



**Chicago Area Sail Racing Association  
Commodore's Cup Jr. Night Navigation Race  
August 17, 2018**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 GENERAL**

The Organizing Authority for this race will be the Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC"). This is a Friday evening race for junior sailors under adult supervision. Helm and navigator shall be 18 years of age or under. An owner or charter age 21 or over shall be on board and the "person in charge". Additional junior sailors as crew are encouraged. Competitors are strongly urged to maintain safe distances while racing since a wide range of boat handling skills is to be expected.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to Competitors will be published via CYC Race's webpage, accessible via [www.chicagosailracing.org](http://www.chicagosailracing.org), and will be sent via e-mail and/or text message 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 protest. This changes RRS 41.

### **3 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be published on CYC's webpage, accessible at [www.chicagosailracing.org](http://www.chicagosailracing.org). As a courtesy, skippers of entered yachts will receive e-mails and/or text messages regarding changes. No changes will be made to the Sailing Instructions less than 24 hours prior to the start of a Race.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

In some cases, Organizing Authorities will need to signal information via code flags. Should that occur, the signals will be made at each Organizing Authority's clubhouse. However, the information will also be conveyed via e-mail and/or text message to skippers of all entered yachts. The Answering Pennant is a long red and white striped flag, used to signal that a Race is

being postponed. When this flag is displayed onshore, and dropped, it signals that the Race will begin in one hour or later. The November flag is a white and blue checkered flag, used to signal that the Race is abandoned.

The Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF 78 to assist sailors in understanding when the Race will begin.

## **5 RACING AREAS**

The races will be held in the open waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.

## **6 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.

## **7 COURSES**

7.1 First mark shall be a drop mark and second mark shall be either Wilson Ave Crib or Harrison-Dever Crib. Race Committee will post range and bearing of drop mark and rounding direction for both marks prior to the first warning.

7.2 Course Change After the Start: If Race committee displays flag C at the drop mark, the next mark shall be the finish line.

7.3 Finish at the Start Line.

## **8 MARKS**

Marks will be either government buoys or structures, or orange shapes. When rounding a water intake crib, yachts shall stay outside of the white stakes surrounding each crib.

## **9 THE START**

9.1 1825 warning, one class, (number one pennant) to accommodate helmsmen making a first start and to encourage sportsmanship, Race Committee will provide a time credit to any boat starting late but within the first five (5) minutes equal of the late start. This changes RRS 26 and A3.

9.2 Starting Area - approximately ¼ mile east of the Belmont harbor entrance. The starting area will be the same one used for the Belmont Wednesday Night Skyline races.

9.3 Starting Sequence – One start, one section, flag is pennant numeral one.

9.4 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.

## **10 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 starboard.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

All boats must finish by 2030 hours. This changes RRS 35.

## **12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1 Intention to protest must be communicated to Race Committee at the time of finish.
- 12.2 Protests must be filed with the Race Committee at CYC Belmont Station within 45 minutes of Race Committee docking time.

### **13 SECTION BREAKS AND SCORING**

- 13.1 There will only be one section, PHRF Spinnaker. No one-design sections are offered. Boats without a PHRF certificate uploaded you may be assigned a rating by the PRO in consultation with the CYC Offshore Chair.
- 13.2 Each yacht will receive an elapsed time from the Race Committee, derived by subtracting its start time from its finish time. Calculation of start times is not redressable by competitors. PHRF ratings will be applied to finish times in order to derive scores.

### **14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 Awards will be presented at CYC Belmont Station following racing.
- 14.2 Awards will be presented to the skipper and navigator for the first, second, and third place boats.
- 14.3 The overall winner will receive the Commodore's Cup trophy, which will be appropriately engraved and will remain on display at Chicago Yacht Club.

### **15 SAFETY REGULATION**

Junior Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the US Coast Guard

### **16 DOCKAGE**

Competitors are invited to raft at CYC Belmont stations for race awards and complimentary age-appropriate first beverage after racing. Food and additional beverages will be available for purchase.

### **17 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Visit [www.chicagosailracing.com](http://www.chicagosailracing.com) for additional information. Please direct any questions to [michael.platzke@gmail.com](mailto:michael.platzke@gmail.com).