

Sailing Instructions

These special sailing instructions contain information that is specific to Burnam Park, Chicago Yacht Club and Columbia Yacht Club boats and the Tartan Ten Class boats. Several sections apply to boats from all clubs and MORF for the Columbia –Yacht Club Challenge Regatta. This information is intended to supplement the information provided in the Notice of Race and General Sailing Instructions.

1. Notices To Competitors

Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Racing Notice Board located on the port side of the rail deck on the Columbia Club ship.

2. Changes To Sailing Instructions

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racing Notice Board before 1200 CDT on the day it will take effect. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to email these changes to all competitors before 1500 CDT on the day it will take effect.

3. Columbia Beer Can Regatta Series Scoring

- 3.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A as modified below will apply. This modifies RRS Appendix A.
- 3.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This modifies A2
- 3.3 Boats serving as Race Committee for races (other than for the tuneup race and races which have been abandoned) shall be scored in first place. The scores of the other boats will not be changed. Therefore, there could be two boats with a first place finish for each race. This modifies A4 and A5

4. Yacht Club Challenge Regatta Series Scoring

- 4.1 Individual Boat Series
 - 4.1.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total score of all her races. There will be no discards, modifying Rule A2.

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- 4.1.2 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 4.1.3 Boats must compete in all completed races to be scored for the series. This modifies A2 and A9
- 4.2 Yacht Club Challenge Series
 - 4.2.1 The first three boats from each participating club/association in each class will be ranked 1-12 based on the series results. If a club/association has fewer than three boats in a class, scores of 13 will be assigned to make up a total of three entries for each club/association. If a boat is entered through more than one club/association, she will be scored for all clubs/associations through which she is entered.
 - 4.2.2 The scores from 4.2.1 above for each club/association will be added. The club/association with the lowest total wins the Trophy.
 - 4.2.3 In case of a tie, the tie will be broken using the Jib and Main Class results only. If a tie remains between two or more clubs, they shall be ranked in order of their scores (JAM and Spinnaker Classes included) in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied clubs' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken.

5. Scoring

- 5.1 Time on distance scoring will be utilized
- 5.2 Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be awarded one point more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS A4.1 and A4.2.

6. Columbia Beer Can Regatta Prizes

- 6.1 Boats serving as Race Committee boat shall receive a first place class prize.
- 6.2 Prizes will be awarded at Columbia Yacht Club following each race.
- 6.3 The owner, charterer, designated skipper or spouse of one of these individuals must be present at the time prizes are awarded to receive a prize.
- 6.4 Individual Race Prizes
 - 6.4.1 Prizes for each class will be awarded as follows:

Number of Boats Finishing in Class	Number of Prizes
0 - 2	0
3 – 8	1
9 – 12	2
13 +	3

- 6.4.2 Only one prize will be awarded to a boat during the Pre-Mac races as well as only one prize will be awarded to a boat during the Post-Race to Mackinac races.
- 6.4.3 If a boat qualifies for a prize a second time, the prize will be awarded to the next highest placing boat that has not previously been awarded a prize.
- 6.5 Fleet Prizes
 - 6.5.1 A fleet prize will be awarded to the boat finishing first among the combined Columbia classes and the T-10 Class for each race.
 - 6.5.2 Only one fleet prize will be awarded to a boat during the Pre-Mac races and only one fleet prize will be awarded to a boat during the Post-Mac races.
 - 6.5.3 If a boat qualifies for a fleet prize a second time, the prize will be awarded to the next highest placing boat that has not previously been awarded a fleet prize.
 - 6.5.4 A boat may not win both the fleet and class prizes for the same race. If a boat, which has previously won one prize subsequently, qualifies for the other, she shall be eligible for the second prize.

- 6.6 Series Prizes
 - 6.6.1 Three series prizes will be awarded in each class.
 - 6.6.2 Series prizes will be awarded at the Awards Banquet on October 20th.

7. Yacht Club Challenge Regatta Prizes

- 7.1 Prizes will be presented at the Columbia Yacht Club. Prizes for the June 26th and August 21st races will be presented following the races of the following weeks.
- 7.2 The owner, charterer, designated skipper or the spouse of one of these individuals must be present to receive a prize.
- 7.3 Individual Race Prizes
 - 7.3.1 Three prizes for each class will be awarded.
 - 7.3.2 Only one individual race prize will be awarded to a boat during the Columbia Yacht Club Challenge Regatta.
 - 7.3.3 If a boat qualifies for an individual race prize a second time, the prize will be awarded to the next highest placing boat that has not previously been awarded an individual race prize.
- 7.4 Individual Boat Series Prizes

Three series prizes will be awarded in each class. The prizes will be awarded at the Beer Can Bash on September 19th at Columbia Yacht Club.

7.5 Yacht Club Challenge Prize

The yacht club/sailing association that wins the Columbia – Mount Gay Rum Yacht Club Challenge Regatta will receive custody for the next year of the permanent traveling trophy. A plaque with the yacht club's/sailing association's name and burgee and the names of all boats on the winning team will be permanently affixed to the trophy.

8. Crew Development Award

The Crew Development Award will be awarded to the Columbia Skipper who contributes the most to helping new members, including our Skip Jacks, learn to sail. Participating Skip Jacks and program leaders will bestow this honor on the selected skipper.

9. Culinary Arts Award

We need to encourage the race committee members to spend long hours and work hard to make Beer Can races happen. We do this through the Culinary Arts Award. Columbia Race Committee boats that provide the best grub to our hard working race committee will be awarded a special prize at the Beer Can Awards Banquet.

To best describe the importance of good victuals on the Race Committee boat, we have enclosed an adapted quote from "The Wooden World: An Anatomy of the Georgian Navy" by N.A. M. Rodger, circa 1760.

"Sailboat racers, and more especially race committee members, love their bellies above all else, and therefore it must always be remembered on the management of victualling of the race committee boat that to make any abatement in the quantity or the agreeableness of the victuals is to discourage and provoke them in the tenderest point, and will sooner render them disgusted with race committee service than any other hardship that can be put upon them."