



VERVE CUP INSHORE REGATTA
BELMONT HARBOR, CHICAGO, IL
AUGUST 27-28, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios and cellular telephones shall not apply. All keelboats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in this event.
- 1.3 Class rules prohibiting GPS navigation devices shall not apply. The following conditions shall apply to the use of GPS navigation devices: When class rules prohibit the use of a GPS while racing, such a device may be used provided that it shall be installed in a position or covered in such a way that no data may be taken from it while sailing. Data produced by such a device may be viewed only at the dock or on shore.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.
- 2.2 As a courtesy notices may be distributed electronically to competitors who provide an email or text message address to the race committee at registration. Failure to receive such notice is not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the staff at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.
- 4.2 When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030.
- 5.2 Up to three races for each keelboat class will be sailed each day. The race committee will display the Second Substitute at the finish of a race to signal keelboat classes that another race is to follow.
- 5.3 Up to nine races for each centerboard class will be sailed each day. The race committee will announce to centerboard classes over loudhailer that another race is to follow.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1330 on Sunday, August 28, 2011.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Each class's flag will be a flag bearing the insignia of that class.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area is located in Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 For keelboat classes the diagrams in Appendix A of these sailing instructions show the courses, including the signal flag that shall be flown to signal the course configuration, the approximate angles between legs,

and the order in which marks are to be passed. Marks will be left to port. For centerboard classes the race committee signal boat will display the course configuration on a board.

- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on a board the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first mark and the course to be sailed by each fleet.
- 8.3 Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel or by flags. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts or flags are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4 A numerical pennant may be flown to indicate the number of legs for all fleets.
- 8.5 Signal flag Golf will be flown to indicate that gates will be used on the course. If a gate is signaled but one of the gate marks is absent, then the existing gate mark shall be rounded to port.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Original turning marks will be orange inflatable shapes.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 9.3 The starting mark will be yellow. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white inflatable left to port on the opposite side of the signal boat from starting line. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active long course weather mark.
- 9.4 For centerboard classes all original, new and start marks will be orange and the finish mark will be white.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated an obstruction:

The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Keelboat classes will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 Centerboard classes will be started using Appendix S Sound-Signal Starting System.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5 Boats on the course side at the start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee on the designated VHF channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.6 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.7 Fleets shall start the first scheduled race of the day in the order shown in SI 11.8. Any subsequent races shall be started no less than five minutes after that fleet has finished a race. At the discretion of the Race Committee, a fleet may be started while other classes are still racing. The Race Committee will alert boats prior to the warning signal for subsequent starts via the designated VHF channel and/or with short, rapid sound signals to draw the competitor's attention. Errors and omissions in the sound signals or the announcement are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.8 Start Sequence

Keelboat Classes

- 1. Etechells
- 2. Soling
- 3. Shields
- 4. J/24
- 5. Melges 24
- 6. Luders 16
- 7. Rhodes 19

Centerboard Classes

- 1. Laser
- 2. Vanguard 15

The Race Committee may elect to combine classes into a fleet on the water and will signal combined starts by flying fleet signal flags in combination.

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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 The Race Committee may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.3 The Race Committee may not signal a course change of 5 degrees or less. The course change will continue to use the active mark. This changes RRS 33(a).

13 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port. This instruction shall not apply when RRS 32.2 applies.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 A boat found to have broken SI 19.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class. A boat found to have broken SI 19.2 or 19.3 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 14.2 For the Etchells class rule 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty unless the incident occurs in the Zone, in which case the Two-Turns Penalty applies.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The race time limit for all keelboat fleets shall be two (2) hours. The Mark 1 time limit for all keelboat fleets shall be 45 minutes. The target race time for all keelboat fleets is one hour and fifteen minutes.
- 15.2 The race time limit for all centerboard fleets shall be forty-five (45) minutes. The Mark 1 time limit for all centerboard fleets shall be 15 minutes. The target race time for all centerboard fleets is thirty minutes.
- 15.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 15.4 A keelboat failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in its fleet 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, A4.2 and A5.
- 15.5 A centerboard boat failing to finish within ten minutes after the first boat in its fleet 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, A4.2 and A5.
- 15.6 Failure to meet target times are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Committee office at Belmont Station within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the Race Committee finishing boat. This time limit applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17 SCORING

A boat's score shall be the total of her race scores and no race shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

VHF channel 73 will be the designated hailing channel for courtesy broadcasts to keelboat classes. The race committee may change the hailing channel by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the first warning signal for each race or by posting on the official notice board near the Race Committee room at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

19 CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- 19.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the Race Committee signal boat, hailing her sail number and receiving an oral acknowledgement from the Race Committee prior to her first race on each day of racing.
- 19.2 Within 1 hour of the official Race Committee docking time the person in charge of each boat shall sign the fleet roster sheet located on the bulletin board outside the Race Committee room at Belmont Station to check out for the day. Boats may check out from the water by calling the race committee on the designated VHF channel and receiving an oral check out acknowledgement.
- 19.3 A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

20 SAFETY

- 20.1 Centerboard class competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs, properly secured, from the time their boat leaves the dock until it returns to the dock. This changes RRS 40.
- 20.2 All centerboard class boats shall have an attached bow line conforming to its class rules. If a centerboard class does not have such a rule, the line must be at least 15 feet in length, 1/4 inch in diameter, and properly attached at all times.
- 20.3 All centerboard class boats shall have daggerboards tethered to boat.
- 20.4 Centerboard class competitors shall not leave the dock and no race shall start until the safety boats are on the water.
- 20.5 Any race where five or more boats have capsized and require outside assistance shall be abandoned.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second, and third in each class.