

The Chicago Beer Can Series

May 27-September 2, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Columbia Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for the Beer Can Series.
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Chicago, IL 60601
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2.0 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta series shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2 The rules listed below will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 2.2.1 Rule 63.7 will be changed so that in a case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
 - 2.2.2 LMPHRF and T-10 Class Rule on crew limitation do not apply.
- 2.3 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reject or cancel any entry for violation of these rules or for unsportsmanlike conduct, subject to Rules 69 and 76.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all sailboats 20ft or longer that are equipped with a GPS and VHF radio capable of broadcasting and receiving on VHF channel 69 and meet US Coast Guard safety requirements for offshore sailing at night.
- 3.2 All eligible boats must complete the online registration at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 3.3 Assignment of Beer Can handicaps is offered as an accommodation and such handicaps are not subject to competitor initiated review or protest.
- 3.4 Boats that do not have an LMPHRF Certificate or will be racing in a configuration different from that declared for the LMPHRF certificate must apply for a rating by submitting [a rating application](#) to the Columbia Yacht Club Main Office no later than seven days prior to that boat's first race. The rating application is available on www.yachtscoring.com.
- 3.5 The Beer Can Series will be raced in four divisions:
 - 3.5.1 T-10
 - 3.5.2 Spinnaker: The Spinnaker Division may be divided into classes subject to the ratings of the entered boats. Final class breaks will be in the Sailing Instructions.
 - 3.5.3 JAM: Boats competing in the Jib and Main Division may only use a headsail with a mid-girth no greater than 50% of the foot. Spinnakers including Code 0 and cruising spinnakers are prohibited. This modifies RRS 50.4. A whisker or spinnaker pole of any length may be used. The JAM division may be divided into classes subject to the ratings of entered boats. Final class breaks will be in the Sailing Instructions.
 - 3.5.4 Newbie: The Newbie Division can use whatever sails they declare. The Beer Can Chairmen must approve Newbie entries. The Beer Can Chairmen has the authority to reassign boats to separate divisions.
- 3.6 At least one crew from each eligible boat is highly encouraged to attend a Beer Can College meeting held at Columbia Yacht Club on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 19:00.

4.0 FEES

Entry fee for all boats is \$75.00 payable to Yachtscoring regardless of club affiliation. No boats will be started, finished or scored if not registered through Yachtscoring.

5.0 SCHEDULE

One race is scheduled every Wednesday evening with a first warning at 1840 as follows:

College – May 13

Tune Up Race – May 20

Beer Can Series – May 27-September 2

No Racing – July 8-15

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available no later than two weeks prior to racing on the Beer Can website.

7.0 VENUE AND COURSES

The races will be held on the Columbia Yacht Club Beer Can Series Race Course. This is a circle of permanent marks southwest of the Four-Mile Crib with the center mark SA7 located at N41 51.17' W87 33.41'.

8.0 SCORING

8.1 Time on distance scoring will be utilized.

8.2 Each individual race will be scored using low-point scoring system of RRS A9.

8.3 Boats serving as Race Committee signal boat (other than for races abandoned prior to the first warning) shall be scored by 1 point. The scores of other boats shall not be changed. Therefore, there may be two boats scored in a first place tie for a race.

8.4 Boats failing to finish by 2100 hours will be scored DNF.

9.0 PRIZES

9.1 Prizes will be awarded after racing on each Wednesday at Columbia Yacht Club to the top finisher(s) in each class regardless of the owner's Yacht Club affiliation. A representative of the winning boat must be present to collect the prize on the evening that it is awarded or the prize will be forfeit.

9.2 First place prizes will be awarded to all classes. Second place prizes will be awarded to all classes with 4 or more boats that cross the starting line. Third place prizes will be awarded to all classes with 5 or more boats that cross the starting line.

9.3 Other represented clubs in this race may award separate prizes. You should contact your respective yacht club for details about scoring, prizes, presentations and parties.

9.4 Prizes shall be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class for the overall season series at the Boaters Bash (date TBD).

10. SPONSORS

A big thank you to Beer Can Series sponsor: Goose Island Beer Company.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

There shall be no whining or sniveling – this is Beer Can! For additional information, please contact:

Organizing Club:

Columbia Yacht Club

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Regatta Chair:

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