



Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Chicago
June 7-9, 2024
Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club
Chicago, IL

ILCA/LASER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing World is the organizing authority (OA) for this regatta. The Chicago Yacht Club (CYC) is the host club and will provide race management assisted by Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, Jackson Park Yacht Club and Columbia Yacht Club. This is an official US Sailing sanctioned event.

The notation '[NP]' in the rule in these Sailing Instructions means that this rule is not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.3 Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area. [DP]
- 1.4 Personal flotation shall be worn.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) and will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is located online at:
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16261>
- 3.2 Check-In: All boats shall check-in with the race committee signal boat by sailing on starboard tack, by the stern of the signal boat and announcing their sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

4. ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS

- 4.1 Boats are to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.
- 4.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, bow numbers, boom stickers, and/or flags.
- 4.3 Bow numbers may be required for some classes.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole yardarm at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Chicago. Flag 'AP' with two sound signals means "races have been postponed."

5.2 When the AP flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. As many races as are viable will be sailed on each scheduled day of racing. A maximum of ten races may be sailed for each class.

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start of the first race each day is 1055.

6.3 On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1430.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan, east of Montrose & Belmont Harbors.

8. COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Appendix 1 shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The course length will be adjusted to target a race time of 40-50 minutes. Failure to hit the target times will not be grounds for redress.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying one or two letters and a number on the course board.

8.4 A gate may be used at the leeward mark. If the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark #2 will be left on port.

9. MARKS

9.1 The starting mark will be a yellow mark; RC intends to use a yellow robotic mark (a.k.a., a MarkSetBot) for the starting mark.

9.2 Both short and long windward marks (Mark #1) will be orange. The RC intends to use a MarkSetBot for the long windward rounding mark (Mark #1 – Long).

9.3 The leeward gate (Mark #2) will be orange inflatable marks.

9.4 The finishing mark will be a white inflatable mark.

9.5 Routine movement of MarkSetBots will not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments, marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor, and collisions with marks that are not actively marks of the course presuming these collisions do not cause damage. This changes RRS 60.1(b), and RRS 62.1.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with US Sailing Prescription Appendix U – Audible-Signal Racing System.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3 The Class flags will be:

Laser (white flag with a red Laser logo)
Laser Radial (red flag with Laser logo) or ILCA 6 (Radial) Flag (green flag with ILCA logo)
Laser 4.7 (white flag with a 4.7) or ILCA 4 (4.7) flag (yellow flat with ILCA logo)

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the race committee signal boat from which a blue flag is displayed and the course side of the nearby mark.

12.2 [DP][NP] Competitors retiring shall report to the race committee before leaving the racing area if practicable.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V – ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES will apply.

13.2 Penalties after racing: RRS Appendix T – ARBITRATION will apply.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for a race will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish 30 minutes after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the 30-minute period has expired for all classes. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Division signal boat docks. The time will be posted on the ONB.

15.2 Hearing request forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found on the Yacht Scoring regatta website under General Race Forms.

15.3 Protests, requests for redress, and requests to reopen a hearing shall be delivered to the protest desk at Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station in person, or via the Owners Corner on the YachtScoring event website, within the appropriate time limit.

15.4 The time limit for requesting redress based on a scoring inquiry is 30 minutes after posting of the results of the scoring inquiry. Except on the last day of the event, if this time limit is after 2000 hours, it is extended to 0830 the following morning. This changes rule 62.2.

15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; or
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

15.6 The protest committee intends to conduct hearings in person at the Chicago Yacht Club. The protest committee will post a notice on the event's Protest Committee console on the Yacht Scoring website to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16. SCORING

16.1 One completed race shall constitute a series.

16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without discard. This changes RRS A2.1.

16.3 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

16.4 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. [DP]

17.2 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 18.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

18. RISK STATEMENT

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA, Chicago Yacht Club and Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club 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.

18.2 The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

18.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that their waiver is complete prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top-three finishers of each qualifying class.

19.2 **Class Trophy:** Boats in classes participating in three or more events of the Series will qualify for **the Sailing World Regatta Series Class Champion award**, which will be based on cumulative race scores from three events:

- a) Competitors must register, pay and compete in a minimum of three events.
- b) The same boat must be used in all three events
- c) The helmsperson must be the same for all three events
- d) A boat's series score will be the total of her points in her three best events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her three best events will be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be

broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event.

19.3 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Junior Team (under 21 years of age), and the top Masters Team.

20. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA and its sponsors for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

21. ENVIRONMENTAL

All SWRS events serve as collection points for sails and lines to repurpose. Bring your old lines and sails to the regatta to upcycle and give new purpose; Chicago, Columbia, Chicago Corinthian & Jackson Park Yacht Clubs may serve as the collection point at this event.

The Regatta Series is continuing to work with Sailors for the Sea Powered by Oceana to maintain Silver Level certified Clean Regatta. Please bring your reusable water bottles, consider car-pooling, utilizing bike-shares, and limit provisioning your boat with single-use plastics.