



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL
August 13-15, 2021**

NOTICE OF RACE

*The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the Organizing Authority.
Chicago Yacht Club is the host.*

ABBREVIATIONS

[SP] Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing.

[DP] Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

[NP] Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. **This changes RRS 60.1(a).**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The ORC Rating Rules will apply for ORC handicap sections.
- 1.4 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors.
- 1.5 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, shall follow [House and Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19](#).
- 1.6 Crew substitutions or changes shall be recorded online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14617> prior to the start of racing each day.
- 1.7 Violations of Section 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6 of this Notice of Race shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority. **This changes RRS 60.1.**
- 1.8 Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules and Local Fleet Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, Local Fleet Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply.
- 1.9 **[DP]** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area.
- 1.10 The ORC Rating Rules (available at www.orc.org/rules) and Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) will apply for the respective handicap sections.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online on or before August 9, 2021 at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14617>.
- 2.2 Racing Area Assignment, Section Breaks, Starting Order and Flag Assignments will be published in Addendum B to the Sailing Instructions no later than 1800 on August 9, 2021.



3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14617>.
- 3.2 **[DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 **[DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to any sailboat of 26 feet LOA or greater that holds either a current ORC handicap certificate, a valid LMPHRF certification or is a member of a one design racing fleet recognized by the Organizing Authority. A boat sailing under ORC will be assigned to a section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.2 A minimum of five bona fide entries must be received by August 1, 2021 for a one design section to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the Organizing Authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORC section, in which case a valid ORC certificate shall be furnished no later than August 6, 2021.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14617> and paying the required fee by August 1, 2021. An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received, waivers are completed, and, if applicable, a valid 2021 ORC has been issued.
- 4.4 An entrant may participate in the Verve Distance Race by marking the entry form accordingly. No additional entry fee will apply. A Verve Distance Race competitor will be scored DNC for that day’s Verve Cup Offshore Regatta races.
- 4.5 An entire one design class may compete in the Verve Cup Distance Race if the fleet captain informs the Organizing Authority of its decision no later than August 1, 2021. The Verve Cup Distance Race results will be scored as part of that section’s Verve Cup results, but no boat within that section will be eligible for the Verve Cup Trophy.

5 FEES

5.1 Required Fees are as follows:

Fee Received By	Fee Per Foot	Max Fee
July 16, 2021	\$13	\$675
August 6, 2021	\$15	\$780

A boat’s LOA should be rounded to the lower whole number (e.g. 35’ 8” = 35’) to determine fees.

5.2 Your entry fee includes:

- Entry to the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
- Docking at the Chicago Yacht Club during the Regatta
- Complimentary access to the Sponsored Pour
- Complimentary access to the Saturday night party
- Trophies

5.3 An administrative fee of \$25 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 6, 2021.



6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 6.2 Bow numbers may be provided by the OA depending on fleet size.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, August 12

1700-1900 Competitor Registration

Friday, August 13

1055 First warning (all circles)

Saturday, August 14

1055 First warning (all circles)

Sunday, August 15

1055 First warning (all circles)

1400 No warning after this time

- 7.2 A maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled for all classes.

8 MEASUREMENT

Each boat competing in a handicap section shall provide a valid ORC certificate or LMPHRF certificate no later than 1800 August 6, 2021.

9 VENUE

Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan off Monroe and Belmont Harbors.

10 COURSES

Courses will be Windward/Leeward using inflatable drop or robotic marks.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded.

This changes RRS A2.

- 12.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.

- 12.3 ORC scoring shall be in accordance with the ORC handicap certificate valid on August 6, 2021. ORC scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) utilizing the Triple Number scoring for Windward / Leeward courses. Explanation of ORC scoring can be found on the US Sailing website at this link: www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Summary-ORC-Scoring-Options-USA-CAN.pdf.

- 12.4 LMPHRF scoring shall be in accordance with the LMPHRF handicap certificate valid on August 6, 2021 using the time-on-time (TOT) buoy handicap rating (HCP).

- 12.5 A boat participating in the Verve Cup Distance Race shall be scored DNC for each Verve Cup Offshore race sailed by its class that day.

- 12.6 A score of TLE will receive the points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus two points. ***This changes RRS A4.2 and RRS A5.***



- 12.7 Scoring inquiries shall be filed online at the event website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14617>.
- 13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**
[DP] Support person vessels shall register with the Regatta Manager prior to racing.
- 14 BERTHING**
Boats wishing to utilize CYC Monroe or Belmont station docks during the regatta shall make reservations prior to the regatta with the respective CYC Dockmaster. CYC Monroe 312-196-2042 or CYC Belmont 312-617-6997. If space is available during the regatta, it will be on a first come/first serve basis.
- 15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
[DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee.
- 16 RISK STATEMENT**
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 17 INSURANCE**
Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.
- 18 PRIZES**
- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded by section. The Verve Cup will be awarded as an overall prize to the winner of the section with the tightest competition determined by formula.
- 18.2 Corinthian prizes will be awarded to classes that have the Corinthian division included in their respective class rules and the winning boat conforms to that rule.
- 19 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS**
Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.
- 20 FURTHER INFORMATION**
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