COLUMBIA CUP Regatta
August 4-5, 2018
BUOY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (*RRS*), except as these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes *RRS* 63.7

1.3. RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: ''However, the use of biodegradable sail stops while setting a sail is permitted."

1.4. RRS Appendix V will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Yachtscroring.com under the Columbia Cup entry. Notice will also be posted on the unofficial Racing Notice Board located on the port side of the rail deck on the Columbia Club ship.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Yachtscoring.com before 0900 CDT on the day it will take effect, except that any changes in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Columbia Club Ship and as a courtesy on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com.

4.2. When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 75 minutes". This changes Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

5.1. Schedule of races and events is as follows:

Saturday, August 4	11:00	First warning signal
	16:00	Party at Columbia YC for all
Sunday, August 5	11:00	First warning signal
	16:00	Party at Columbia YC for all
	17:00	Buoy Awards

5.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

5.3 Six races are schedules for each class.

5.4 Racing will consist of windward/leeward courses with as many races completed as practical.

5.5 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

5.6 No warning signal shall be given after 14:30 hrs on Sunday, August 5, 2018.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. JAM, PHRF 1 and PHRF2 shall fly class flags while racing.

6.2. The class flags for the purpose of signaling the start of each class shall be designated by the international code flags as follows:

Class Flags	3	0	8	J	6	7	1	2
	JAM	T-10	J/88	J/109	Ben 36.7	Ben 40.7	PHRF 1	PHRF 2

The PHRF handicap breaks for the PHRF classes will be posted on YachtScoring.com no later than 12:00 noon CDT on Thursday August 2.

6.3. Competitors are advised that classes may be combined in the starting order, yet still be scored separately.

7 RACING AREAS AND COURSES

7.1. The race course will be located at or near N41°54 and W087°32.

7.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 2, 4 or 6 legs. The attached Course Diagram shows the course and the side on which each mark is to be left. The official length of the Course shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for redress.

7.3. The follow sections will sail the short course (for example: S-W1-O1-L-W1-F for a four leg course)

    JAM

    T-10

    J/109

    Ben 36.7

    PHRF 2

The following sections will sail the long course (for example: S-W2-O2-L-W2-O2-F for a four leg course)

    J/88

    Ben 40.7

    PHRF 1

7.4. The number of legs, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the first rounding mark (Marks W1 and W2) will be displayed from a sign-board on the Race Committee Signal Boat with or before the Warning Signal.

7.5. If one of the gate marks is absent, then the existing gate mark shall be rounded to port.

8. MARKS
8.1. The starting mark will be yellow. The finish mark will be white.
8.2. The marks will be orange tetrahedrons; change of course marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be an orange tetrahedron.

9. THE START
9.1 The class flags and starting order for Saturday August 4 are as follows. Competitors should be aware that the starting order may be altered at any subsequent race.

Class Flags	3	0		8	J	1	2
	JAM	T-10	5 min space	J/88	J/109	PHRF 1	PHRF 2

The class flags and starting order for Sunday August 5 are as follows. Competitors should be aware that the starting order may be altered at any subsequent race

Class Flags	3	0		8	J	6	7	1	2
	JAM	T-10	5 min space	J/88	J/109	Ben 36.7	BEN 40.7	PHRF 1	PHRF 2

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side a yellow mark at the port end of the line.

9.3 The warning signals described in RRS 26 will be the flags/pennants listed in 6.2. Competitors should be aware that the Race Committee may elect to combine classes in a start and will signal combined starts by flying class flags in combination.

9.4 The Race Committee may set a guard mark attached to the stern of the Signal Boat. Yachts shall not pass between the guard mark and the RC boat, the guard mark if present is considered an extension of the signal boat (RRS Definition of Mark).

9.5 The Race Committee may change a course after the first class has started for any classes not yet started in accordance with RRS 27 by:

a. Displaying flag (L) no later than the next warning signal and,
b. Displaying the new course signal at or before the preparatory signal. This alters 27.1.

10. RECALLS
In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on the Race Committee VHF channel 78. Failure of a boat to

see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS* 29.1 and 62.1 (a).)

11. THE FINISH

11.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a white finishing mark.

11.2. For downwind finishes, the Finish Line will be on the side opposite of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line. For upwind finishes, the Finish Line will be on the port side of the RC Boat coming from the last mark. For windward finishes, the finish line will be approximately 0.10nm to windward of Mark W2.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1. The Protest Desk will be located on the rail deck of ColYC club ship. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within the protest time limit.

12.2. The Protest Time Limit for races sailed on a given day is sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat for your circle has docked for that day. This changes rule 61.3

12.3. Notices will be posted near the Protest Desk as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are a party or named as witnesses. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

12.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

 a. within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

 b. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

12.5 Images from a drone vehicle are not admissible as evidence to a protest or redress hearing.

13. TIME LIMITS

Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes, or finishes within one and a half (1½) hours of the start shall be abandoned. Any boats not finishing within 45 minutes of the finish time of the first boat will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

14. SCORING

14.1. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total score of all her races. No scores well be excluded in this series.

14.2. PHRF Class. Time-on-Time using the PHRF Buoy rating will be utilized.

14.3. Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be awarded two points more than the number of boats that finished within 45 minutes of the first boat. This changes *RRS* A4.1 and A4.2.

15. WITHDRAWAL

Boats that retire from a race or do not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course. Boats that cannot communicate with the Race Committee, shall call Columbia Yacht Club at 312-939-3625 (312-WET-DOCK), as soon as possible.

16. RACE COMMITTEE COURTESY BROADCASTS

The Race Committee may attempt to report visual signals displayed and other pertinent information over Channel 78 VHF (or an alternate channel as directed by the Race Committee). This information is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter their responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

17. DOCKING

There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at Columbia YC from 1500 hrs, Thursday, August 2 through Sunday, August 5. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration on the East and South (Outer) sides of the dock.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class of four or more boats.

There shall be a prize for the overall winner of the buoy races.
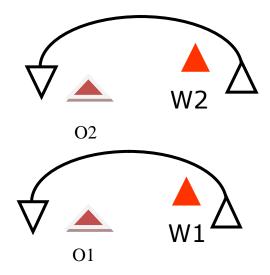
19. DISCLAMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) 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. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $300,000 per event or the equivalent.

BUOY COURSE DIAGRAM (with offset marks)

W2

O2

W1

O1

NOT TO SCALE - Mark colers may not be accurate as printed

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