



Notice of Race VERVE CUP REGATTA

Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Harbor Station

August 13 - 16, 2009



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

The Chicago Yacht Club shall be the organizing authority.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The rules and associated regulations of the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF), the individual One-Design Fleet Rules (these may be modified by local fleet rules), the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) (overlay), and the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4, as modified by the organizing authority, will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 For the purposes of RRS 80 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 August 1, 2009.
- 2.2 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 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: www.ussailing.org)
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to any boat of 25 feet LOA or greater that either holds a current Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) Handicap Certificate or is a member of a one-design racing fleet. A minimum of 7 legitimate entries must be received by August 7, 2009, for a one-design fleet to be started and scored. 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 an appropriate LMPHRF section, in which case a valid LMPHRF certificate must be furnished no later than August 13, 2009. 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. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found at www.chicagoyachtclub.org (click on Verve Cup Logo on home page) or www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required fee by August 1, 2009. Late fees will apply to entries received after August 1, 2009 up to the entry deadline of August 7, 2009.

- 3.5 An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received and, if applicable, a valid 2009 LMPHRF rating is provided.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required entry fee for all boats is U.S. \$6 per foot, but not more than \$400 prior to June 1, 2009; then U.S. \$7 per foot, but not more than \$425 between June 1, 2009 and August 1, 2009. Required late fee for entries received after August 1, 2009 and before August 7, 2009 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, 2009.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration: Each skipper or his/her representative must register at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, Thursday, August 13, 2009 between 1200 hours and 1900 hours.
- 5.2 There will be a skippers meeting at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, at 1830 hours, Thursday, August 13, 2009.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for August 14, August 15 and August 16 is 0955 with as many races as practical completed each day. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, August 16th.
- 5.4 One race shall constitute a Regatta. All races shall be scored.

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall produce a valid 2009 LMPHRF Handicap Certificate. Applications for a LMPHRF Certificate may be obtained from: Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet www.lmphrf.org.
- 6.2 Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall have the option of submitting a valid 2009 ORR certificate for purposes of voluntary overlay scoring. Certificate and intention to participate in ORR overlay must be sent to racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org by August 7, 2009.
- 6.3 Each boat racing in a One-Design section shall carry a valid One-Design measurement certificate.
- 6.4 No handicap or rating changes will be accepted after 1800 hours, August 7, 2009.
- 6.5 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 13, 2009. Section breaks will be based on PHRF. A minimum of three (3) boats in a section must participate in the ORR overlay in order for that section to be scored in ORR.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Registration and online beginning August 13, 2009.

9 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 PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Pre-hearing arbitration will be required for all protests involving rules of Part 2, with the exception of protests involving more than 2 boats or collisions. In addition to hearing protests, the Protest Committee will have final authority in resolving conflicts of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements. This changes RRS 63.1, 63.6, and 66.
- 11.2 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

The scoring system is as follows: Each boat's score will be the sum of its scores for all races. There shall be no throwouts. This amends RRS A2. Additionally, it is the intention of the organizing authority to provide unofficial ORR scoring as an overlay for boats racing on a handicap basis and submitting a valid 2009 ORR certificate.

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, 5 th

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.

13.3 The 8 Mile Buoy trophy will be awarded to the winner of the LMPHRF Championship.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. 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.

15 SPECIAL DOCKING INSTRUCTIONS

15.1 All slips will be assigned by the organizing authority and the Chicago Yacht Club dockmaster.

15.2 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.

15.3 Slips will be available only for out-of-town boats participating in the Verve Cup from 2200 hours Wednesday, August 12, 2009 until 1000 hours Friday, August 14, 2009. 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 finished will apply without hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

15.4 After racing on Friday, August 14, 2009, through 1500 hours on Sunday, August 16, 2009, all slips will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for ONLY those boats participating in the Verve Cup.

15.5 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 finished on the day of the protest will apply without hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 liability insurance per event or the equivalent. Insurance certificates shall be available for inspection upon request.

18 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. Copies will be available at registration.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 Email: racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org Phone:
312-861-7777 Fax: 312-861-1840
www.chicagoyachtclub.org www.yachtscoring.com
- 19.2 Future dates: August 13, 14, 15, 2010