

Organizing Authority - Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)

July 9th, 2023

Chicago, Illinois (USA)

Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2.
- 1.3. For double handed races; power-driven winches are permitted and boats shall have a functional auto-pilot installed and ready for use while racing. These auto-pilots may be mechanical (wind vane) or electrically operated. Wheel and tiller locks do not meet this rule. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.4. [NP] All competitors shall follow governmental regulations and all the OAs rules and regulations regarding health and safety.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available two months prior to the event at the relevant Yachtscoring.com event page.
- 2.2. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Races and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board for this event is accessible at the relevant Yachtscoring.com event page.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a marine VHF radio capable of communicating on the race channel stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts from the Race Committee is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 3.4. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5. Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a paid or free basis, is allowable.

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4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. This event is open to two divisions of racing; Performance and Casual for any boat of at least 25 feet in length. The Performance division must have a valid 2023 ORCi, ORCc or MWPHRF certificate. The Casual division must have a valid 2023 MWPHRF certificate or request a temporary rating from the OA. All divisions must race in full compliance with their certificate. Divisions and classes are further defined as:

DIVISION	CLASS(s)	ELIGIBILITY
Performance	ORC	Any boat with MWPHRF certificate <34 shall race in the ORC section(s) and use an ORCi or ORCc certificate.
Performance	ORC	Any boat with MWPHRF certificate >33 may race in the ORC section(s) and use an ORCi or ORCc certificate.
Performance	PHRF	Any boat with MWPHRF certificate >33 and <160 may race in this section(s).
Performance	One-Design	per NOR 4.3
Performance	Double-Handed	Any boat with MWPHRF certificate and entries of 3 or more.
Casual	Spinnaker	Any boat with MWPHRF or temporary certificate of >99 and entries of 4 or more. This division has a more casual race format with shorter course.
Casual	Non-Spinnaker	Any boat with MWPHRF or temporary certificate of >99. This division has a more casual race format with shorter course.

- 4.2. Boats must sail with at least two crew members for the race.
- 4.3. Groups of four or more one-design boats desiring to race in a separate class may petition the OA for acceptance as a class. Petitions should be addressed to HalyardHustle@gmail.com, and shall be made no later than 14 days prior to the start of the event. One-design boats accepted as a class by the OA must race in compliance with the following rules:
 - 4.3.1. T-10s must comply with the rules of the National T-10 Association and the local rules of Fleet Number 2. In the event of a discrepancy between the two, the latter shall control.
 - 4.3.2. Beneteau 36.7s must comply with the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One-Design Class Rules and the local rules of the Beneteau First 36.7 Lake Michigan Fleet.
 - 4.3.3. Beneteau 40.7s must comply with Beneteau First 40.7 North American One Design Class Rules.
 - 4.3.4. All other one design classes must comply with their respective class rules.

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- 4.4. Boats shall carry safety equipment in conformance with the CASRA **Nearshore** Safety Regulations.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at the relevant Yachtscoring.com event page.
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in any of these events, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees no later than 900 on the Thursday prior to an event's start time.
- 4.7. Class breaks are at the discretion of the OA based on sufficient entrants and transmitted to competitors by 1200 hours Friday prior to the weekend's race.

5. FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

FEE TYPE	FEE	REQUIRED Payment Date	REFUND POLICY	
Early Entry	\$40	June 10, 11:59pm	Refundable, subject to a \$10 administration	
Regular Entry	\$60	July 6, 9:00am	fee. Must withdraw via Yacht Scoring no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the race.	

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat shall be described in the Entry Form.
- 6.2. Advertising deemed by Organizing Authorities not to be compliant with World Sailing Regulation 20 may be rejected.

7. SCHEDULE

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the event is 1100 (CDT).

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Measurement and weigh-ins will not be conducted by the OA.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

The venue for these races will be the waters of Lake Michigan, with specific starting areas outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. ORC classes shall be scored Time-on-Time (TOT) using the All Purpose single scoring number.
- 10.2. MWPHRF classes shall be scored Time-on-Time (TOT) using formula: HCP rating=650/(550 + MWPHRF HCP rating).

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11. DOCKING

To the extent possible, the OA will make docking available to entered boats. Docking instructions and availability will be outlined in future communications.

12. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

13. INSURANCE

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

14. PRIZES

For the event, prizes will be given as follows:

Starters in a Class	Prizes
1-6	2
7 or more	3

15. 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.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1. Post-race activities will be announced prior to the race.
- 16.2 Please direct any questions to the Regatta Chair: Jane Hoswell,

 HalyardHustle@gmail.com, voice message 312-246-1999. Organizing Authority:
 Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, IL 60601.

17. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us for this event, and a special thanks to our sponsors!

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