

NOTICE OF RACE

GOOSE ISLAND COLORS REGATTA

June 1-2, 2013

**Columbia Yacht Club
111 N. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 6060**



1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016* (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, except as these are changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.3. For One Design Classes, the rules and regulations of their local class rules shall apply.
- 1.4. Boats competing must meet all class safety regulations. All boats entered must meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and comply with ISAF Category 4 safety requirements.
- 1.5. ALTERATION OF RULES
RRS 35, Time Limit may be modified to include a time limit for the benefit of the regatta.

2. FLEETS AND CLASSES RACING

The following fleets are invited to participate in this race:

- 2.1. Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) and ORR, which may be comprised of the following classes:
 - 2.1.1. Spinnaker classes – boats that carry one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4.
 - 2.1.2. MAC- Cruising Classes – boats that comply with the 2013 Chicago to Mackinac Cruising Division requirements.
 - 2.1.3. Non-Spinnaker classes – boats that do not carry spinnakers or gennakers.
 - 2.1.4. Double-Handed boats will race in their assigned class, but scored against each other. Double-handed boats shall have only two persons on-board.
 - 2.1.5. One-Design Classes of boats of the same Manufacturer Type. This includes but is not limited to the J-70, T-10, Farr 40, J-105, J-109, J-111, FT-10, Beneteau 36.7 and Beneteau 40.7 classes.





3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. All boats racing shall have a current, valid Rating Certificate issued by the fleet handicapping authority of the classes within which they are competing.
- 3.2. PHRF boats will initially be divided into four (4) sections with ratings of 19 & below, 21 to 57, 60 to 73, and 74 & above. Final section breaks will be in the sailing instructions.
- 3.3. In the event there are insufficient entries to form a stand-alone PHRF or ORR Division, entries will be assigned a Division and Class for starting purposes at the discretion of the OA, but will be scored as a separate class.
- 3.4. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of FOUR (4) or more yachts, desiring to race as a separate class, may petition the organizing authority for acceptance as a class. Such petitions must be made no later May 25, 2013.
- 3.5. A distance race will be offered on Saturday for entries in the Spinnaker, MAC Cruising, Non-Spinnaker and Double-Handed classes. The COLORS Distance Race is open to all sailing yachts equipped for offshore racing and of 25 feet LOA or greater

4. FEES

- 4.1. Eligible boats shall complete online registration and payment via credit card at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/> not later than **May 31, 2013**.
- 4.2. For the distance race
 - 4.2.1. The entry fee is \$55 through April 15, 2013.
 - 4.2.2. The entry fee is \$75 from April 17, 2013 through Friday, May 31, 2013.
- 4.3. For the buoy races
 - 4.3.1. The entry fee is \$135 through April 15, 2013.
 - 4.3.2. The entry fee is \$160 from April 17, 2013 through Friday, May 31, 2013.
- 4.4. If the Entry is cancelled (Withdrawn) prior to Thursday, May 30, 2013, \$100 will be refunded for the buoy racing classes and \$50 for the distance race. After that date, no refunds will be made

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

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| 5.1 | Fri 31 May | 1700 – 1930 | Registration ⁽¹⁾ /Social/Free Goose Island Beer (See 9) |
| | Sat 1 June | 1000 | Warning signal for Distance race |
| | | 1030 | Warning for first buoy race |
| | | 1700 – LATE | Post Race Social and Goose Island Sailing Party (See 9) |
| | Sun 2 June | 1000 | Warning signal for first race |
| | | 1600 | Post Race Social and Regatta Awards |

(1) Registration is for last minute entries that are not otherwise registered





- 5.2 Three buoy races are scheduled each day. However, it is the intent of the Race Committee to complete as many races as practical each day.
- 5.3 There will be no formal Skipper's Meeting on Friday May 31, 2013. However, the Race Committee will be available for consultations and the registration desk open for last minute registrations.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Sailing Instructions will be available at COL YC on or about May 30, 2013. They will also be available online at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/> .

7. REGATTA VENUE and COURSES

- 7.1 The closed courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 2 to 6 legs. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.
- 7.2 The distance race course length will be approximately 15-20nm and will consist of a simple two to four leg course using existing fixed government maintained marks/buoys.
- 7.3 The racing area will be offshore due East of Monroe Street Harbor entrance. The exact location will be in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 Six races are scheduled of which 1 shall be completed to constitute a series. Each boat's total score will be the sum of the scores for all races, and no score will be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.
- 8.2 ORR Division. Time-on-time scoring with Windward/Leeward 50/50 AP ratings will be utilized.
- 8.3 PHRF Division. Time on distance scoring will be utilized.

9. SOCIAL

- 9.1 Friday, May 31: Registration Party – Free Goose Island 312, a la carte Food, Live Music on the Aft Deck
- 9.2 Saturday, June 1: COLORS Fiesta - \$10 Goose Island and Dry Creek Vineyards Open Pour Wristbands, Mexican Buffet Included, Live Music on the Aft Deck
- 9.3 Sunday, June 2: Awards Party – Awards Presentation, Free Goose Island 312, a la carte Food

10. DOCKING

There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at Columbia YC from 1500 hrs, Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted alongside at least 2-3 deep.





11. PRIZES

There shall be all kinds of prizes — including prizes for the top three in each section. However, none of the prizes shall have anything more than symbolic value.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. SPONSORS

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Chicago IL, 60614

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Chicago, IL 60657

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Dry Creek Vineyard: Taste any of these California wines at the Club and COLORS parties!

Skyway Yacht Works: Chicago's full-service yacht yard. Call (773)734-7777 for your last minute needs.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

There shall be shall be no whining! And no sniveling either! For additional information please contact

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