



## Columbia Yacht Club 2024 Halyard Hustle

**Organizing Authority: Columbia Yacht Club**  
**Sunday, June 16, 2024**  
**Chicago, IL**

### Notice of Race

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 racers, power-driven winches are permitted and boats shall have a functional auto-pilot installed and ready for use while racing. These autopilots 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 of the OAs rules and regulations regarding health and safety.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1.1. The sailing instructions will be available 30 days prior to the event at the relevant Yachtscoring.com event page.
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race 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.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. This event is open to any boat of at least 25 feet in length on deck.
- 4.2. Boats must race with at least two crew members.
- 4.3. Boats in the Performance Division must hold either a valid ORCi or ORCc handicap certificate, a valid MWPHRF certificate, or be a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.4. Boats in the Casual Division must hold a valid MWPHRF certificate or request a provisional rating from the OA. Requests for a provisional rating should be emailed to SailorTom@Whspr.org.
- 4.5. All boats must race in full compliance with their certificate, one-design class rules, or provisional rating as applicable.
- 4.6. [NP] A minimum of 4 entries must be received by 1800 on June 1st., 2024 for a one-design class to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the Organizing Authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORC or MWPHRF section.
- 4.7. [NP] A boat sailing under ORC or MWPHRF will be assigned to a section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.8. Divisions and classes are further defined as:

Divison	Class	Eligibility
Performance	ORC	Any boat with an ORCi or ORCc certificate
Performance	MWPHRF	Any boat with a MWPHRF certificate or provisional handicap >33 and < 160
Performance	MORF Lady Skippers Series	Any boat registered with MORF (Midwest Open Racing Fleet) for the series or the season.
Performance	One-Design	per NOR 4.6
Casual	Spinnaker	Any boat with a MWPHRF Certificate or provisional handicap of >99
Casual	Non-Spinnaker	Any boat with MWPHRF Certificate or provisional handicap of >99

- 4.9. Boats must sail with at least two crew members for the race.
- 4.10. Boats shall carry safety equipment in conformance with the CASRA Nearshore Safety Regulations, available at [www.chicagosailracng.org](http://www.chicagosailracng.org).
- 4.11. Eligible boats may enter the event by completing the online entry form at the relevant Yachtscoring.com event page.
- 4.12. To be considered an entry in any of these events, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees no later than 1200 on the Friday prior to the event's start time.

## **5. FEES**

- 5.1. The regular entry fee for the event is \$60.
- 5.2. Boats entering and paying for a race by May 15, 2024 will be entitled to a reduced early bird fee of \$40.
- 5.3. Fees for boats entered in the MORF Lady Skippers Class are paid through MORF. Boats racing in this class do not need to pay when registering.
- 5.4. All entry fees are refundable, subject to a \$10 administration fee. In order to receive a refund for a race, yachts must withdraw via Yachtscoring.com no later than 24 hours prior to the start of a race.

## **6. ADVERTISING**

- 6.1. Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat must 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 first 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 starting areas 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:  $HCP \text{ rating} = 650 / (550 + MWPHRF \text{ HCP rating})$ .
- 10.3. MORF Lady Skippers Class shall be scored by MORF independent of the fleet.

## **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**

Prizes shall be awarded to all classes except MORF Lady Skippers as follows. Prizes for the MORF Lady Skippers shall be awarded by MORF.

<b>Starters in a Class</b>	<b>Prizes</b>
1 - 4	1
5 - 6	2
> 6	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:

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