



2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

BUOY RACES

These Sailing Instructions provide additional information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Buoy Races ("Races"). These Races are designed to provide outstanding competition for boats wishing to race around buoys off Chicago's lakefront. Please join us for fun and competition on the lakefront this summer!

1. RULES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 edition.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be published on each Race's website, accessible via www.chicagosailracing.org, and will be sent via e-mail and text to all entered competitors. Additionally, the Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts during each Race via VHF 78. These broadcasts are intended to assist all boats in understanding how the race is being conducted. Such broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

3. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be published on each Race's website, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org no later than 24 hours before a race's start time. As a courtesy, skippers of entered yachts will receive e-mails or text messages regarding amendments, and the Race Committee may broadcast information regarding these amendments via VHF 78. Failure to receive these communications shall not be grounds for redress.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from each Organizing Authority's clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Information provided via code flags may also be conveyed via e-mail and text message to skippers of all entered yachts. The Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF 78 to assist sailors in understanding when the race will begin. Failure to receive courtesy e-mails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Schedule of Races will be as prescribed in Section 1 of the Notice of Race. The first warning for each Race is scheduled for 1100 hours.

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6. RACING AREAS

All Races will be conducted in the waters of Lake Michigan. Starting areas for each Race are as follows:

Date	Race	Starting Area Location
Saturday, May 26th	Spring Opener	41°57.74 N 87°36.40 W Appx. 095°T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light (Area A)
Sunday, May 27th	Olympic Cup	41°57.75 N 87°34.50 W Appx. 092°T, 2.51 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light
Sunday, June 24th	Zukasky Memorial	41°51.17 N' 87°33.41' W (Area F) (also known as SA 7)
Sunday, July 8th	Webb Memorial Regatta	41°54.33 N 87°32.38 W Appx. 031° T, 2.3 NM from Four Mile Crib (Area D)
Sunday, August 19th	Hobelman Regatta	41°57.75 N 87°34.50 W Appx. 092°T, 2.51 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light
Saturday, Sept. 8th	Chicago Regatta	41°56.00 N 87°34.00 W Appx. 100° T, 3.0 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area C)
Sunday, Sept. 9th	Commodore Stein Regatta	41°54.33 N 87°32.38 W Appx. 031° T, 2.3 NM from Four Mile Crib (Area D)
Saturday, Sept. 23rd	Sheldon Clark Regatta	41°56.00 N 87°34.00 W Appx. 100° T, 3.0 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area C)

7. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

When arriving at the starting area, boats should approach the Race Committee boat, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. If a boat must withdraw from the race, it must notify the Race Committee via VHF 78.

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8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which boats must pass marks, and the side on which boats shall pass them.
- 8.2 Courses in Addendum A are windward/leeward courses.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course, the approximate compass bearing, the distance of the first leg, the number of legs to be sailed, and the course assignment for each class.
- 8.3 Course information may be repeated by courtesy broadcasts on VHF 78. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 8.4 For windward/leeward courses, Mark 1 may have an offset. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port. Mark 2 may be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 8.5 In some cases, Organizing Authorities may choose to conduct races with alternative courses, such as trapezoid and triangle courses. Such courses, if used, will be described in Amendments to these Sailing Instructions.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 For windward/leeward courses, the starting mark, as well as Marks 1 and 2, will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.2 For windward/leeward courses, new marks, as provided in Section 12, will be yellow. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark will be replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. Offset marks will not be set for a change of course.
- 9.3 For windward/leeward courses, the finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active long course weather mark. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be white.
- 9.4 When the "Bravo Course" is signaled by the race committee, the race shall be as shown in Addendum A. The starting (pin), leeward and finish marks shall be a single orange mark left to port for the start and leeward mark, and left to starboard at the finish.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the Coast Guard are hereby designated as an obstruction. Boats shall treat them as such, and not sail between the marks.

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11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 For each section's start, the Race Committee will fly the appropriate section flag, as set forth in the below table. Boats racing in LMPHRF sections, must fly the appropriate section flag on their backstay.

Class	Class Flag
T-10	0 (zero)
LMPHRF 5,4,3,2,1	5,4,3,2,1
BENETEAU 36.7	6
BENETEAU 40.7	7
FARR 40	8
J105	J
J109	9
J111	E
Multihull	M

- 11.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and RRS A5.
- 11.4 If a boat breaks RRS 29.1 at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the designated hailing channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts or hails are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5 The Race Committee may combine classes for a start.
- 11.6 Change of First Mark Between Starts - When code flag C is displayed on the signal boat before the warning signal accompanied by repetitive sounds, Mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in Section 9.2 and revised bearing and distances will be displayed. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.2 A course change of five degrees or less will not be signaled by the Race Committee. The course change will continue to use the active mark. This changes RRS 33(a).

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13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V1 will apply.

15. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race will be 120 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4, RRS A5, and RRS A11.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgment.
- 16.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on the first weekday following the weekend's races. Protests must be filed via e-mail to protests@chicagosailracing.org.
- 16.3 Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.
- 16.4 Violations of Section 4 of the Notice of Races are protestable only by the Race Committee.

17. SECTION BREAKS AND SCORING

- 17.1 Each race addressed herein will be scored individually. Section breaks will be set by each Organizing Authority, and be transmitted to competitors via e-mail or text by 1200 hours on Thursday prior to each weekend's race(s). Boats racing in LMPHRF sections must fly the appropriate section flag on their backstay. See Section 11.2.
- 17.2 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all Races. No score will be discarded. One completed race will constitute a regatta. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.3 All boats racing in handicap classes will be scored using their LMPHRF general purpose time on time rating.
- 17.4 Boats racing in a One-Design class shall be scored without a handicap certificate and be scored by order of its finish. Each boat will be scored by its elapsed time within its class, the lowest elapsed time wins.
- 17.5 A boat scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) will receive points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, RRS A4, RRS A5, and RRS A11.

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18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race. Each Organizing Authority will provide information about prize-giving ceremonies via e-mail and text to all competitors.

19. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us for these Races!

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ADDENDUM A

Course Descriptions for Windward/Leeward Courses

Courses

LL (long, long)

4 Legs

Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 -
Long Mark 1 – Finish

5 Legs

Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 -
Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 – Finish

LS (long, short)

Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 -
Short Mark 1 – Finish

Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 -
Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 – Finish

SS (short, short)

Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 -
Short Mark 1 – Finish

Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 -
Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 – Finish

B-Bravo

Start – Mark 1-L/Pin – Mark 1 – Finish

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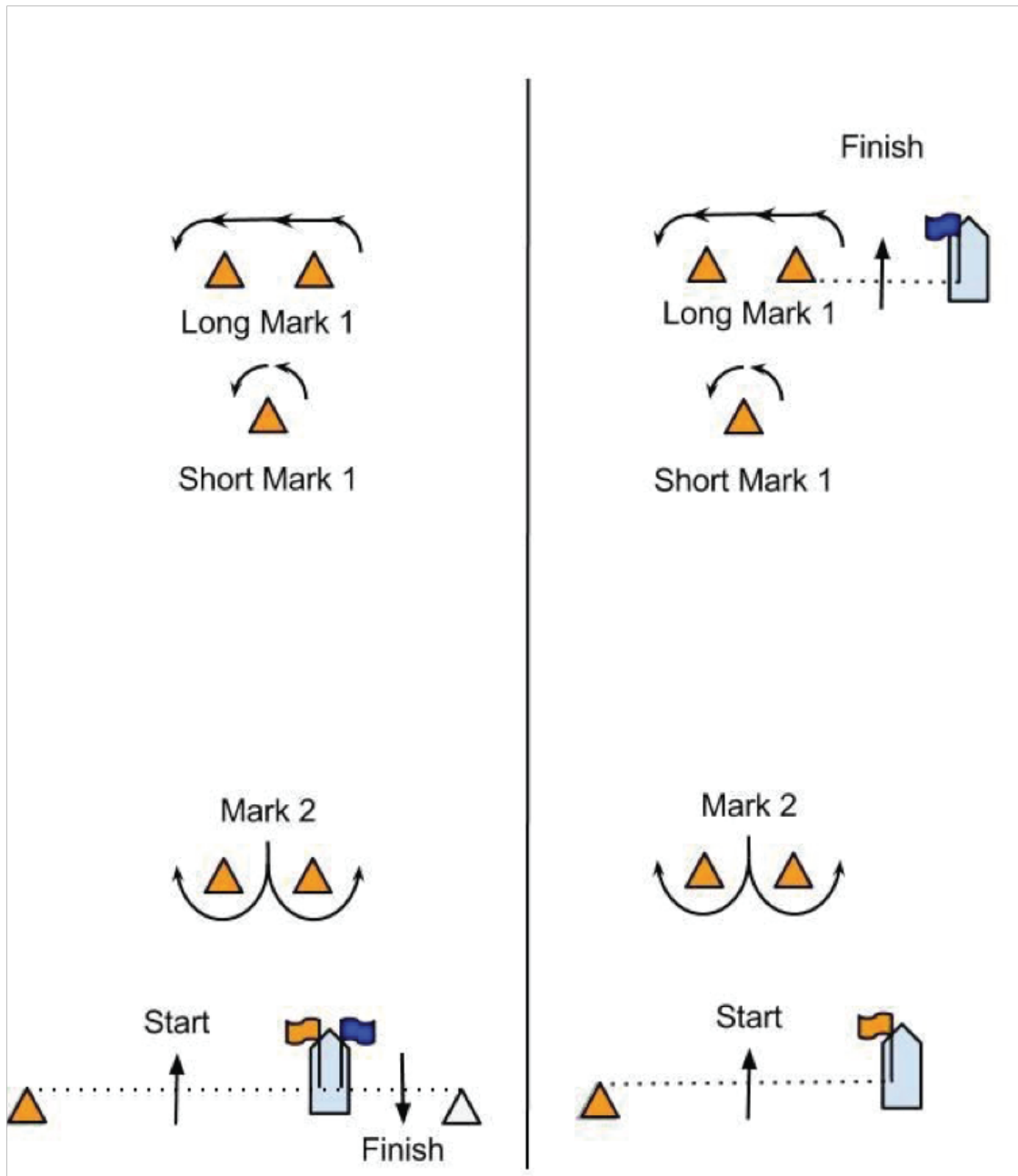


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Windward/Leeward Course Diagram



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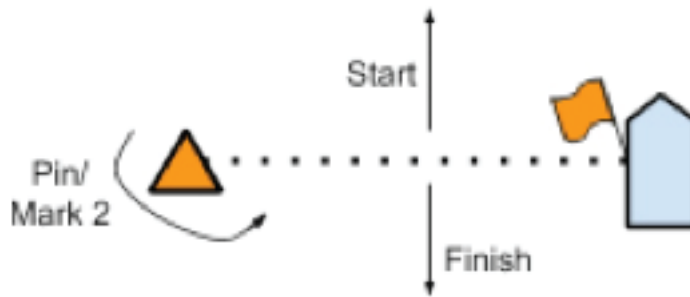


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