



Chicago Beer Can Series Regatta
Wednesday Nights May 17 – Sept. 6, 2023
Organizing Authority (OA) - Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC) Chicago, Illinois (USA)

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. The following will apply:
 - a. The US Coast Guard safety requirements and US Sailing Nearshore safety requirements will apply and can be found in the yacht scoring event documents.
 - b. A boat shall be equipped with a functioning GPS and VHF radio capable of broadcasting and receiving.
 - c. Registered boats shall not operate a drone at any time.
3. Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - a. RRS 44.1: The first two sentences are replaced with: "A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing."
 - b. RRS 61.3: The word "delivered" is defined as:
 - i. Entering a protest on Yacht Scoring,
 - ii. or emailing a Protest to protest@colyc.org, fulfilling the requirements of RRS 61.2 or RRS 62.2
 - c. RRS 62.1(a): Courtesy broadcasts will not be considered grounds for redress.
4. All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors, specifically including any crew limits and requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE).
5. [DP] All boat and crew are required to abide by federal, state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as COLYC restrictions regarding the COVID-19 virus, including but not limited to masking mandate and occupancy requirements for boats of various sizes.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTION

1. Sailing instructions (Sis) will be available prior to May 1, 2023, at www.yachtscoring.com.

3. COMMUNICATION

1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
2. Commercial pay services, i.e. XM Radio, SailFlow, and PredictWind, are considered to be available to all boats.
3. Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Official Racing Notice Board located at www.yachtscoring.com.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. The regatta is open to all keelboats meeting the following requirements:
 - a. Boat is 20 feet or longer.
 - b. Boat has either a valid MWPHRF certificate or has acquired a Beer Can handicap rating
2. "It is recommended, but not required, that each boat have a valid 2023 MWPHRF Handicap Certificate. The rating application is available at www.MWPHRF.org. Each boat with such a Certificate must race in compliance with that certificate.
3. Boats without a valid 2023 MWPHRF certificate will be assigned handicaps by the OA's. Boats assigned handicaps cannot protest, nor seek redress for them. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
4. A boat may enter by completing the online registration at www.yachtscoring.com and submitting the required fee at least 24 hours before the start of her first race.
5. Registration opens March 24, 2023 and closes September 1, 2023.
6. Boats that have not registered or have not paid the registration fee will not be scored.

5. Divisions

1. Boats shall be divided into classes with a minimum of 2 entries. Each class may be divided into sections subject to the number and ratings of entered boats. Final class and section breaks shall be specified in the Sailing Instructions. Classes are defined as:
 - a. Green
 - i. This class sails a separate, shorter course and is intended for novice/inexperienced buoy racers.
 - ii. The OA shall approve Green Class entries and has the authority to reassign boats to other classes.
 - iii. Boats may use any sails they declare.
 - b. Jib & Main (JAM)
 - i. This class is limited to boats with a MWPHRF or Beer Can rating greater than 0.
 - ii. Boats may only use a headsail with a mid-girth no greater than 50% of the foot. This changes RRS 55.4.
 - iii. Spinnakers, including Code 0 and cruising spinnakers, are prohibited. This changes RRS 55.4.
 - iv. A whisker or spinnaker pole of any length may be used.
 - c. Spinnaker

2. If there are less than the minimum required entries for a class, the OA may assign those boats into appropriate handicap classes. The OA's decision shall be final.
3. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of 6 or more boats, desiring to be scored as a separate class, may petition the OA for acceptance as a class. Petitions shall be made no later April 15th, 2023.
 - a. Accepted one-design classes shall provide the OA any national or local class rules they wish to race under.
 - b. Accepted one-design classes will have combined starts with other sections.
4. PHRF classes may be divided into multiple sections subject to the number and ratings of registered boats.

6. FEES

1. The fee for all boats to enter this event is \$150.00. This covers all races in the series. If boats register by April 30th, the fee will be reduced to \$125.00

7. CREW LIMITATIONS

1. Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) Certificate crew limitations do not apply.

8. ADVERTISING

1. The regatta is sponsored by Quantum Sails, Revolution Brewing and Goslings Rum. Boats are requested not to display advertising for businesses competing with regatta sponsors.

9. SCHEDULE

1. 2023 Calendar:
 - i.

Date	Event
May 3	Beer Can Orientation/Starting Gun Party
May 10	Tune-Up Race
May 17	Race Week 1
May 24	Race Week 2
May 31	Race Week 3
June 7	Race Week 4
June 14	Race Week 5
June 21	Race Week 6
June 28	Race Week 7

July 5	Race Week 8
July 12	Race Week 9
July 19	Break - Mac Race
July 26	Break - Mac Race
August 2	Race Week 10
August 9	Break - 100 boats on a Beer Can
August 16	Race Week 11
August 23	Race Week 12
August 30	Race Week 13
September 6	Race Week 14
October 4	Beer Can Awards Ceremony

2. The first warning shall be 1840.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

1. Measurement and weigh-ins will not be conducted by the OA.

11. VENUE

1. The location of racing for all classes will be the Chicago Beer Can Racecourse, a circle of 8 permanent marks located southwest of the Four-Mile Crib
2. All races will start at SA7, the center mark of the racing circle.

12. COURSES

1. All races will be buoy races with a start location of the SA7 pin.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

1. RRS 44.1: The first two sentences are replaced with: "A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing." This changes RRS 44.1.
2. RRS 44.3 does not apply.

14. SCORING

1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
2. The Scoring system is as follows:
 - a. Sections will be scored using Time-on-Distance, with the Beer Can Handicap

Rating.

b. The Beer Can Handicap Rating for a boat will be assigned by COLYC considering the boat's MWPHRF handicap and/or rating application.

c. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, will apply with the following changes:

- i. Boats failing to finish by 2100 on the day of race will be scored TLE (Time Limit Exceeded) and scored points equal to the number of finishers within their section in that race plus four, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters plus one within their section. This changes RRS 35.
 - ii. Race Committee Boat Points: When a boat serves as Race Committee boat for a race she shall be awarded series points for one race equal to the average points she earned for her best N-1 finishes in other races in that series, rounding up, where N is the number of races counted, pursuant to Section 14.3, to determine series placement. The average points she earned for the one race credit shall be added to the total summation of points making up her N-1 finishes.
3. RRS Appendix A2 will be changed as follows:

Races Completed in Series	Worst Scores Excluded
< 4	0
4-6	1
7-9	2
10-11	3
>12	4

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3, Decision to Race).
- 2. The race organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 3. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. INSURANCE

1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

17. PRIZES

1. Prizes will be given as follows:
 - a. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers for the series at the Beer Can Bash as follows:

Average Number of Starters in Section*	Number of Awards per Section
< 1	0
≥1 - <3	1
≥ 3 - < 5	2
≥ 5 - < 15	3
≥ 15	4

* The “average number of starters” in a section is defined as [total number of boats that started in completed races in the series] divided by [number of completed races in the series].

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

1. The Beer Can Series is intended as a casual race for recreation and crew development.
2. For further information please contact: **Organizing Authority:** Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, IL 60601. **Regatta Chairs:** Dom Merrit & Holly Kawula, beercan@colyc.org. **Dockmaster:** Kurt Thomsen, kurt@colyc.org.

19. CONSENT

1. Competitors consent to the use by organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice or visual recordings of their images (“Recordings”), or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta (“Statements”) and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, perform, display, transmit or otherwise exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised.
2. Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings or Statements and waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recordings or Statements, and acknowledge they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

20. SOCIAL

1. Post-Race social activities will be available at Columbia Yacht Club and in alignment with health guidance from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago.

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