



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta**  
***Buoy Races and J/111 North American Championship***  
**Chicago Yacht Club**  
**Monroe Station, Chicago, IL**  
**August 10-13, 2023**

## **Notice of Race (NoR)**

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Chicago Yacht Club is the host.*

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

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### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* except the prescription to 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.2 The ORC Rating Rules and Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) will apply for the respective handicap sections.
- 1.3 **[DP]** The J/111 Class Rules and World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations – Category 4 will apply to the J/111 class.
- 1.4 **[DP]** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area.
- 1.5 Crew substitutions or changes shall be recorded online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15803> prior to the start of racing each day.
- 1.6 Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules and Local Fleet Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, Local Fleet Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply. A copy of the Local Fleet rules shall be provided to the Regatta Manager ([regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org)) by July 28, 2023 in order for them to apply.

### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available online on or before August 9, 2023 at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15803>.

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15803>.
- 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 regatta is open to any sailboat of 26 feet LOA or greater that holds either a current ORC handicap certificate, a valid MWPHRF certification, or is a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.2 **[NP]** A boat sailing under ORC or MWPHRF will be assigned to a section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3 **[DP] [NP]** The J/111 North American Championship is open to all boats of the J/111 class entered by an owner who is a member in good standing of the J/111 Class Association as of the date of entry. The membership must be valid through the end of the regatta. Owners shall be current members of their national governing body.
- 4.4 A minimum of five bona fide entries must be received by 1800 on July 28, 2023 for a one-design section to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the Organizing Authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORC or MWPHRF section, in which case a valid ORC or MWPHRF certificate shall be furnished no later than August 6, 2023.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15803> and paying the required fee by August 6, 2023. An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received, waivers are completed, and, if applicable, a valid 2023 ORC or MWPHRF certificate has been issued.
- 4.6 An entrant may participate in the Verve Distance Race by marking the entry form accordingly. No additional entry fee will apply.
- 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 July 28, 2023. 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.

**5 FEES**

5.1 Required Fees are as follows:

Fee Received Before 2359 on	Fee Per Foot	Max Fee	J/111 Total Fee
May 1, 2023	\$9	\$450	\$435
August 6, 2023	\$12	\$585	\$575

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 July 28, 2023.

**6 ADVERTISING**

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 6.2 Bow numbers may be provided by the OA depending on fleet size.



## 7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedule is as follows:

### Wednesday, August 9

1700-1900 Competitor Registration

### Thursday, August 10

1055 First Warning J/111 Class Only

1700-1900 Competitor Registration

### Friday, August 11

1055 First warning (all circles)

### Saturday, August 12

1055 First warning (all circles)

### Sunday, August 13

1055 First warning (all circles)

1400 No warning after this time

## 8 MEASUREMENT

Each boat competing in a handicap section shall provide a valid ORC certificate or MWPHRF certificate no later than 1800 August 6, 2023.

## 9 VENUE

Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan off Monroe and Belmont Harbors.

## 10 COURSES

Courses will be Windward/Leeward using inflatable drop or robotic marks.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

## 12 SCORING

12.1 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. ***This changes RRS A2.*** Except for the J/111 Class: When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.2 One (1) completed race constitutes a regatta. Except for the J/111 Championship class where three (3) races will constitute a series.

12.3 ORC scoring shall be in accordance with the ORC handicap certificate valid on August 6, 2023. ORC scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) utilizing the Five Number scoring for Windward / Leeward courses. Explanation of ORC scoring can be found on the US Sailing website at this link:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/>.

12.4 MWPHRF scoring shall be in accordance with the MWPHRF handicap certificate valid on August 4, 2023 using Time-on-Time (ToT) based on the following formula: HCP ToT Rating = 650/(550 + MWPHRF ToD HCP Rating).

12.5 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 unless the entire class sails the Distance Race.

12.6 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.***

## 13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

[DP] Support person vessels shall register with the Regatta Manager prior to racing.



**14 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 312-296-2042 or 312-867-7777 x3781, CYC Belmont 312-617-6997, or email [dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org). If space is available during the regatta, it will be on a first come/first serve basis.

**15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

**[DP]** Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee.

**16 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.

**17 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.

**18 PRIZES**

18.1 Prizes will be awarded by section. The Verve Cup will be awarded as an overall prize to the winner of the section with the tightest competition.

18.2 Corinthian prizes will be awarded to classes that have the Corinthian division included in their respective class rules and the winning boat conforms to that rule.

18.3 A prize will be awarded to the top Mixed Plus Team (50% + female) in any one-design class with a minimum of 8 boats registered.

18.4 For the J/111 Championship Class:

18.4.1 The winner of the J/111 North American Championship will receive the J/111 North American Perpetual Trophy. Keeper trophies will be presented to the top three boats.

18.4.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top boat racing with no World Sailing Classification Group 3 Sailors (Corinthian Scoring)

18.4.3 The Wooton Trophy will be presented to the most improved team of the J/111 Championship. See Addendum B for more information on this award.

**19 ENVIRONMENTAL**

The Verve Cup Regatta is working with Sailors for the Sea Powered by Oceana to become a certified Clean Regatta. Please bring your reusable water bottles, consider car-pooling, provision your boat to avoid single-use plastics, and keep the Lake clean. [www.sailorsforthesea.org](http://www.sailorsforthesea.org)

**20 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.



**21 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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Event Website: [www.vervecup.com](http://www.vervecup.com)



## **ADDENDUM B**

The Wooton Trophy is to be presented to the most improved boat of the J/111 Championship regatta. The trophy is awarded in honor of Bill Smith and the Wooton Team for the most improved performance of a yacht during the annual championship regatta.

To calculate the award, the scores of the first half of the regatta are to be compared against the scores from the second half of the regatta. The boat with the widest margin of improvement shall be the winner.

- A minimum of three races are required
- In the event of an odd number of races, the middle race shall be discarded
  
- All scores in counted races will be part of the calculation, including DSQ, OCS, DNF, etc. DNS scores are specifically excluded.
  
- Tie Breaker
  - o The tied boat that had the best finish in the last race shall be the winner.

An annual keeper trophy will be provided by Trident Studio to the class management office in the United States. The trophy is to be presented at the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the regatta.



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta**  
***Distance Race***  
**Chicago Yacht Club**  
August 12 - 13 2023  
**Monroe Station, Chicago, IL**  
**Notice of Race (NoR)**

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**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 **[DP]** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area.
- 1.4 The ORC Rating Rules (available at [www.orc.org/rules](http://www.orc.org/rules)) and Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) will apply for the respective handicap sections.
- 1.5 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/serworld-sailingspecial-regulations>)
- 1.6 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.**
- 1.7 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**

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**3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15804>.
- 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 MWPHRF handicap certificate or be a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the Organizing Authority. A boat sailing under ORC or MWPHRF shall be assigned to a division and section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.2 A minimum of five bona fide entries must be received by 1800 on July 28, 2023 for a one-design section to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the Organizing Authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORC or MWPHRF section, in which case a valid ORC or MWPHRF certificate shall be furnished no later than August 6, 2023.
- 4.3 Boats racing in a recognized one-design fleet shall provide a valid ORC or MWPHRF handicap certificate to be used in the determination of the winner of the 8-Mile Trophy. They will be scored within their recognized onedesign section without a handicap.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15804> and paying the required fee by August 6, 2023. An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received, waivers are completed, and a valid 2023 ORC or MWPHRF certificate has been issued.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 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 July 28, 2023. 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.
- 4.7 There will be four divisions of the Verve Cup Distance Race:
  - Offshore Racing (ORC)
  - Offshore Racing (MWPHRF)
  - Double-Handed (ORC)
  - Jib-and-Main (MWPHRF)
 Divisions may have more than one section.

**5 FEES**

5.1 Required Fees are as follows:

Fee Received By	Fee Per Foot
May 1, 2023	\$4.50
August 4, 2023	\$6

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5.2 Your entry fee includes:

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## 6 ADVERTISING

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## 7 SCHEDULE

The schedule is as follows:

### Thursday, August 10

1700-1900 Competitor Registration

### Saturday, August 12

1030 First warning

### Sunday, August 13

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After Racing – Awards Presentation

## 8 VENUE

Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan off the Chicago lakefront.

## 9 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.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

## 11 SCORING

11.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point System.

11.2 **[NP]** Boats entered in ORC classes will be scored in accordance with the ORC handicap certificate valid on August 6, 2023 using time-on-time (TOT) utilizing the Five Number scoring for All Purpose courses.

11.3 Boats entered under MWPHRF will be scored in accordance with the MWPHRF handicap certificate valid on August 6, 2023 using the time-on-time (TOT) Distance Handicap rating (DHCP) using the following conversion formula:  $DHCP\ ToT\ Rating = 650 / (550 + MWPHRF\ ToD\ DHCP\ Rating)$ . All others will be scored without a handicap within their section.

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16.3 A prize will be awarded to the top Mixed Plus Team (50% + female) in any one-design class with a minimum of 8 boats registered.

16.4 The 8-Mile Buoy Trophy will be awarded to the lowest combined corrected time for both races.

16.5 The interpretation of the requirements and terms of any award(s) for all trophies and prizes will be made by the OA, whose decision is final.

### **17 ENVIRONMENTAL**

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