



Notice of Race VERVE CUP REGATTA

Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Harbor Station

August 14 - 17, 2008



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

The Chicago Yacht Club shall be Regatta Organizing Authority. Notice is hereby given that all competitors (including spectators, officials and others) participate in this event solely at their own risk.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS) including the USSAILING prescriptions, the 2008 Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) and individual One-Design Fleet Rules (these may be modified by local fleet rules).
- 1.2 The current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4, as modified by the Organizing Authority, shall apply to all offshore boats.
- 1.3 The Protest Committee will be constituted in accordance to RRS 90(a). Pre-hearing arbitration will be employed. In addition to hearing protests, the Protest Committee will have final authority in resolving conflicts of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements. This will change RRS 63.1, 63.6, and 66.
- 1.4 All competing boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 6, 9, 16, 68, 71, 72, 73, 78 and 79.

2. ADVERTISING:

For the purposes of RRS 79 and ISAF Regulation 20, this regatta is designated "Category C." A brief description of any advertising carried by a boat must be provided to the Organizing Authority via email at racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org prior to July 28, 2008. Advertising deemed by the Organizing Authority not to be compliant with ISAF Regulation 20.2 and 20.2.1 maybe rejected. **Competitors that are permitted to display Category C advertising are urged to refrain from displaying advertising that competes with the sponsors of this event.**

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1 All owners and/or skippers of boats participating in the Verve Cup Regatta must be members of their national sailing body. (US SAILING: <http://www.ussailing.org/>)
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to any boat with a minimum LOA of 25 feet, which holds either a current Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) Handicap Certificate or is racing in a One-Design Fleet. A minimum of 7 legitimate entries must be received by August 4, 2008, to qualify for a One-Design section for starting and scoring purposes. If the number of entries seeking to constitute a One-Design section does not meet this minimum requirement, the Organizing Authority has the authority to assign these boats to the appropriate LMPHRF section, in which case a valid LMPHRF certificate must be furnished no later than August 13, 2008. The Organizing Authority reserves the option to create a "grand prix" section of boats at the faster end of the rating spectrum if a significant number of entries are received. The Organizing Authority reserves the option to create a One-Design section that does not meet the LOA requirements.
- 3.3 The boats shall be assigned sections according to Handicap Ratings and other factors at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

- 3.4 Entries may be submitted online at <http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org> (click on Verve Cup Logo on home page) by **July 28, 2008**. Late fees will apply to entries received after July 28th up to the entry deadline of August 7th.
- 3.5 Entry is not valid until Entry Form is completed, Fees are received and — if applicable — valid, 2008 LMPHRF handicap information is provided.
4. **FEES:**
 - 4.1 Entry fee for all boats is **U.S. \$7 per foot, but not more than \$425**. Late fee for entries received after July 28, 2008 and before 1700 hours August 7, 2008 is **U.S. \$75** in addition to the original calculated entry fee.
 - 4.2 The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew.
 - 4.3 An administrative fee of \$35 shall apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 7, 2008.
5. **SCHEDULE:**
 - 5.1 **REGISTRATION:** Each Skipper or his/her representative must register at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, Thursday, August 14, 2008 between 1000 hours and 1900 hours
 - 5.2 There will be a Skipper's meeting at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, at 1830 hours, Thursday, August 14, 2008.
 - 5.3 **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The first warning signal on August 15, August 16 and August 17 is 0955 with as many races as practical completed each day.
No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, August 17.
 - 5.4 One race shall constitute a Regatta. All races shall be scored.
6. **MEASUREMENT:**
 - 6.1 Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall have a valid LMPHRF Handicap Certificate available for inspection by the Organizing Authority. Applications for a LMPHRF Certificate may be obtained from: Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet www.lmphrf.org or from LMPHRF at 1135 Maricopa Drive, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54904-8118; telephone: 920-233-5743.
 - 6.2 Each boat racing in a One-Design section shall carry a valid One-Design measurement certificate.
 - 6.3 No handicap or rating changes will be accepted after 1800 hours, August 7, 2008.
 - 6.4 Crew weigh-ins for One-Design, if required by fleet rules, will be conducted during registration.
7. **SECTION BREAKS:**

One-Design and Handicap section breaks will be available at Registration and online beginning August 14, 2008.
8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Sailing instructions will be available at Registration and online beginning August 14, 2008.
9. **SAILING VENUE:**

Boats will be assigned to one of several racing areas, which will be from 3-6 miles from Monroe Street Harbor.
10. **THE COURSES:**

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
11. **PENALTY SYSTEM:**

A boat may elect to take a penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.1 or RRS 44.3 where the scoring penalty will be 20%.

12. SCORING:

Scoring will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Each boat's score will be the sum of its scores for all races. There shall be no throwouts. This amends RRS A2.

13. PRIZES:

13.1 Series prizes will be awarded by section according to the number of boats racing in a section as follows:

Less than or equal to 15 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
16-25 boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th
26 or more boats: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

13.2 The Verve Cup will be awarded to the section winner whose section features the closest, most competitive racing. To be eligible for the Verve Cup overall award, the boat's section must have a minimum of seven (7) starters for one race.

14. SPECIAL DOCKING INSTRUCTIONS:

14.1 All slips will be assigned by the Organizing Authority and the Chicago Yacht Club dockmaster.

14.2 The eastern slips will be assigned to boats whose LOA is forty (40) feet or greater. The western slips are available for all smaller boats that can access the area.

14.3 Slips will be available only for out-of-town boats participating in the Verve Cup from 2200 hours Wednesday, August 13, 2008 until 1000 hours Friday, August 15, 2008. **Any Chicago harbor system boat using the slips during this period shall be subject to protest by the Organizing Authority. A 10% placement penalty for entrant's first race will apply.**

14.4 After racing on Friday, August 15, 2008, through 1500 hours on Sunday, August 17, 2008, all slips will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for ONLY those boats participating in the Verve Cup.

14.5 No personal gear or boat equipment may be left on the docks while participating in the Regatta. Violators shall be subject to protest by the Organizing Authority. **A 10% placement penalty for entrant's first race of the day will apply.**

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4 –Decision to Race.) The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Regatta.

16. INSURANCE:

It is required that all boats carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance for the period of the Regatta. Insurance certificates shall be available for inspection upon request.

17. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE:

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendment will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online and copies will be available at registration.

18. INFORMATION:

18.1 Email: Racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org

Phone: 312-861-7777

Fax: 312-861-1840

www.Chicagoyachtclub.org

www.yachtscoring.com

18.2 Future dates: August 21, 22, 23, 2009

August 20, 21, 22, 2010

August 19, 20, 21, 2011

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