mark.
- 10.3. During the starting sequence, the Race Committee will fly the appropriate class flag, as set forth in the table below. Boats racing in JAM, MWPHRF, and Double-Handed classes shall fly the appropriate class flag on their backstay.

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- 10.4. Boats whose class signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.5. Any boat starting more than 10 minutes after its class' start will be scored DNS.
- 10.6. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by sail number via VHF 78. Failure to make or hear such hails is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of a finishing mark, which should be left to port. The Race Committee signal boat shall be left to starboard. Unless the Race Committee shortens the course, the finish location will be located at the same place as the starting areas, with the exception of the following Races, which shall have the following finish locations:

Spring Opener	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.05' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68' N, 87° 37.74' W)
Chicago to Waukegan	42° 21.70' N 87° 47.90' W Approx. 120° T, 0.5 NM from Waukegan Pierhead
Waukegan to Chicago	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.05' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41°57.68 N, 87°37.74 W)
Chicago to Michigan City to Chicago	41° 52.80' N 87° 34.46' W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)

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Gold Star Regatta	41° 52.80' N	87° 34.46' W	Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Rainbow Regatta	41° 52.80' N	87° 34.46' W	Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Third Coast Cup- DAY 1	CHICAGO to WINTHROP HARBOR: Between a tetrahedron located approx. 090°T, 0.35 NM from the Northpoint Marina Entrance Lt. Approximate position of 42° 29.29' N, 87° 47.44' W) and a Race Committee Boat (Tetrahedron Mark passed to Starboard).		
Third Coast Cup - DAY 2	WINTHROP HARBOR to CHICAGO: Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.05' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68' N, 87° 37.74' W)		
Hobelman Regatta	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.50' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68' N, 87° 37.74' W)		
Pursuit of Happiness	41° 50.00' N	87° 33.50' W	Approx. 090° T, 1.9 NM from the 31 st Street Harbor Entrance
Chicago to St. Joseph	42° 08.20' N	86° 30.00' W	Approx. 349° T, 1.3 NM from St. Joseph North Pierhead Light.
Bi-State Fly-By	41° 54.33' N	87° 32.38' W	Appx. 031° T, 2.3 NM from Four Mile Crib (Area D)
St. Joseph to Chicago	41° 52.80' N	87° 33.00' W	Appx. 333° T, 0.5 NM from Four Mile Crib (Area D)

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St. Joseph to Michigan City Optional Finish Areas

SJMC-0 41° 51.70' N 86° 46.50' W
Appx. 045° T, 10.0 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance

SJMC-1 41° 48.60' N 86° 49.80' W
Appx. 045° T, 6.1 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance

SJMC-2 41° 44.64' N 86° 53.95' W
Appx. 045° T, 1.0 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance

Michigan City to Chicago 41° 47.70' N 87° 31.80' W
Approx. 006° T, 0.5 NM from 68th Street Crib

Sheldon Clark 41° 56.50' N 87° 36.85' W
Approx. 090° T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light
(Area B)

Fall Closer Regatta Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the
southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate
position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.05' W) and a tetrahedron
located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an
approximate position of 41° 57.68' N, 87° 37.74' W)

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- 11.2. For the following races, boats shall display reflective sail number board within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing, on the sides of the boat as indicated below. Boats failing to display sail number boards shall be penalized in accordance with Section 12 of these Sailing Instructions.

Spring Opener	Starboard
Chicago to Waukegan:	Port
Waukegan to Chicago:	Starboard
Chicago to Michigan City and Return:	Starboard
Third Coast Cup: Day 1	Port
Third Coast Cup: Day 2	Starboard
Hobelman Regatta	Starboard
Pursuit of Happiness	Starboard
Chicago to St. Joseph & Bi-State Fly-By:	Starboard
Bi-State: St. Joseph to Chicago:	Starboard
Tri-State: St. Joseph to Michigan City:	Starboard
Tri-State: Michigan City to Chicago:	Starboard
Fall Closer Regatta	Starboard

- 11.3. Boats racing in the Spring Opener, Third Coast Cup, Waukegan to Chicago, Hobelman Regatta, & Fall Closer Regatta shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately ½ nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
- 11.4. Boats racing in the Chicago to Michigan City and return, the Chicago to St. Joseph Race, St. Joseph to Chicago Race, St. Joseph to Michigan City and Michigan City to Chicago Race shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately 1 nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.

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- 11.5. For the following races, yachts shall e-mail or text a Yacht Finish Report to the addressees indicated within three hours of finishing:

Chicago to Waukegan	banosail@comcast.net
Waukegan to Chicago:	radiance@mac.com
Chicago to Michigan City and Return	tom@hytry.net
Third Coast Cup	radiance@mac.com
Pursuit of Happiness	racing@jacksonparkyachtclub.org
Chicago to St. Joseph	racing@jacksonparkyachtclub.org
St. Joseph to Chicago	racing@jacksonparkyachtclub.org
St. Joseph to Michigan City	michael.jones16@comcast.net
Michigan City to Chicago	racing@jacksonparkyachtclub.org

- 11.6. Yacht finish reports shall include: 1) boat name; 2) sail number; 3) owner name; 4) finish time (timed or approximate); 4) finish time of yacht ahead (timed or approximate); and 5) finish time of yacht astern (timed or approximate). For e-mailed yacht finish reports, the subject line of the e-mail shall contain only the sail number of the yacht reporting her finish.

- 11.7. If the Race Committee boat is absent from the designated finish line, an alternate finish line may be described in each race's amendment to these Sailing Instructions, and boats should cross the alternate finish line. Upon doing so, the boat shall report its finish time (per its GPS) to the Race Committee via VHF 78.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 44.3 shall apply, modified as follows: "The corrected finish of a boat that accepts a penalty under RRS 44.3 shall be 20% of the number of boats started in that class, taken to the higher whole number, but such penalty shall place a yacht no worse than last in her class. Her adjusted place, for determining her placement in her division, shall be one second greater than the time of the boat placing just before her in her division. This changes RRS A.4.1 and A5.

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- 12.2. A boat successfully protested by the Race Committee for failing to properly display her class or sail number board as required, shall be penalized one place in her class. Her corrected time shall be the next boat to finish in her class, plus one second. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

13. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race will be 1700 hours, excepting the following Races, which shall have time limits as stated below:

Chicago to Waukegan:	1800 hours
Waukegan to Chicago:	1800 hours
Chicago to Michigan City and Return:	1400 hours (July 1)
Rainbow Regatta	2330 hours
Third Coast Cup:	1900 hours
Chicago to St. Joseph:	1300 hours (September 2)
Bi-State -- St. Joseph to Chicago:	0100 hours (September 4)
Tri-State -- St. Joseph to Michigan City:	2000 hours
Tri-State -- Michigan City to Chicago:	2000 hours

14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. 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 acknowledgement.
- 14.2. 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 shall be submitted via the appropriate portal on each Race's website.
- 14.3. Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.
- 14.4. Violations of Section 4 of the Notice of Races are protestable only by the Race Committee.

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15. SCORING

- 15.1. Each race addressed herein will be scored individually.
- 15.2. Class breaks will be set by each Organizing Authority, and shall be posted on the Official Notice board no later than 2000 hours on the day prior to the event's start time, with courtesy notifications sent to all competitors via email or text. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 15.3. Time-on-Time scoring will be applied using The following formula:
HCP rating = $650 / (550 + \text{MWPHRF DHCP Rating})$.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Races. Each Organizing Authority will provide information about award ceremonies via e-mail and/or text to all competitors.

17. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us for these races, and special thanks to our sponsors!

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