



**Verve Cup Offshore
Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL
August 9-12, 2018**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the organizing authority for the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta. Chicago Yacht Club is the host.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, 2017-2020 edition.
- 2.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 2.3 The Offshore Rating Rule (ORR) will apply for handicap sections.
- 2.4 Class Rules – Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply.
- 2.5 The following documents shall apply and will be posted as addenda to the notice of race:
 - a) Addendum 1- Farr 40 Class schedule, entry fee and course location and measurement details.
 - b) Addendum 2- J-88 North American Championship, entry fee, schedule and measurement details.
- 2.6 Bow numbers may be provided by the OA depending on fleet size.

3 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The person-in-charge shall be a member of their national authority. The U.S. national authority is US Sailing.
- 4.2 The regatta is open to any sailboat of 29 feet LOA or greater that holds either a current Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) handicap certificate or is a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the organizing authority. A boat sailing under ORR will be assigned to a section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 4.3 A minimum of five bona fide entries must be received by August 5, 2018 for a one design section to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the organizing authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORR section, in which case a valid ORR certificate shall be furnished no later than August 5, 2018.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at <http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org> and paying the required fee by August 5, 2018.



- 4.5 An entrant may participate in the Verve Distance Race by marking the entry form accordingly. No additional entry fee will apply. A Verve Distance Race competitor will be scored DNC for that day's Verve Cup Offshore Regatta races.
- 4.6 An entire one-design section may compete in the Verve Cup Distance Race if the fleet captain informs the organizing authority of its decision no later than August 5, 2018. The Verve Cup Distance Race results will be scored as part of that section's Verve Cup Offshore Regatta results, but no boat within that section will be eligible for the overall Verve Cup Trophy.
- 4.7 Entrants shall maintain to the best of their ability an accumulative crew list with email addresses for further communication throughout the event. A protest for this requirement may only be initiated by the Race Committee and an accurate crew list presented any time before a hearing, at the time of hearing or at the time of appeal shall exonerate the boat.

5 FEES

5.1 Required Fees are as follows:

<u>Fee received by</u>	<u>Fee per foot</u>	<u>Max fee</u>
July 4, 2018	\$10	\$625
August 5, 2018	\$12	\$750

- 5.2 Fees include access to all social events for skippers and crew.
- 5.3 An administrative fee of \$35 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 6, 2018.

6 SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 9

- 1055 First warning signal Farr 40 and J-88
- 1700-1900 Competitor Registration
- 1900 Competitor Meeting

Friday, August 10

- 1055 First warning (all circles)

Saturday, August 11

- 1055 First warning (all circles)

Sunday, August 12

- 1055 First warning (all circles)
- 1400 No warning after this time
- After racing Awards presentation

7 MEASUREMENT

Each boat competing in a handicap section shall provide a valid ORR certificate no later than 1800 August 5, 2018.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on or before August 5, 2018 at the Chicago Yacht Club website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore.
- 8.2 Racing Area Assignment, Section Breaks, Starting Order and Flag Assignments will be published in Addendum B to the Sailing Instructions no later than 1700 August 9, 2018.



9 VENUE

- 9.1 Regatta harbor is Monroe Harbor which is located at 400 E Monroe Drive, Chicago, IL 60603.
- 9.2 Addendum A to the Sailing Instructions will show the location of the racing areas.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Boats entered under ORR will be scored using that rule, all other boats will be scored without handicap. ORR scoring shall be in accordance with the ORR handicap certificate in effect on August 6. ORR scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) scoring utilizing the ORR 50% windward/50% leeward rating for downwind finishes and the 60% windward/40% leeward rating for upwind finishes.
- 10.2 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. This changes rule A2.
- 10.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta. This changes rule A2.

11 PRIZES

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 determined by formula.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with 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.

14 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.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Addendum 1-Farr 40

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Farr 40 Class Rules.
- 1.2 Yachts shall comply with the 2018 – 2019 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 (except that 5.01.1 (a) shall not apply for this event) and Appendix 3 of the Farr 40 Class Rules. In the event of conflict, designer and manufacturers original standards shall prevail.
- 1.3 Please refer to Class Rule 30 which states “Except on a beat to windward, a boat’s crew may pull in any sail any number of times. This changes RRS 42.3 (c).
- 1.4 Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while *racing*. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of a mark other than a starting mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two-Turns Penalty. **This changes RRS 44.1.**
- 1.5 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: “However if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.”
- 1.6 When leaving the dock, boats shall carry a minimum of 1.5 liters of drinkable liquid up to a maximum of 4 liters, per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for movable ballast in RRS 51, except when being consumed by a crew member.
- 1.7 In RRS 55 add the following: Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash under this rule. A breach of this rule, pertaining to non-biodegradable sail stops only, is not open to protest by boats and may only be protested by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. **This changes RRS 55.**
- 1.8 In RRS 61.1(a), after the second sentence, add the following words: “The red flag shall have the minimum dimensions of 45cm x 45 cm and shall be displayed vertically from the backstay, below the backstay flag.” **This changes RRS 61.1.**
- 1.9 Video, electronic data and /or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at a protest hearing or request for redress, except that Race Committee voice recordings are permitted to be used as evidence. **This changes RRS 63.6.**
- 1.10 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. Neither the NOR nor the SI shall change nor alter any Class Rules. **This changes RRS 63.7.**
- 1.11 Due to safety concerns it is not required to carry fuel for the stove onboard.
- 1.12 It is not required to carry the builder supplied bunk cushions or water bladder onboard.

2 ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all Farr 40 Class yachts as defined by the Class Rules. Owners, charterers and Substitute helmsman shall be current members of the Farr 40 Class Association and approved by the Farr 40 Class Eligibility Review Committee.

3 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- 3.1 A minimum of 12 boats must be registered by August 1st, for the Farr 40’s to have a separate circle.
- 3.2 The entry fee for the Farr 40s is \$800.00.
- 3.3 Crew lists and World Sailing Sailor User IDs for all crew shall be submitted to on YachtScoring no later than August 2, 2018. Designation of alternate, relief or substitute helmsman and a copy of a valid 2018 One Design Certificate shall be submitted to Stagg Yachts no later than August 2, 2018.



- 3.4 Registration shall be completed with the OA as described below. Sail declarations may be made on site during registration. To be entered a competitor shall have completed the following no later than 1700 August 8, 2018.
- (a) Registered with the OA, including payment of all fees;
 - (b) Entry Form and 2018 One Design Certificate on file with the OA;
 - (c) Owner, Charterer and Substitute Helmsman Class Membership Dues for 2018 paid and on file with Stagg Yachts
 - (d) Liability waivers signed and on file with the OA;
 - (e) Sail Declaration form on file with the OA;
 - (f) Crew classification declared and verified on Yacht Scoring, and on file with the OA;
 - (g) All owners, tacticians and boat captains shall have signed and submitted to the OA Appendix 10 stating they have read the class rules, that their boat fully complies with the Class Rules and that they will abide by said Class Rules while racing.
- 3.5 Skipper and crew weigh-in shall be completed no later than 1030 August 9, 2018.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The race committee intends to conduct as many races as practicable, up to a maximum of 11 races for the series. No Warning Signal will be made after 1400 on the last scheduled day of racing, except as a consequence of a general recall.
- 4.2 The Schedule is as follows:
- Wednesday, August 8
- 0800-1000 Race office open for crew weighing
1500-1800 Race office open for crew weighing
- Thursday, August 9
- 0800-0900 Race office open for crew weighing
1055 First warning signal Farr 40 and J-88 (3 races are scheduled)
1700-1900 Competitor Registration
1900 Competitor Meeting
- Friday, August 10
- 1055 First warning (3 races are scheduled)
- Saturday, August 11
- 1055 First warning (3 races are scheduled)
- Sunday, August 12
- 1055 First warning (2 races are scheduled)
1400 No warning after this time
After racing Awards presentation

5 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

- 5.1 Inspection will take place on August 7 and 8. Each yacht shall provide a minimum of 1 person to facilitate inspection.
- 5.2 Crew will be weighed on the official scales at registration.
- 5.3 All sails must be buttoned and declared as per Class Rules. Random measurement may be conducted. The Class Secretary shall advise on site which sails will be measured.
- 5.4 Random yacht and equipment inspections may be conducted prior to, between races and after racing each day to check for compliance with Class Rules, the NOR and the 2018 – 2019 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4, except as modified by this NOR 1.2



6 RACING AREA

The center of the racing area for Farr 40's shall be N41° 56.84, W087° 34.64.

7 PENALTIES

The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4) other than rules of Part 2 will be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee in consultation with the Class Representative, and may be other than disqualification. **This changes RRS 64.1.**

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all of her race scores with no discard, 11 races are scheduled.
- 8.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

9 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 9.1 Yachts may be hauled out only with the prior written permission of the Protest Committee, and under such terms as they may decide. Normally, the Protest Committee shall grant such permission only if necessary to repair damage. While hauled out, bottoms and foils shall not be sanded, polished, washed or otherwise worked on except in the area of repair as permitted by the Protest Committee. Hulls and appendages may be cleaned in the water.
- 9.2 Docking Location: Farr 40's shall be berthed at Belmont Harbor from Wednesday August 8th- August 12.

10 Further Information

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Addendum 2-J-88 North Americans

1 DOCKING LOCATION

J- 88's shall be berthed at Belmont Harbor from Wednesday August 8th- August 12.

2 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 8

1300-1800 Race office open for sail inspection and equipment inspection

Thursday, August 9

0800-0900 Race office open for crew weighing

1055 First warning signal Farr 40 and J-88 (3 races are scheduled)

1700-1900 Competitor Registration

1900 Competitor Meeting

Friday, August 10

1055 First warning (3 races are scheduled)

Saturday, August 11

1055 First warning (3 races are scheduled)

Sunday, August 12

1055 First warning (2 races are scheduled)

1400 No warning after this time

After racing Awards presentation

3 FEES

3.1 The J-88 entry fee is \$500.00.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

J-88's sailing the North Americans must produce a valid class measurement certificate and comply with measurement requirements pertaining to the J-88 North Americans.

5 SCORING

5.1 A total of 11 races are scheduled. No score will be discarded. This changes rule A2.

5.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta. This changes rule A2.