



**Belmont Beer Can/Rum Races
Chicago Yacht Club
May 30, 2012 -- September 26, 2012
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS -- AMENDED

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60, 63.2, and 63.4.
- 1.3 The LMPHRF Rating System will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station, and as a courtesy on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 1800 on the day it takes effect..
- 3.2 Competitors are responsible for checking the official notice board or the event website each race day.

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 30 minutes" in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Races are scheduled every Wednesday from May 30, 2012 through September 26, 2012 except July 18, 2012 and July 25, 2012.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1855.
- 5.3 One race for each section is scheduled each day.

6 SECTION FLAGS

<u>Section</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Inshore One-Design	Numeral Pennant 1
Jib and Main	Numeral Pennant 2
Tartan Ten	Numeral Pennant 3
Offshore with Spinnaker	Numeral Pennant 4

7 RACING AREA

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

8 COURTESY BROADCASTS

VHF channel 73 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts. 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.

9 THE COURSES

No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on a board the course, the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1, and the distance to Mark 1 for each fleet. Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark 1 will be either an orange shape or the Wilson Crib. Mark 2 will be either an orange shape or the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be either an orange shape or the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy.

11 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.

12 THE START

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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 rule 62.1(a).
- 12.3 The race committee may elect to combine sections in a start and will signal combined starts by flying section signal flags in combination.
- 12.4 Starting sequence:
 - 1. Inshore One-Design
 - 2. Jib and Main
 - 3. Tartan Ten
 - 4. Offshore with Spinnaker

13 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to starboard.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

A boat may not protest another boat or request redress. This changes rule 60.1.

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be given at the sole discretion of the Belmont Beer Can/Rum Races chairman.

Appendix A

Course 2	Two legs. This course is a windward, leeward, once around, finish to leeward. The marks shall be rounded in the order of Start - Mark 1 - Finish.
Course 4	Four legs. This course is a windward, leeward, twice around, finish to leeward. The marks shall be rounded in the order of Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 1 - Finish.



Mark 1

Mark 2

