

**Commodore's Cup Jr. Twilight Navigation Race
Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Station, Chicago, IL
August 16, 2019**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority is the Chicago Yacht Club.

1 RULES

The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be published on <https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/on-the-water/regatta-calendar>, and will be sent via e-mail and/or text message to all entered competitors.
- 2.2 The Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts during the 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 41.

3 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be published on <https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/on-the-water/regatta-calendar>. As a courtesy, skippers of entered yachts will receive e-mails and/or text messages regarding changes.
- 3.2 No changes will be made to the Sailing Instructions less than 24 hours prior to the start of the Race.

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.
- 4.2 When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes". This changes Race Signals.
- 4.3 When the signal flag N is displayed ashore, the race has been abandoned.
- 4.4 Signals made ashore shall also be conveyed to competitors via email and/or text message and broadcast on VHF 78.

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. The 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 AND SECTION BREAKS

- 9.1 The warning signal for the first class shall be at 1825 hrs.
- 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 Line – 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.
- 9.4 Section breaks and starting order is at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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

- 11.1 All boats must finish by 2030 hours. This changes RRS 35.
- 11.2 The course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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 SCORING

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 helmsman and navigator of the first, second, and third place boats.
- 14.3 The overall winner with the best score based on PHRF rating will receive the Commodore's Cup trophy, which will be appropriately engraved and will remain on

- display at Chicago Yacht Club.
- 14.4 An award will be presented to the boat with the most junior sailors aboard who actively participated in crew positions.

15 SAFETY REGULATION

All Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the US Coast Guard from dock to dock. Competitors shall comply with the requirements of the CASRA Nearshore Safety Equipment requirements as published at <http://chicagosailracing.org/documents/>.

16 DOCKAGE

Competitors are invited to dock at CYC Belmont Station for race awards and complimentary food and age-appropriate first beverage after racing. Additional beverages will be available for purchase.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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