



Columbia Cup Distance Regatta

August 3, 2019

Columbia Yacht Club
Chicago, Illinois (USA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Distance Race

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that the rule may not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - i. Boats shall meet US Coast Guard safety requirements
 - ii. Boats shall comply with THE WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS for 2018 – 2019 Category 4 ([http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingOffshoreSpecialRegulations20182019180104-\[23449\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingOffshoreSpecialRegulations20182019180104-[23449].pdf)).
- b. Sailing instruction (SI) 4 (b) changes RRS Race Signal AP.
- c. SI 8 (b) changes RRS 62.1(a).
- d. SI 14 (a) changes RRS 29.1.
- e. SI 17 (a) changes RRS 35.
- f. SI 18 (h) changes RRS 62.2.
- g. SI 19 (a) changes RRS A2.1.
- h. SI 19 (c) changes RRS A4.1, A5 and A11.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Racing Notice Board located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9538>.
- b. Notices will also be posted on the unofficial notice board at Columbia Yacht Club; on the rail-deck, just outside the juniors sailing classroom on the sliding door.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racing Notice Board before 0830 CDT on the day it will take effect, except:
- b. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Columbia Club Ship and as a courtesy on the event website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9538>.
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

- a. Schedule of races and events is as follows:

Date	Time	Action
Saturday August 3, 2019	1100 hrs	First Warning
Sunday August 4, 2019 (Reserve Day)	1015 hrs	First Warning

- b. If conditions do not allow for competition on August 3, 2019, the event will be held on the Reserve Day, August 4, 2019.
- c. One race is scheduled for each class.
- d. One race must be completed to constitute a series.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- a. The Section Break between Offshore and Singlehanded (GLSS) classes and their class flags will be posted on the regatta page of Yachtscoring.com on or before August 2, 2019.
- b. Competitors are advised that classes may be combined in the starting order but will be scored separately.

7. RACING AREAS

- a. The starting area will be located near LMSRF Area III Starting Area 3 (SA 3). The SA 3 coordinates are N 41° 54 and W 087° 32.
- b. The finish will be near LMSRF Starting Area 4 (SA4). SA4 is located 2nm east of Buckingham Fountain at approximately N 41° 52.30', W 87° 35.20'.

8. COURTESY BROADCASTS

- a. The courtesy VHF broadcast channel is 68.
- b. The race committee (RC) may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the VHF channel for each circle. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alleviate the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the race committee courtesy broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9. CHECK-IN [DP]

- a. Prior to the race, each boat shall check-in by:
 - i. Sailing past the RC signal boat and hail her sail number.
 - ii. The RC will acknowledge the hail.

10. COURSES

- a. Course options will be posted on the regatta page of YachtScoring.com by August 2, 2019.

11. MARKS

- a. The starting mark will be a yellow mark. The marks of the distance race will be fixed navigation marks. The finish mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- b. The marks of the distance race will be fixed navigation aids or pumping station cribs.

12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- a. Government buoys marking a security zone around the Chicago water cribs and the area which they define are considered as an obstruction. Boats shall not sail within the perimeter established buoys marking the security zone.

13. THE START

- a. Classes and the order that classes will start will be posted on the regatta page of Yachtscoring.com on August 2, 2019.
- b. The Race Committee may elect to combine classes in a start and will signal combined starts by flying class flags in combination.
- c. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a yellow tetrahedron at the port end of the line.
- d. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

14. RECALLS

- a. In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS, the RC, as a courtesy, the RC will attempt to announce the sail numbers or identification on VHF channel 68. This changes RRS 29.1.

15. THE FINISH

- a. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Signal Boat and an orange finishing mark.
- b. If the Race Committee is not on station at the finish line, finishing yachts shall follow the procedure outlined in the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34 as modified. The last sentence of the US Sailing prescription to RRS 34 is modified to read:
 - i. *"If a boat finishes when the race committee is absent, to be scored as finishing she shall note her finishing time. The finish time shall be the GPS CDT time when the alternate finish line is crossed. Notify the RC, on Channel 68, of their finish time (GPS CDT time) as soon as practical after finishing or email their finish time to racemgt@colyc.com".*

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. Appendix T – Arbitration, will be in effect for this event.
- b. Appendix V1 – Penalty at the Time of an Incident, will be in effect for this event.

17. TIME LIMIT

- a. The time limit will be 1600 hrs. Any boats not finishing within the time designated will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- a. The Protest Desk will be located on rail deck of COLYC club ship.
- b. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk.
- c. Protests will be heard at the Columbia Yacht Club.
- d. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Finish Boat has docked.
- e. For the requirements stated in RRS 61.3, a *protest* or request for redress by a boat may be met by electronically submitting the protest information to the protest committee within the time limit stated in the sailing instructions. Information required by RRS 61.2 may be delivered using electronic mail delivery to PROTEST@COLYC.ORG. Instructions on how to file a protest form may be found on the relevant event page on YachtScoring.com. The party submitting a protest electronically should travel to the regatta venue as quickly as possible to participate in an arbitration meeting or protest hearing.
 - i. Protests submitted digitally shall also be presented to the protest desk in writing on arrival at COLYC.
 - ii. Protestors submitting protests digitally shall be present at the protest desk within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- f. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses along with the location of the hearing.
- g. Images and/or videos from a drone vehicle are not admissible as evidence in a protest or redress hearing.
- h. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing or a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. SCORING

- a. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply. Each boat's series score will be the score of all her race. There will be no discards. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.
- b. For PHRF classes, Time-on-Distance using the PHRF distance rating will be utilized.
- c. Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that finished in her class within time limit (SI 17.a), not to exceed the number of boats registered in the class. This changes RRS Appendix A4.1, A5 and A11.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. Boats shall meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and comply with THE WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS for 2018 – 2019 Category 4 ([http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingOffshoreSpecialRegulations20182019180104-\[23449\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingOffshoreSpecialRegulations20182019180104-[23449].pdf)).

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

- a. Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash. This changes RRS 55.

22. WITHDRAWAL [DP]

- a. Boats that retire from the race or do not intend to start shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racecourse on VHF Channel 68.
- b. Boats that cannot communicate with the Race Committee via VHF may call Columbia Yacht Club at 312-938-3625 (312-WET-DOCK) Chuck Nevel – CoLYC Dock Master as soon as practical.

23. DOCKING

- a. There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at COLYC from 1500 hrs, Friday, August 2 through Sunday, August 4.
- b. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration on the East and South (Outer) sides of the dock.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. [DP]

25. PRIZES

- a. For classes with more than three boats entered, there will be prizes for the top three finishers in each class.
- b. For classes with three or fewer boats entered, only the first-place finisher for that class will be awarded a prize.
- c. Prizes will be awarded at the Columbia Yacht Club after racing on August 3, 2019 or after racing on the reserve date.

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. 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.

27. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

28. CONSENT

- a. Competitors consent to the use of by the organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice or visual recordings of their images ("Recordings"), or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta ("Statements") and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, preform, display, transit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised. Competitors waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recording or Statements and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.