

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB
VERVE



VERVE CUP INSHORE REGATTA
BELMONT STATION
AUGUST 28-29, 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios and cellular telephones shall not apply. All boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while racing in this event.
- 1.3 Class rules prohibiting GPS navigation devices shall not apply. The following conditions shall apply to the use of GPS navigation devices: When class rules prohibit the use of a GPS while racing, such a device may be used provided that it shall be installed in a position or covered in such a way that no data may be taken from it while sailing. Data produced by such a device may be viewed only at the dock or on shore.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before the change takes effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the staff at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.
- 4.2 When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1030. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.2 Three races are scheduled on Saturday, August 28 and two races are scheduled on Sunday, August 29. The actual number of races sailed each day will depend upon conditions. More races than scheduled may be sailed.
- 5.3 The race committee shall fly signal flag R at the conclusion of a race to indicate that their intention to start another race.
- 5.4 The warning signal for the first fleet in the start sequence (SI 12.7) shall not be initiated after 1530 on Saturday or 1330 on Sunday. Subsequent fleets in the start sequence may receive a warning signal after 1530 on Saturday or 1330 on Sunday. Fleets with boats still racing at 1525 on Saturday or 1325 on Sunday will not receive a warning signal.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Fleet signals will be the class insignia.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area is located in Lake Michigan approximately two nautical miles east of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy or as posted on the official notice board at Belmont Station.

8 CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- 8.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the Race Committee signal boat, hailing her sail number and receiving an oral acknowledgement from the Race Committee prior to her first race on each day of racing.
- 8.2 Within 1 hour of the official Race Committee docking time the person in charge of each boat shall sign the fleet roster sheet located on the bulletin board outside the Race Committee room at Belmont Station to check out for the day. Boats may check out from the water by calling the race committee on the designated VHF channel and receiving an oral check out acknowledgement.

- 8.3 A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.
- 8.4 A boat found to have broken SI 8.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class. A boat found to have broken SI 8.2 or 8.3 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 8.5 VHF hailing channel 73 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts. The race committee may change the hailing channel by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the first warning signal for each race or by posting on the official notice board near the Race Committee room at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Appendix A of these sailing instructions show the courses, including the signal flag that may be flown to signal the course configuration, the approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed. All marks will be left to port, unless there is a gate.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on a board the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first marks and the course to be sailed by each fleet.
- 9.3 Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel or by flags. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts or flags are not grounds for a request for redress.
- 9.4 A numerical pennant may be flown to indicate the number of legs for all fleets.
- 9.5 Signal flag Golf will be flown to indicate that gates will be used on the course. If a gate is signaled but one of the gate marks is absent, then the existing gate mark shall be rounded to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Original turning marks will be orange inflatable shapes.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be yellow. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white inflatable left to port on the opposite side of the signal boat from starting line. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active long course weather mark.

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated an obstruction:

The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the Coast Guard.
Boats shall not sail between the marks.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. All sound signals used in the starting sequence may be the same. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 Boats on the course side at the start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee on the designated VHF channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress.
- 12.5 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.6 Fleets shall start the first scheduled race of the day in the order shown in SI 12.7. Any subsequent races shall be started no less than five minutes after that fleet has finished a race. At the discretion of the Race Committee, a fleet may be started while other classes are still racing. The Race Committee will alert boats prior to the warning signal for subsequent starts via the designated VHF channel and/or with short, rapid sound signals to draw the competitor's attention. Errors and omissions in the sound signals or the announcement are not grounds for a request for redress.
- 12.7 Start Sequence
 - 1. Etchells Class
 - 2. Soling Class
 - 3. J/24 Class
 - 4. Shields Class
 - 5. Luders 16 Class
 - 6. Rhodes 19 Class

The Race Committee may elect to combine classes into a fleet on the water and will signal combined starts by flying class flags in combination.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress.
- 13.3 The Race Committee may not signal a course change of 5 degrees or less. The course change will continue to use the active mark. This changes RRS 33(a).

14 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port. This instruction shall not apply when RRS 32.2 applies.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The race time limit for all fleets shall be two and a half (2.5) hours. The Mark 1 time limit for all fleets shall be 45 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.
- 15.3 Failure to meet target times are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest must notify the Race Committee at the finish of the race of her intent to protest and the identity of the protested party. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office at Belmont Station. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the Race Committee finishing boat. This time limit applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted on the notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 61.1(b).

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4 will apply. A boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores and no race score shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2. One race completed shall constitute a regatta.
- 17.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring inquiry form available at the race office.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second, and third in each class.

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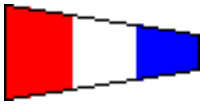



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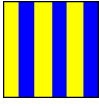
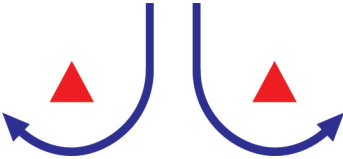
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APPENDIX α

| W/L (“Whiskey Flag”) Fleet Courses | |
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|  | Etchells & Soling: WL (Long) J-24 & Shields: WL (Long) Luders 16 & Rhodes 19: WS (Short) |
|   | Etchells & Soling: WL (Long) J-24 & Shields: WA (Long, Short) Luders 16 & Rhodes 19: WS (Short) |
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| Course Length Flags | |
|---|------------|
|  | Three legs |
|  | Four legs |
|  | Five legs |
|  | Six Legs |

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|  | Gates will be used for leeward turning marks  |
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APPENDIX α

Diagram of W/L (“Whiskey flag”) Courses

| <i>Course</i> | Marks | | <i>Course</i> | Marks |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------------------------|
| W4L | Start, 1L, 2, 1L, Finish | | W3L | Start, 1L, 2, Finish |
| W4S | Start, 1S, 2, 1S, Finish | | W3S | Start, 1S, 2, Finish |
| W4A | Start, 1L, 2, 1S, Finish | | W5L | Start, 1L, 2, 1L, 2, Finish |
| W6L | Start, 1L, 2, 1L, 2, 1L, Finish | | W5S | Start, 1S, 2, 1S, 2, Finish |
| W6A | Start, 1L, 2, 1S, 2, 1S, Finish | | W5A | Start, 1L, 2, 1S, 2, Finish |
| W6S | Start, 1S, 2, 1S, 2, 1S, Finish | | | |

