



**ORR Offshore Program  
Chicago Yacht Club**

**May 19, 2012 -- October 13, 2012  
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60, 63.2, and 63.4.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station and as a courtesy on the event website at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1800 on the Wednesday before the change takes effect.
- 3.2 Competitors are responsible for checking the official notice board or the event website each race day.

### **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 race signal AP.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Offshore ORR 1	May, 19, 2012
Offshore ORR 2	August 18, 2012
Offshore ORR 3	October 6, 2012
Offshore ORR 4	October 13, 2012
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1120. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.3 Up to three races for each ORR section may be sailed each day. If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500.

### **6 SECTION FLAGS**

The Section One flag will be numeral pennant 1.  
The Section Two flag will be numeral pennant 2.

### **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area is located in Lake Michigan approximately two nautical miles east of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy.

## **8 COURTESY BROADCASTS**

VHF 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 B show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed. Marks shall be left to port.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on a board the course, the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 and the distance to Mark 1 for each section.

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. This changes rule 62.1(a).

9.4 A numeral pennant Five will be flown when the course is five legs.

9.5 Mark 2 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.

9.6 Long Mark 1 may have an offset signaled by flag O. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Long Mark 1 shall be left to port.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 Original turning marks will be orange shapes.

10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.

10.3 The starting mark will be green. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white shape 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 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.

12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.3 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. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

- 12.5 Races will be started no less than five minutes after a section has finished a race. 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. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.6 The race committee may elect to combine sections in a start and will signal combined starts by flying section signal 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 Offset marks, if used as provided in instruction 9.7, will not be set on a changed leg of the course.
- 13.3 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. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 13.4 The race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg change will continue to use the active mark. This changes rule 33(a).

### **14 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port.

### **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 The race time limit for all sections will be two (2) hours. The Mark 1 time limit for each section will be 45 minutes.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned for that class.


### **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the race committee within the appropriate time limit. Protests and requests for redress may be filed by email to [racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org).
- 16.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the race committee finishing boat. That time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.3 The hearing schedule will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 61.1(b).

### **17 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given to the top three boats in each section for each event.

## Appendix A

Course 4	Four legs. This course is a windward, leeward, twice around, finish to leeward. The marks shall be rounded in the order of 1 (1A) 2P/2S, 1 (1A), finish. Mark 2 may be left on either side on the first windward leg and on the finishing leg.
Course 5 	Five legs. This course is a windward, leeward, twice around, finish to windward. The marks shall be rounded in the order of 1 (1A) 2P/2S, 1 (1A), 2P/2S, finish. Mark 2 may be left on either side on the first windward leg and Mark 1 and offset may be left on either side on the finishing leg.

