



***RACING YACHT FLEETS ANNUAL SERIES
BELMONT HARBOR, CHICAGO, IL
MAY 21, 2011 -- OCTOBER 8, 2011***

NOTICE OF RACE

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 boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in these events.
- 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 device may be viewed only at the dock or on shore.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Racing Yachts Fleets Series is open to boats of the Beneteau 36.7, International Etchells, J/105, J/111, Luders 16, Shields, and Tartan 10 classes that are owned, co-owned, or chartered by a Chicago Yacht Club member or pending applicant, who is also an active member in good standing of the boat's class and local Chicago fleet. The term "Chicago Yacht Club member" includes spouses and minor children of members of the Chicago Yacht Club. The owner, co-owner, charterer, or designated representative who is a Chicago Yacht Club member shall be aboard the boat while racing in Series races.
- 2.2 A boat of the Beneteau 36.7, International Etchells, J/105, J/111, Luders 16, Shields, or Tartan 10 class that is owned, co-owned, or chartered by anyone other than a member of Chicago Yacht Club, and who is an active member in good standing of the boat's class and local Chicago fleet, may compete in the Racing Yachts Fleets Series for a single calendar year.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by submitting a completed 2011 Racing Yacht Fleets Entry Form, together with any required fee, to the Chicago Yacht Club Race Committee prior to the first race in which the boat is entered. Entries will be accepted at the event website at www.yachtscoring.com.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for Chicago Yacht Club members is \$10 per race day.
- 3.2 The entry fee for boats entered under section 2.2 is \$45 per race day.
- 3.3 Fees shall be paid to Chicago Yacht Club, attention Race Committee Coordinator, at Monroe Station no later than 1700 the business day prior to the first day of the event entered.

4 SCHEDULE AND VENUE

- 4.1 All scheduled races are listed in the 2011 Racing Yacht Fleets Schedule posted on the official notice board at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station and the Chicago Yacht Club website.
- 4.2 The races will be held in the open waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor, Chicago, Illinois.
- 4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055.
- 4.4 Up to three races will be sailed on any race day. Races abandoned and re-sailed the same day will be started in the same order as scheduled. There are no make-up races scheduled.

- 4.5 A competitors meeting will be held at 1830 on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station. All competitors are expected to participate.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available prior to racing on the Chicago Yacht Club website and on the official notice board at the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station.

6 RACE COMMITTEE SERVICE

- 6.1 Competitors are reminded that the race committee is composed of volunteers, and that on some dates the race committee may not have enough volunteers to conduct races. In those instances the race committee will solicit volunteers from the racing fleets through the respective fleet captains.
- 6.2 A boat's person in charge who volunteers to serve on race committee, and whose assistance is needed and accepted by the race committee, shall be awarded average points for his or her series races for each race of that day. Written notice of this action shall be made to the PRO that day and the scorer. Those average points shall only be awarded one time per series, and the boat awarded average points for race committee service shall not race on the day she provides race committee service.
- 6.3 As a safety precaution the race committee chairman, principal race officer, or CYC on-the-water director may abandon racing if the race committee is understaffed.

7 SCORING

At least two competitors must start a race in order for that race to be scored.

8 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Dry-sail hoists shall not be used for boat cleaning, maintenance or repairs between 0800 and 1030 on the day that any dry-sailed class has a morning start. A boat breaking this rule may receive a scoring penalty in the next series race the boat completes of up to 40% (rounding 0.5 upward) of the boats entered in the series.