



2019 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DISTANCE RACES

These Sailing Instructions provide additional information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Distance Races. These Races are designed to provide outstanding competition for boats wishing to race medium and long distances. Please join us for fun and competition on the lakefront this summer!

1. RULES

These Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 edition, as adopted by U.S. Sailing ("RRS"). U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be published on each Race's website, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org, and will be sent via e-mail and text 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 redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

3. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be published on each Race's website, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org, no later than 24 hours before a Race's start time. As a courtesy, skippers of entered yachts will be sent via e-mail and text regarding amendments, and the Race Committee may broadcast information regarding these amendments via VHF 78. Failure to receive these communications shall not be grounds for redress.

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 may also be conveyed via e-mail and text message to skippers of all entered yachts. The Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF 78 to assist sailors in understanding when the race will begin. Failure to receive courtesy e-mails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Schedules of races will be as prescribed in Section 1 of the Notice of Races.

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6. RACING AREAS

All races will be conducted in the waters of Lake Michigan. Starting areas for each Race are as follows:

Spring Opener Distance Race (Saturday, May 25th, 2019)	41°57.74 N 87°36.40 W Appx. 095° T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light (Area A)
Gold Star Regatta (Saturday, June 15th, 2019)	41°52.80 N 87°34.46 W Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Chicago to Waukegan (Saturday, June 22nd, 2019)	41°56.50 N 87°36.85 W Appx. 090° T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)
Waukegan to Chicago (Sunday, June 23rd, 2019)	42°21.70 N 87°47.90 W Appx. 120° T, 0.5 NM from Waukegan Pierhead
Waukegan to Milwaukee (Sunday, June 23rd, 2019)	42°21.70 N 87°47.90 W Appx. 120° T, 0.5 NM from Waukegan Pierhead
St. Joseph to Chicago (Sunday, June 23rd, 2019)	42°08.20 N 86°30.00 W Appx. 349° T, 1.3 NM from St. Joseph North Pierhead Light

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6. RACING AREAS (continued...)

Chicago to Michigan City and Return (Friday, June 28th, 2019) 41°52.80 N
87°34.46 W
Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)

Herb Kaczmarek Distance Race (Saturday, July 27th, 2019) 41°57.74 N
87°36.40 W
Appx. 095°T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light (Area A)

Hobelman Regatta Distance Race (Saturday, August 25th, 2019) 41°57.74 N
87°36.40 W
Appx. 095°T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light (Area A)

Tri-State: Chicago to St. Joseph (Friday, August 30, 2019) 41°52.80 N
87°34.46 W
Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)

Bi-State: St. Joseph to Chicago (Sunday, September 1st, 2019) 42°08.20 N
86°30.00 W
Appx. 349° T, 1.3 NM from St. Joseph North Pierhead Light.
Note that this is a NEW location for the start of this race.

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6. RACING AREAS (continued...)

Tri-State: St. Joseph to Michigan City (Sunday, September 1st, 2019)
(Three optional starting areas)

42°08.20 N
86°30.00 W
Appx. 349° T, 1.3 NM
from St. Joseph North
Pierhead Light.

Note that this is a NEW location for the start of this race.

42°02.70 N
86°34.70 W
Appx. 218° T, 5.7 NM
from St. Joseph North
Breakwater Light

41°59.60 N
86°38.00 W
Appx. 218° T, 9.7 NM
from St. Joseph North
Breakwater Light

Tri-State: Michigan City to Chicago (Monday, September 2, 2019)

41°44.00 N
86°54.80 W
Appx. 340° T, 0.4 NM
from Michigan City
Breakwater Light

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6. RACING AREAS (continued...)

Sheldon Clark Regatta Distance Race (Saturday, September 7th, 2019)

41°56.50 N
87°36.85 W
Appx. 090° T, 0.9 NM
from Belmont Harbor Light
(Area B)

Commodore Stein Distance Race (Sunday, September 15th, 2019)

41°52.80 N
87°34.46 W
Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM
from Chicago Harbor Light
(Area E)

7. 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.

8. COURSES

Courses will be as outlined in Amendments to these Sailing Instructions for particular Races.

9. THE START

9.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange floating mark. The Race Committee may set a guard mark. If so, boats shall not pass between the guard mark and the signal boat.

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9. THE START (continued...)

9.2. During the starting sequence, the Race Committee will fly the appropriate section flag, as set forth in the below table. Boats racing in JAM, LMPHRF, and Double-Handed sections must fly the appropriate section flag on their backstay.

CLASS	CLASS FLAG
JAM	V
T-10	0 (zero)
LMPHRF	5, 4, 3, 2, 1
BENETEAU 36.7	6
BENETEAU 40.7	7
FARR 40	8
J105	J
J109	9
J111	E
J-88	K
Double-Handed	Q
Multihull	M

9.3 Boats whose class signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

9.4 Any boat starting more than 10 minutes after its class's start will be scored DNS.

9.5 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by sail number via VHF 78. Failure to make or hear such hails is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

9.6 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The warning signal for restart of a class following a general recall shall be made one minute after the first substitute is removed.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of a finishing mark, which should be left to port. The Race Committee signal boat should be left to starboard. Unless the Race Committee shortens the course, the finish location will be located at the same place as the starting areas, with the exception of the following:

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10. THE FINISH (continued...)

Spring Opener Distance Race (May 25th, 2019)

Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72 N, 87° 38.50 W) and a tetrahedron located about 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68 N, 87° 37.74 W)

Chicago to Waukegan (June 22nd, 2019)

42° 21.70 N

87° 47.90 W

Appx. 120° T, 0.5 NM from Waukegan Pierhead

Waukegan to Chicago (June 23rd, 2019)

41° 56.50 N

87° 36.85 W

Appx. 090° T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)

Waukegan to Milwaukee (June 23rd, 2019)

42° 59.32 N

87° 49.84 W

#1 Milwaukee South Point Lighted Bell Buoy (LL #20630)

St. Joseph to Chicago (June 30th, 2019)

Between an orange flag flown on shore located south of the Belmont Harbor entrance (at an approximate position of 41° 56.48 N, 87° 38.04 W) and a yellow inflatable buoy located approximately .2 miles from the Belmont Harbor entrance (at an approximate position of 41° 56.43 N, 87° 37.85 W).

Herb Kaczmarek Distance Race (Saturday, July 27th, 2019):

Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72 N, 87° 38.50 W) and a tetrahedron located about 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68 N, 87° 37.74 W)

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10. THE FINISH (continued...)

Hobelman Regatta Distance Race (Saturday, August 25th, 2019):

Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72 N, 87° 38.50 W) and a tetrahedron located about 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68 N, 87° 37.74 W)

Tri-State: Chicago to St. Joseph (Friday, August 20, 2019):

42° 08.20 N

86° 30.00 W

Appx. 349° T, 1.3 NM from St. Joseph North Pierhead Light.

Note that this is a NEW location for the finish of this race.

Bi-State: St. Joseph to Chicago (Sunday, September 1st, 2019):

41° 54.33 N

87° 32.38 W

Appx. 031° T, 2.3 NM from Four Mile Crib (Area D)

Tri-State: St. Joseph to Michigan City (Sunday, September 1st, 2019):

Optional Finish Areas:

41° 51.70 N

86° 46.50 W

Appx. 045° T, 10.0 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance

41° 48.60 N

86° 49.80 W

Appx. 045° T, 6.1 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance

41° 44.64 N

86° 53.95 W

Appx. 045° T, 1.0 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance

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Tri-State: Michigan City to Chicago (Monday, September 2, 2019):

41° 51.94 N

87° 32.37 W

Appx. 150° T, 0.5 NM from Four Mile Crib

10.2 For the following races, boats must display reflective sailboard numbers within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing, on the sides of the boat as indicated below. Boats failing to display number boards shall be penalized in accordance with Section 13 of these Sailing Instructions.

Chicago to Waukegan:	Port
Waukegan to Chicago:	Starboard
Waukegan to Milwaukee:	Port
St. Joseph to Chicago	Starboard
Chicago to Michigan City and Return:	Starboard
Tri-State: Chicago to St. Joseph:	Starboard
Bi-State: St. Joseph to Chicago:	Starboard
Tri-State: St. Joseph to Michigan City:	Starboard
Tri-State: Michigan City to Chicago:	Starboard

10.3 Boats racing in the Chicago to Michigan City and Return, the Chicago to St. Joseph Race (Tri-State), both St. Joseph to Chicago Races, and the Waukegan to Milwaukee race must check in with the Race Committee one mile from the finish line via VHF 78.

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10. THE FINISH (continued...)

10.4 For the following races, yachts shall e-mail or text a Yacht Finish Report to the addressees indicated within three hours of finishing:

Chicago to Waukegan:	spitfire_3@netzero.com
Waukegan to Chicago:	john4266@hotmail.com
Waukegan to Milwaukee:	Text to (414) 807-6468 and (414) 617-1040
Chicago /Michigan City/Return:	captfolie@aol.com
St. Joseph to Chicago:	dpwaller@uic.edu
Tri-State: Chicago to St. Joseph:	captfolie@aol.com
Bi-State: St. Joseph to Chicago:	jpyccommodore@yahoo.com
Tri-State: St. Joseph to Mich. City:	Herbert.PhilbrickIII@arcelormittal.com
Tri-State: Michigan City to Chicago:	jpyccommodore@yahoo.com

10.5 Yacht finish reports shall include: 1) boat name; 2) sail number; 3) owner name; 4) finish time (timed or approximate); 4) finish time of yacht ahead (timed or approximate); and 5) finish time of yacht astern (timed or approximate). For e-mailed yacht finish reports, the subject line of the email shall contain only the sail number of the yacht reporting her finish.

10.6 If the Race Committee boat is absent from the designated finish line, an Alternate Finish Line may be described in each Race's Amendment to these Sailing Instructions, and boats should cross the alternate finish line. Upon doing so, the boat must report its finish time (per its GPS) to the Race Committee via VHF 78.

11. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race will be 1700 hours, except the following races, which shall have time limits as stated below:

Chicago to Waukegan:	1800 hours
Waukegan to Chicago:	1800 hours
Waukegan to Milwaukee:	1900 hours
Chicago to Michigan City and Return:	1400 hours (June 29)
St. Joseph to Chicago:	0100 hours (July 1)
Tri-State (Chicago to St. Joseph):	1300 hours (August 31)
Bi-State (St. Joseph to Chicago):	0100 hours (Sept. 2)
Tri-State (St. Joseph to Michigan City):	1800 hours
Tri-State (Michigan City to Chicago):	2000 hours

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12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgment.
- 12.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on the first weekday following the weekend's races. Protests shall be submitted via the appropriate portal on each Race's website.
- 12.3 Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.
- 12.4 Violations of Section 4 of the Notice of Races are protestable only by the Race Committee.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.3 shall apply, modified as follows: "The corrected finish of a boat that accepts a penalty under RRS 44.3 shall be 20% of the number of boats started in that class, taken to the higher whole number, but such penalty shall place a yacht no worse than last in her class. Her adjusted place, for determining her placement in her division, shall be one second greater than the time of the boat placing just before her in her division. This changes RRS A.4.1 and A5.
- 13.2 A boat successfully protested by the Race Committee for failing to properly display her class or sail number board as required, shall be penalized one place in her class. Her corrected time shall be the next boat to finish in her class, plus one second. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

14. SECTION BREAKS AND SCORING

Each race addressed herein will be scored individually. Section breaks will be set by each Organizing Authority, and be transmitted to competitors by 1200 hours, via e-mail or text, on Thursday prior to each weekend's race(s).

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Races. Each Organizing Authority will provide information about prize-giving ceremonies via e-mail and text to all competitors.

16. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us for these Races, and special thanks to our sponsors!

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