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Sailing Instructions

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**THE 2011 VERVE CUP REGATTA
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
AUGUST 19 - 21, 2011**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Verve Cup Regatta headquarters are located at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Station, (312) 861-7777, www.chicagoyachtclub.org, and will be open from 07:30 to 21:00 daily.
2. The legal drinking age in Illinois is 21. Minors will NOT be served and proof of age will be required. Intoxication or discourteous behavior may be grounds for expulsion from the event. **SKIPPERS AND OWNERS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THEIR CREW. A BOAT IS SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION IF ANY OF ITS UNDER AGE CREW IS FOUND TO BE ILLEGALLY CONSUMING ALCOHOL.**
3. Admission to all VERVE CUP REGATTA events will be open to all race participants and guests. **There are no social fees, tickets or other charges required to attend the onshore regatta events.**
4. Docking information: The following rules will be in force for the 2011 contestant yachts:
No boat on the seawall or in a raft shall be left unattended for more than one hour.
Chicago Yacht Club dock attendants shall assign mooring arrangements as indicated in Notice of Race 15. Please assist the Club attendants in their efforts.
Any boat seeking dockage at the Chicago Yacht Club must allow rafting as prescribed by the Dock Master. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. The Verve Cup Regatta is made possible through corporate sponsorships. In consideration of that commitment, the only signage permitted at the shore site will be that associated with the event sponsorship. This includes flags, banners, promotions, etc.
PLEASE NOTE: Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's copyrighted name.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration: Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Station
Thursday, August 18, 2011
Between 12:00 hours and 19:00 hours

COMPETITORS MEETING:

18:30 hours at Monroe Station, Thursday, August 18, 2011.

FIRST WARNING: Circle A (CDT): Friday, 09:55; **Saturday, 10:25**; Sunday, 09:55
Circles B & C: 09:55 CDT; Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

PARTIES At the conclusion of each day's racing.

The Chicago Yacht Club 2011 Verve Cup Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Chicago Yacht Club Verve Cup Committee shall represent the Chicago Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2010-2012 (RRS). The rules and associated regulations of the the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR), the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4, as modified by the organizing authority, and the Notice of Race, will apply.
- 1.2 If any conflicts arise between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the main lobby of the Monroe Street Station.
- 2.2 As a courtesy to competitors, notices may also be posted on the first floor of the Belmont Station and at www.yachtscoring.com.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and at www.yachtscoring.com before 0800 CDT on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag pole, located northeast of the center of the Monroe Station clubhouse.
- 4.2 When Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, the warning will be made not less than 75 minutes after "AP" is lowered. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing on Friday, August 19, Saturday, August 20, and Sunday, August 21, will consist of windward/leeward courses with as many races completed as practical. The first warning signal for each day is 09:55 CDT, except for Circle A on Saturday, August 20 when the first warning signal shall be at 10:25 CDT.

- 5.2 At the finish of a race, the Race Committee will indicate its intent to conduct a subsequent race by displaying the "Second Substitute" pennant.

- 5.3 No warning signal shall be given after 14:00 hours CDT August 21, 2011.

6. CIRCLES, SECTIONS, SECTION FLAGS AND STARTING TIMES

Information will be provided in S.I. Addendum #1 at registration and online at www.yachtscoring.com indicating the assignment of Circles, Sections, Section Flags and initial starting order. Section flags shall be flown from each boat's backstay while racing. Boats without a permanent backstay shall attach the flag to the upper aft rail, starboard of center.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The Racing Areas are shown in *Illustration "A"*.
- 7.2 *Circle A* is approximately 5.1 Nautical miles at a heading of 040° (True) from the inner Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41° 56' North and 87° 32' West.
- 7.3 *Circle B* is approximately 4.5 Nautical miles at a heading of 115° (True) from the inner Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41° 50' North and 87° 31' West.
- 7.4 *Circle C* will be located approximately 4.5 Nautical miles at a heading of 082° (True) from the inner Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41° 53' North and 87° 31' West.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Courses for each race will be selected from Illustration "B". The diagrams in Illustration "B" show the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The official length of the Course shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.2 The Course selected will be signaled by International Code Flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat with or before the warning signal. The magnetic bearing and the distance from the starting line to the first rounding mark (Mark 1 or 1A) will be displayed from a sign-board.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The finish mark for Courses 3 and 5 will be orange and the finish mark for Courses 4 and 6 will be white. (See S.I. 12)
- 9.2 For Circles A & B, original rounding marks will be orange. New marks will be yellow. For Circle C, original rounding marks will be Green. New marks will be yellow. (See S.I. 11)
- 9.3 If a leeward mark gate is used, it will be signaled by flying International Code Flag "G".
- 9.4 The leeward mark for the Great Lakes 70's section will be their original yellow starting mark.
- 9.5 If a Weather Mark offset mark is used, it will be signaled by the Race Committee Signal Boat by flying International Code Flag "O" and set approximately 90° to port of Mark 1 or 1A at a distance of approximately 100 yards. If a change of course is signaled, NO offset mark will be placed near the reset weather mark.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the port-end starting mark. Multiple classes may be combined for any given start.
- 10.2 The starting mark for the Great Lakes 70's, J105, Beneteau 36.7 and Tartan 10 sections will be yellow. The starting mark for all other sections will be orange.
- 10.3 Before the start of a boat's first race each day, it shall come within hailing distance of the Race Committee Signal Boat and display its sail number.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting area is defined as an area extending 150 yards to windward and to leeward of the starting line and the same distance at either end.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1 **Change of course before a start.** The Race Committee may postpone and reset Mark 1 and/or 1A for sections not yet started. The change will be signaled by the Race Committee as follows:
The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal a postponement to reset the starting line and weather mark(s). Code flag "C" will be displayed along with the magnetic bearing to the new weather mark. Intermittent sound signals may continue until one minute prior to the warning signal for the next section to start. The new Mark 1 or 1A will be yellow. Code Flag "C" will continue to be displayed to each section for whom the yellow Mark 1 or 1A applies as either their original or changed windward mark.
- 11.2 **Change of course after a start.** The new mark will be of a different color than the mark it is replacing (yellow or orange).

- 11.3 A course change of 5 degrees or less may not be signaled by the Race Committee. The course change will continue to use the active mark. This changes RRS 33A.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish Line for Courses 4 and 6 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the white finishing mark. The Finish Line will be on the side opposite of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line. This instruction shall not apply when RRS 32.2 applies.
- 12.2 The finish mark for Courses 3 and 5 will be orange and the finish mark for Courses 4 and 6 will be white. (See S.I. 12)
- 12.3 The Finish Line for Courses 3 and 5 will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark. The Finish Line will be located approximately 200 yards beyond Mark 1A. Boats sailing both the short and long courses shall finish beyond Mark 1A. This instruction shall not apply when RRS 32.2 applies

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2 as modified by class rules) or the Scoring Penalty (RRS 44.3) may be taken at the option of the offending boat. The decision shall not be subject to protest or redress. The Race Committee shall be informed of any action taken upon completion of the race.

14. WITHDRAWAL

Boats that retire from a race or do not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course. Boats that cannot communicate with the Race Committee, shall call Chicago Yacht Club at 312-861-7777, as soon as possible. The information should be left with/for the protest secretary.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each section will be two hours from that section's starting signal for the first finisher and an additional 30 minutes for all remaining boats in that section. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored "TLE" (See SI 17.4).

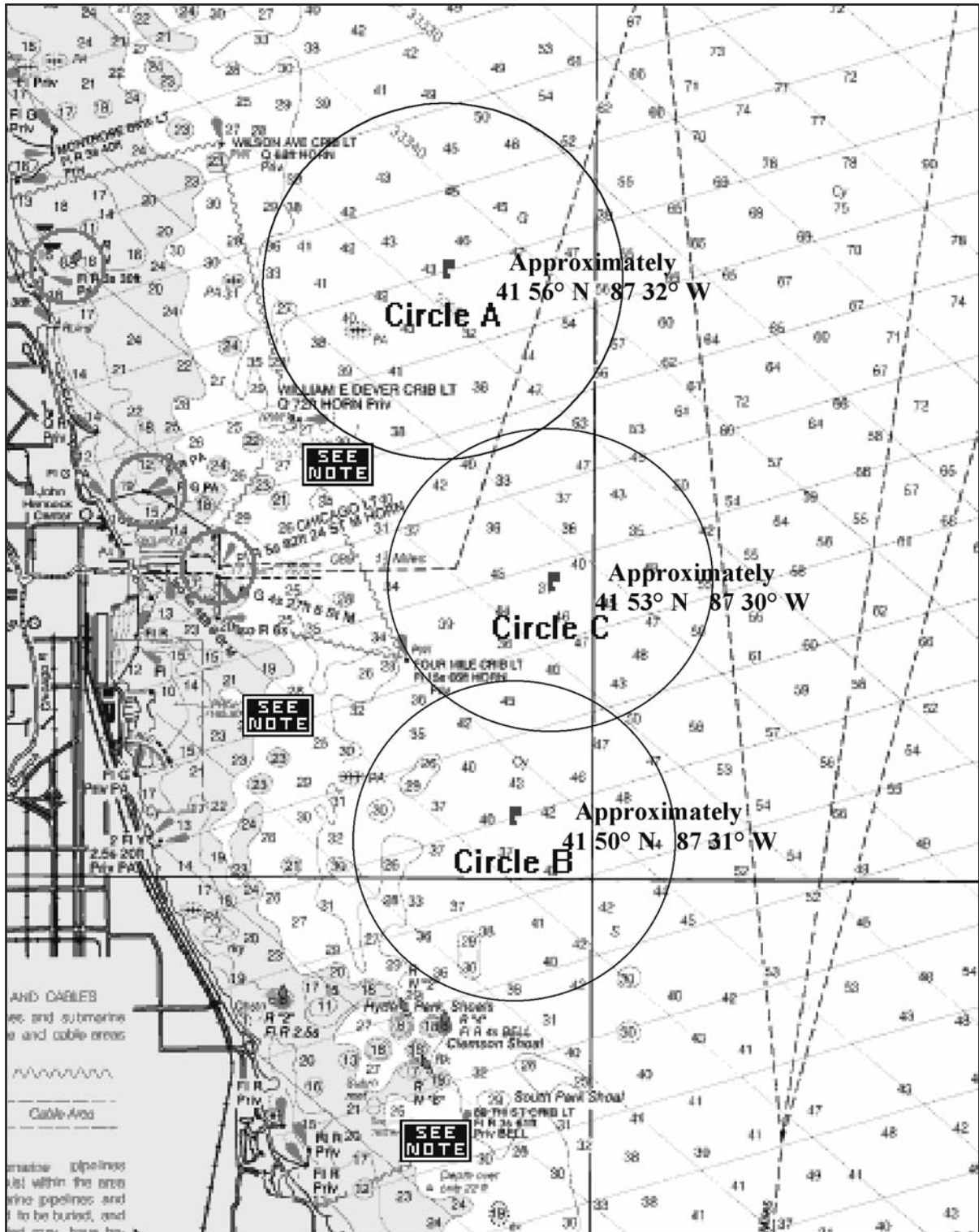
16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgement. Failure to comply with this instruction shall render the protest invalid. This modifies RRS 61.

- 16.2 Protests shall be submitted on standard US Sailing protest forms or on forms which can be obtained from the Protest Committee Secretary. Protests must be filed within one hour of the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat for the circle on which the competitor raced.
- 16.3 Scoring queries shall be initiated using a Scoring Inquiry form or filing a request for redress within **one hour** of the posting of the preliminary results of the final race of the day for each boat's respective section.
- 16.4 The Protest Committee Secretary shall post a Notice of all protests and requests for redress filed by the end of the official protest period along with an initial schedule of hearings which will be updated as needed. Each party to a protest may be assigned an electronic pager.
- 16.5 Protest Arbitration. The Protest Procedure is modified to allow a prehearing involving one judge and the parties to the protest. If, within 10 minutes, an agreement can be reached by all parties on a resolution of the protest no hearing will be held. If the participants agree that the protested or protesting boat(s) infringed a rule, then that boat shall be penalized as prescribed by Racing Rule 44.3c except that the infringing boat shall be assessed a 40% scoring penalty. A pre-hearing will not be reopened. These procedures change RRS 63.1, 63.6 and 66. Arbitration is only available for protests involving Part 2 of the RRS and is limited to incidents between two boats. The arbitrator may be called as a witness during the protest hearing.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 10.4 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPL.
- 17. SCORING**
- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, will apply. There will be no throw-outs and the boat's total score will be the sum of her results for all races. This modifies RRS A2. One race constitutes a Regatta.
- 17.2 ORR scoring shall be in accordance with the ORR Handicap certificate in effect on August 12, 2011. Scoring shall be calculated using Time-on-Time (TOT) scoring utilizing the ORR WW 50%, LW 50% mix .
- 17.3 Boats scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) will be scored points equal to the number of boats in their section finishing within the time limit plus two points, except that no boat will be scored worse than last place by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.
- 18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**
- A boat shall monitor her assigned courtesy radio channel (as specified in Section 19), except in the event of an emergency. The Race Committee will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge a boat's retirement, notification of protest or request for assistance in an emergency.
- 19. COURTESY BROADCASTS**
- The Race Committee may report all visual signals displayed by the Race Committee Boats on VHS Channel 78 for Circle A, Channel 73 for Circle B and Channel 79 for Circle C. Such broadcasts are intended solely as a courtesy to the competitors and do not replace the visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions made in courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.
- 20. INSPECTIONS**
- The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat at any time without any prior notification.
- 21. PRIZES**
- 21.1 Series prizes will be awarded by section according to the number of boats racing in a section as follows:
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| Less than or equal to 15 boats: | 1st, 2nd, 3rd |
| 16-25 boats: | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th |
| 26 or more boats: | 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th |
- 21.2 The Verve Cup will be awarded to the Offshore boat whose division featured the closest, most competitive racing throughout the Regatta.
- 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

RACE AREAS

Illustration A



RACE COURSES

Illustration B

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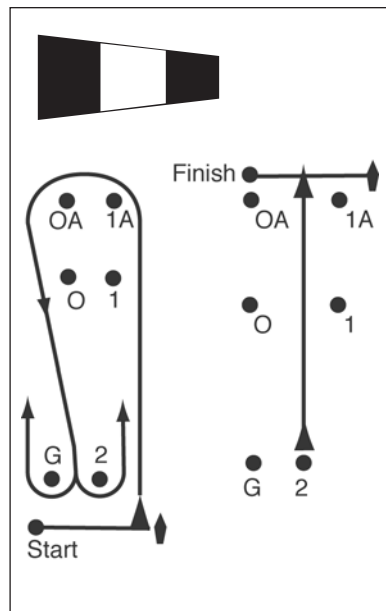
The courses sailed shown in the diagrams below apply to the “short” and “long” courses. The rounding order for the “short” courses shall be identical with the “long” courses, except that boats shall round marks 1 and O or 1A and OA.

The Race Committee may set marks 1 and 1A at the same distance to facilitate fair racing. In such a case, only one mark will be used as both mark 1 and 1A. There will not be two marks set at the same distance.

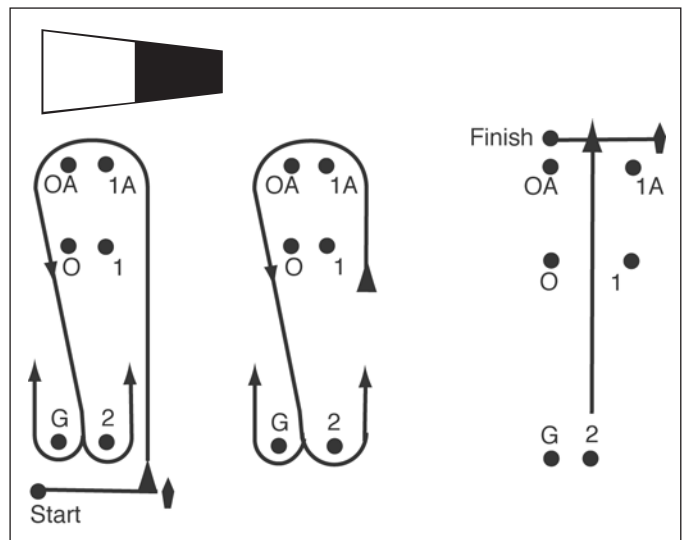
The finishing lines for courses 4 and 6 shall be the same for both the long and short courses. The finishing line for courses 3 and 5 shall be approximately 200 yards beyond mark 1A. (The longer course).

COURSE 3 (3 Legs)

Windward-Leeward-Windward: The marks shall be rounded in the following order: 1, O (Off-set), 2 or G, Finish (or 1A, OA, 2 or G, Finish). Marks 1, 1A, O, OA, and 2 must be left to port. Mark G, if rounded, must be left to starboard. A yacht must pass between marks 2 and G before rounding either of them.

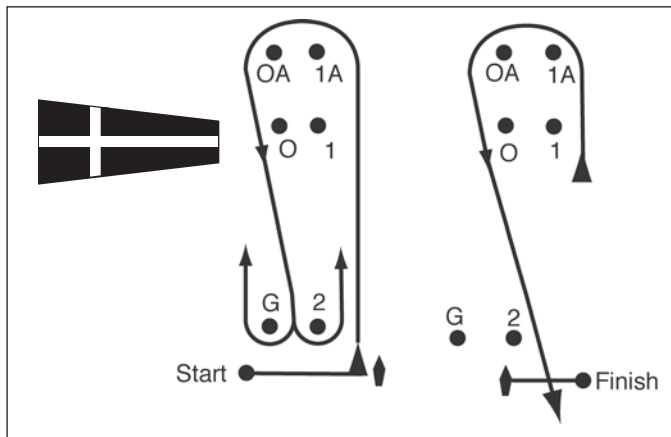


COURSE 5 (5 Legs)



Windward-Leeward-Windward-Leeward-Windward: The marks shall be rounded in the following order: 1A, OA, 2 or G, 1A, OA, 2 or G, Finish (or, 1, O, 2 or G, 1, O, 2 or G, Finish). Marks 1A, 1, OA, O and 2 must be left to port. Mark G if rounded, must be left to starboard. A yacht must pass between marks 2 and G before rounding either mark.

COURSE 4 (4 Legs)



Windward-Leeward, Twice Around: The marks shall be rounded in the following order: 1A, OA, 2 or G, 1A, OA, Finish (or, 1, O, 2 or G, 1, O, Finish). Marks 1A, 1, OA, O and 2 must be left to port. Mark G, if rounded, must be left to starboard. A yacht must pass between marks 2 and G before rounding either mark.

COURSE 6 (6 Legs) may be selected: Windward-leeward 3 times around. See Course 4.

If a leeward mark gate is used, it will be signaled by the Race Committee boat by flying the International Code Flag “G”.

(The G flag is 6 vertical stripes, alternating between yellow & blue.)

If a leeward gate is NOT used, the leeward mark shall be left to port.



If an offset mark is used, it will be signaled by the Race Committee Boat by flying International Code Flag “O”.

(The O flag is yellow & red divided in half diagonally left to right)



2011 Verve Cup Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration, Commodore Room, CYC Monroe Station
6:30 p.m. Skipper's Meeting, Regatta Tent, CYC Monroe Station, featuring weather presentation by Chris Bedford of Sailing Weather Services

REMINDERS:

- *Order Box Lunches - Forms available at Registration*
- *Stay for the Pasta Bar in the CYC Main Dining Room - All skippers and crew are welcome*
- *CYC Main Dining Room Reservations available for crew dinners*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Hospitality Desk open
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Box Lunch pickup at CYC Monroe Lobby
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Continental breakfast available on the CYC Monroe Patio
8:00 a.m. Competitor Weather Briefing by Chris Bedford of Sailing Weather Services
8:30 a.m. Harbor Start
9:55 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Racing (approximate times)
11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Regular Lunch Menu
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Hospitality Desk open
+/-5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sponsored Competitor Party in the Tent Presented by Karma Yacht Sales
Music by "Confinement"
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Casual Grill available in parking lot, CYC Main Dining Room available for crew dinners

REMINDERS:

- *Visit the SLAM booth to purchase Regatta merchandise*
- *Visit the Audi display of cars*
- *Visit the Regatta Village with booths from Equinox Fitness, Sails for Sustenance, and Chicago Yacht Yard*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Hospitality Desk open
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Box Lunch pickup at CYC Monroe Lobby
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Continental breakfast available on the CYC Monroe Patio
8:00 a.m. Competitor Weather Briefing by Chris Bedford of Sailing Weather Services
8:30 a.m. Harbor Start
9:55 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Racing (approximate times)
11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Regular Lunch Menu
+/-5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sponsored Competitor Party in the Tent Presented by Mount Gay Rum and Samuel Adams Beer
Music by "Parrot Troopers"
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Casual Grill available in Parking Lot or CYC Main Dining Room available for crew dinners

REMINDERS:

- *Visit the SLAM booth to purchase Regatta Merchandise*
- *Visit the Audi display of cars*
- *Visit the Regatta Village with booths by Equinox Fitness, Sails for Sustenance, and Chicago Yacht Yard*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Hospitality Desk open
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Box Lunch pickup at CYC Monroe Lobby
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Continental breakfast available on the CYC Monroe Patio
8:00 a.m. Competitor Weather Briefing by Chris Bedford of Sailing Weather Services
8:30 a.m. Harbor Start
9:55 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Racing (approximate times)
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sponsored Competitor Party presented by Mount Gay Rum and Samuel Adams Beer
Music by "How Far to Austin"
4:00 p.m. Awards Presentation (pending protests)
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Hospitality Desk open for shirt size exchange
3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Lakeside Chill and Grill available on the Patio

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