



**Verve Inshore Regatta  
Chicago Yacht Club  
August 24-25, 2013  
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta 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 Appendix T1 will apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”
- 1.4 Appendices T2 and T5 will apply.
- 1.5 Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios and cellular telephones will not apply. All keelboats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in these events. This changes International Etchell’s class rule C.5.2(b)(8) and Shields class rule 10.9.
- 1.6 Class rules prohibiting GPS navigation devices will not apply. The following conditions will 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 will 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. This changes International Etchells class rule C.5.1(b) and Shields class rule 10.9.

### **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](http://www.yachtscoring.com).

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board and, as a courtesy, on the website 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 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”  
 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday, August 25.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Etchells	Etchells Class Flag	Luders	Luders Class Flag
J/70	Numeral 7	Rhodes 19	Rhodes 19 Class Flag
Soling	Yellow Flag	Melges 24	Numeral 8
J/24	Flag J	Vanguard 15	Vanguard 15 Flag
Shields	Shields Class Flag	Laser	Laser Flag

**7 RACING AREAS**

Keelboats shall race on Race Area A, located approximately two nautical miles east of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy or as posted on the official notice board. Centerboard boats shall race on Race Area B, 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 without an auxiliary engine 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 without an auxiliary engine 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 impracticable, immediately after arriving ashore.
- 8.4 VHF channel 73 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts for Race Area A. 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 Addendum A shows the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the marks are to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on course boards:
- the approximate compass bearing to mark 1
  - the distance to long mark 1 (mark 1 in the case of Race Area B)
  - the distance to short mark 1 (not applicable to Race Area B)
  - the number of legs to be sailed
  - the course assignment for each class (only one course will be set on Race Area B)

- 9.3 Course information for Race Area A may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 9.4 Mark 2 will be a gate on Race Area A. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 9.5 Flag O, if displayed before the warning, means long mark 1 will have an offset. 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 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. Melges 24
2. Etchells
3. J/70
4. Soling
5. J/24
6. Shields Class
7. Luders 16 Class
8. Rhodes 19

Race Area B

1. Vanguard 15
2. Laser

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**

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 percent scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c) in every race that day. This changes rule 63.1.

**16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 16.1 The race time limit for all fleets will be two 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](mailto: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**

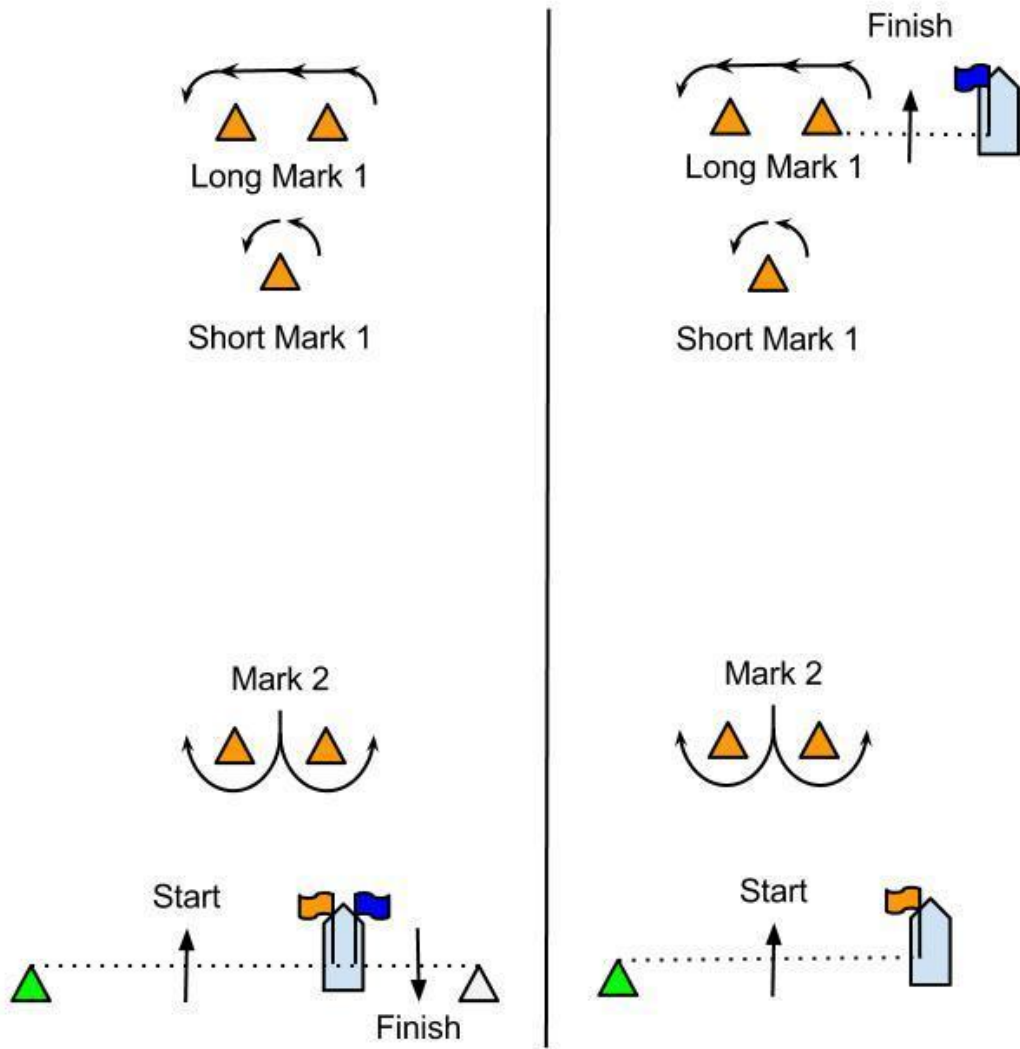
- 18.1 One completed race will constitute a regatta.
- 18.2 A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.

## **19 PRIZES**

Prizes will awarded as described in the notice of race.

# ADDENDUM A

## Race Area A Diagrams



# Race Area B Diagrams

