Belmont Skyline Series
Chicago Yacht Club (OA)
May 22 – August 28, 2024
Belmont Station, Chicago, IL
Sailing Instructions (SIs)

ABBREVIATIONS
[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   The rules of Midwest PHRF (MWPHRF) will apply for MWPHRF handicap sections.

2   CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1   Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 on the day it takes effect.
2.2   Changes to sailing instructions may be made on the water per RRS 90.2(c). To announce a change on the water, the RC signal boat shall hoist code flag Lima with one (1) sound signal. Changes will be made via hail on the VHF Channel 73.

3   COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS
3.1   Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16401
3.2   On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 73.
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
4.1   **[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 of the Belmont Station barge. 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 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6   SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1   Dates of racing will be May 22, June 12, June 26, July 24, August 14, and August 28

6.2   First warning signal will be at 1845 each night

7   CLASS FLAGS

PHRF NonSpin   Numeral Pennant 1

PHRF Spinnaker   Numeral Pennant 2

8   RACING AREA

Races will be held in the open waters of Lake Michigan East of Belmont Harbor.

9   COURSES

9.1   The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, 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 approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the number of legs (either 2 or 4).

9.3   [NP] Course information may also be signaled by courtesy broadcast on the designated VHF Channel.

10   MARKS

10.1   Mark 1 will either be an orange shape, the Wilson Crib, or the Harrison-Dever Crib. Mark 2 will be the starting/finishing mark which may be either an orange or yellow mark set bot, orange shape or the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy.

10.2   The starting and finish mark will be either an orange or yellow mark set bot, orange shape or the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy.

10.3   Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a boat or competitor and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. RRS 31 still applies.

11   OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area(s) are designated as an obstruction:

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. Guard marks shall be considered part of the mark and rounded as part of the mark.

12   THE START

12.1   Races will be started using RRS 26.

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   Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

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 on VHF. 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 four 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 Starting Sequence will be:
1. PHRF NonSpin
2. PHRF Spinnaker

12.7 The race committee may combine classes for a start by displaying both class flags at the warning.

12.8 The race committee may omit starts with no competitors.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 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.

13.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Any boat failing to finish prior to 90 minutes after the last start will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 Hearing requests forms are available from the US Sailing RRS mobile app and can be submitted to regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org by 0900 on the Thursday following the incident.

16.2 Hearings for CYC hosted races will be held within 10 days following the incident at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station or via Web Meeting at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

17 SCORING

17.1 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. ***This changes RRS A2***.

17.2 When a boat competes in a section other than what they have registered for, that week's racing results will not count towards their season standings.

17.3 Boats entered under MWPHRF will be scored using time on time (ToT) scouring using the following formula: DHCP ToT Rating = 650/(550 + MWPHRF ToD DHCP Rating.)

17.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

17.5 Scoring inquiries shall be emailed to regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org.

17.6 **Add to RRS A8** (Series Ties): "Before applying A8.1, ties between two or more boats shall be broken in favor of the boat with the fewest 'DNC' race scores. If ties remain, proceed to A8.1."

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 **[DP]** 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

18.2   **[DP]** 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.

19   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.

20   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.

21   PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NoR.

22   FURTHER INFORMATION

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
ADDENDUM A

COURSE DIAGRAM

2 Legs	Windward-Leeward course with leeward finish. The marks shall be rounded in the order of Start-1-Finish.
4 Legs	Windward-Leeward course with leeward finish. The marks shall be rounded in the order of Start-1-2-1-Finish.