



**Verve Inshore Regatta
 Etchells Great Lakes Championship
 Chicago Yacht Club
 August 25-26, 2012
 Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

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

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0830 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. In addition, signals made ashore will be distributed to the email or text address listed in a boat's entry form.
- 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. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.2 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday, August 26.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Etchells	Etchells Class Flag	Luders	Luders Class Flag
Star	Dark Green Flag	Rhodes 19	Rhodes 19 Class Flag

Soling	Yellow Flag	Melges 24	Pink Flag
J/24	Lime Green Flag	Vanguard 15	Vanguard 15 Flag
Shields	Shields Class Flag	Laser	Laser Flag

7 RACING AREAS

Race Area A is located approximately two nautical miles east of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy or as posted on the official notice board. Race Area B is located approximately one-half mile east of Belmont Harbor or as posted on the official notice board.

8 CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- 8.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing her sail number and receiving an oral acknowledgment from the race committee prior to her first race on each day of racing.
- 8.2 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 acknowledgment.
- 8.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.
- 8.4 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

- 9.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed. Marks shall be left to port.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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 rule 62.1(a).
- 9.4 A numeral pennant Five will be flown when the course is five legs.
- 9.5 Mark 2 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 9.6 Long Mark 1 may have an offset signaled by flag O. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Long Mark 1 shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Original turning marks will be orange shapes.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be a green shape on Race Area A and an orange shape on Race Area B.
- 10.4 The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white shape 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.

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 On Race Area B only, races will be started using Appendix S, Sound-Signal Starting System. The next class to start will be signaled by displaying her class flag.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 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).
- 12.5 On Race Area A only, a boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 12.6 Fleets shall start the first scheduled race of the day in the order shown in instruction 12.7. Any subsequent races will be started no less than five minutes after that fleet has finished a race. 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 rule 62.1(a).
- 12.7 The initial starting sequences will be:

Race Area A

- 1. Etchells
- 2. Star
- 3. Soling

Race Area B

- 1. Melges 24
- 2. Vanguard 15
- 3. Laser

4. J/24
5. Shields Class
6. Luders 16 Class
7. Rhodes 19

The race committee may elect to combine fleets in a start and will signal combined starts by flying fleet signal flags in combination.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 Offset marks, if used as provided in instruction 9.6, will not be set on a changed leg of the course.
- 13.3 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 rule 62.1(a).
- 13.4 The race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg change will continue to use the active mark. This changes rule 33(a).

14 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 port.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 A boat found to have broken instruction 8.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class. A boat found to have broken instruction 8.2 or 8.3 may receive a 20% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c) in every race that day. This changes rule 63.1.
- 15.2 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except that the Two-Turns Penalty will apply to incidents in the Zone.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The race time limit for all fleets will be two (2) hours. The Mark 1 time limit for each fleet will be 45 minutes.
- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in their 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 rules 35, A4.2, A5, and A11.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the race committee within the appropriate time limit. Protests and requests for redress may be filed by email to racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the race committee finishing boat. That time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes rule 62.2.
- 17.3 The hearing schedule will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 61.1(b).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 For the Verve Inshore Regatta one completed race will constitute a regatta, except that for the Etchells Great Lakes Championship a minimum of three races with no worst race discard must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 18.2 A boat's score for the Verve Inshore Regatta will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.
- 18.3 For the Etchells Great Lakes Championship the Low Point Scoring System will apply.


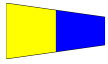
19 PRIZES

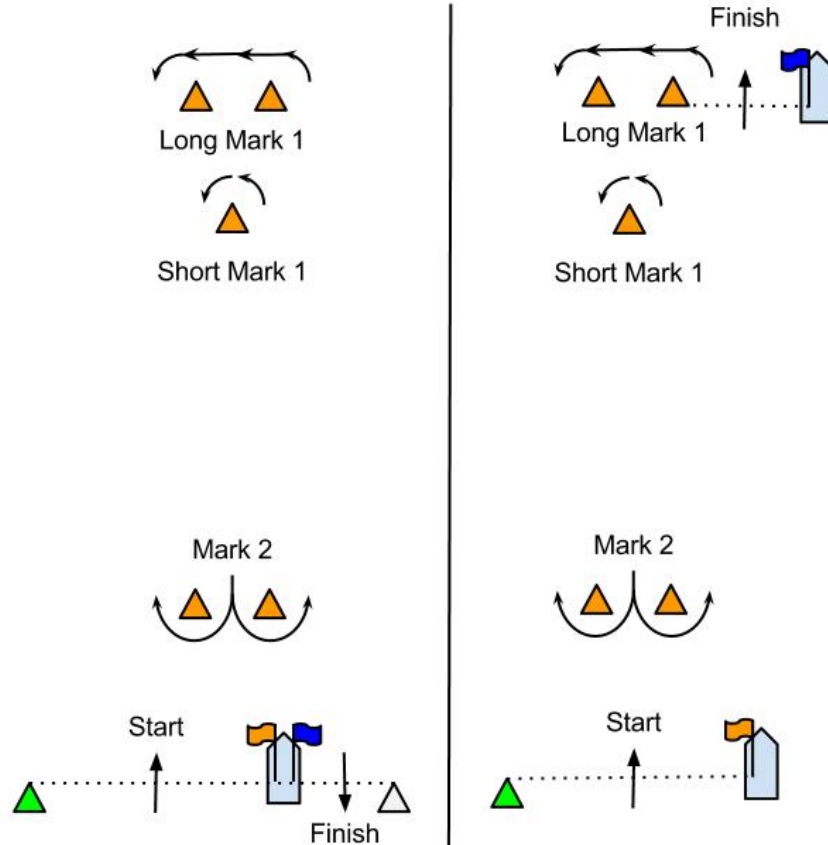
- 19.1 Prizes will be given to the boats with the three best scores in each section for the Verve Inshore Regatta.
- 19.2 Prizes will be given to the boats with the three best scores for the Etchells Great Lakes Championship.

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ADDENDUM A

Race Area A Diagrams

Class	Course 4 	Course 5 
Etechells	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
Star Soling J/24 Shields	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
Luders Rhodes 19	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish





Race Area B Diagrams

Course 4	Start - Mark 1 -Mark 2 - Mark 1 - Finish
Course 5	Start - Mark 1 -Mark 2 - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
Course 6	Start - Mark 1 -Mark 2 - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 1- Finish


Mark 1 - Melges 24


Mark 1 - V15/Laser


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