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Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Harbor Station

August 18 - 21, 2011



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2009 – 2012.
- 1.2 The rules and associated regulations of the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) or the individual One-Design Fleet Rules (these may be modified by local fleet rules if submitted no later than August 1, 2011) and the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4, as modified by the organizing authority, will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A description of any advertising carried by any boat must be submitted to the organizing authority via email at racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org prior to August 1, 2011.
- 2.2 Advertising deemed by the organizing authority not to be compliant with ISAF Regulation 20.2.2 and 20.2.3 may be rejected. Competitors that are permitted to display advertising are urged to refrain from displaying advertising that competes with the sponsors of this event.
- 2.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All Persons in Charge of boats participating in the Verve Cup Regatta must be members of their national sailing body. (US Sailing: www.ussailing.org)
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to all boats of 25 feet LOA or greater that either holds a current Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) Handicap Certificate or is a member of a one-design racing fleet accepted by the Organizing Authority. A minimum of 7 legitimate entries must be received by August 12, 2011, for a one-design fleet to be started and scored. If the number of entries seeking to constitute a one-design section does not meet this minimum requirement, the organizing authority has the authority to assign these boats to an appropriate ORR section, in which case a valid ORR certificate must be furnished no later than August 12, 2011. The organizing authority reserves the option to create a “grand prix” section of boats at the faster end of the rating spectrum if a significant number of entries are received. The organizing authority reserves the option to create a One-Design section that does not meet the LOA requirements. The boats shall be assigned sections according to Handicap Ratings and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found at www.chicagoyachtclub.org (click on Verve Cup Logo on home page) or www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required fee by August 5, 2011. Late fees will apply to entries received after August 5, 2011 up to the entry deadline of August 12, 2011. An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received as prescribed below and, if applicable, a valid 2011 ORR rating is provided.

3.4 *SPECIAL Accommodation* - Verve Distance Race

- A) If a yacht is a valid entrant in the Verve CUP and wishes to participate in the Verve Distance Race, she shall be able to do so by marking the Entry Form appropriately to inform the Organizing Authority of that yacht's intent. No additional entry fee will be charged for the Distance Race, however any yacht making such a change will be scored DNS for that day's Verve CUP races.
- B) If an ENTIRE One-Design section racing the Verve CUP desires to race the Verve Distance Race INSTEAD of the Verve CUP on Saturday, August 20, 2011, that fleet shall be able to do so if that fleet's captain informs the Organizing Authority no later than August 12, 2011 that such a change is desired. In this case the results for the Verve Distance Race will be scored as part of that Fleet's Verve Cup series, but no yacht within that fleet shall be eligible for the Overall Verve Cup Trophy. No additional entry fee will be charged for making this change.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required entry fee for all boats is U.S. \$7.00 per foot. If paid prior to June 1, 2011 a \$1.00 per foot discount shall apply but the total fee shall not be more than \$400 prior to June 1, 2011. Between June 1, 2011 and August 5, 2011 the fee is U.S. \$7 per foot, but the total fee shall not be more than \$425.
- 4.2 In addition to the entry fee, a late fee of U.S. \$75 will be required for all entries received after August 5, 2011 and before August 12, 2011.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew.
- 4.4 An administrative fee of \$35 shall apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 12, 2011.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration: A representative from each boat must register at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, Thursday, August 18, 2011 between 12:00 hours and 19:00 hours.
- 5.2 There will be a skipper's meeting at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, at 18:30 hours, Thursday, August 18, 2011.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for August 19, August 20 and August 21 is 09:55 with as many races as practical completed each day, with the exception of Circle C on Saturday, August 20 when the first warning signal will not be made prior to 10:25 hours. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, August 21.

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall produce a valid 2011 ORR Handicap Certificate. Applications for a ORR Certificate may be obtained from: US Sailing (USSailing.org).
- 6.2 Each boat racing in a One-Design section shall carry a valid One-Design measurement certificate.
- 6.3 No handicap or rating changes will be accepted after 18:00 hours, August 12, 2011.
- 6.4 Crew weigh-ins for One-Design, if required by class rules, will be conducted by each One-Design fleet requiring the crew weigh-ins.

7. SECTION ASSIGNMENT

One-Design and Handicap section assignments will be available at registration and online beginning August 18, 2011. Section breaks will be based on ORR.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Registration and online beginning August 18, 2011.

9. VENUE

Boats will be assigned to one of several racing areas, which will be from 4 - 6 miles from Monroe Street Harbor entrance on the open waters of Lake Michigan.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

Pre-hearing arbitration will be required for all protests involving rules of Part 2, with the exception of protests involving more than 2 boats or where contact has occurred. In addition to hearing protests, the Protest Committee will have final authority in resolving conflicts of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements. This changes RRS 63.1, 63.6, and 66.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The scoring system is as follows: Each boat's score will be the sum of its scores for all races. There shall be no throw-outs. This changes RRS A2. One race shall constitute a Regatta. All races shall be scored.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other mobile data devices. VHF channels 6, 9, 16, 68, 71, 72, 73, 78 and 79 may be used for communication with the fleets.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Series prizes will be awarded by section according to the number of boats racing in a section as follows:

Less than or equal to 15 boats:	1st, 2nd, 3 rd
16-25 boats:	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th
26 or more boats:	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

- 14.2 The Verve Cup will be awarded to the section winner whose section features the closest, most competitive racing. To be eligible for the Verve Cup overall award, the boat's section must have a minimum of seven (7) starters for one race.

15. SPECIAL DOCKING INSTRUCTIONS

- 15.1 All docking at CYC Monroe St. will be assigned by the organizing authority and the Chicago Yacht Club dockmaster.
- 15.2 The eastern slips will be assigned to boats whose LOA is forty (40) feet or greater. The western slips are available for all smaller boats that can access the area.
- 15.3 Docking at CYC Monroe St. will be available only for out-of-town boats participating in the Verve Cup from 2200 hours Wednesday, August 17, 2011 until 1000 hours Friday, August 19, 2011. Chicago Harbor System boats shall refrain from using CYC Monroe St. docking facilities during this period and will be subject to protest for violation of this clause. If protested, a 10% placement penalty for entrant's first race finished shall apply.
- 15.4 After racing on Friday, August 19, 2011, through 1500 hours on Sunday, August 21, 2011, all slips will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for ONLY those boats participating in the Verve Cup.
- 15.5 No personal gear or boat equipment shall be left on the docks while participating in the Regatta. Violators will be subject to protest by the organizing authority. If protested, a 10% placement penalty for entrant's first race finished on the day of the protest shall apply.

16. 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.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 liability insurance per event or the equivalent. Insurance certificates shall be available for inspection upon request.

18. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The organizing authority reserves the right to change this Notice. Any amendment will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online. Copies will be available at registration.

19. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

As a condition to participating in the regatta, competitors grant the Chicago Yacht Club, and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, the irrevocable right and permission to use photographs and video footage taken of themselves and their competing boat, without notification, for use or distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. Competitors agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the Chicago Yacht Club and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

Email = racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org

Phone = 312-861-7777

Fax = 312-861-1840

CYC Web site = www.chicagoyachtclub.org

Additional web site = www.yachtscoring.com



Notice of Race

VERVE *DISTANCE* RACE

Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Harbor Station

August 20, 2011



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1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2009-2012.
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- 2.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All Persons in Charge of boats participating in the Verve Distance Race must be members of their national sailing body. (US Sailing: www.ussailing.org)
- 3.2 Regatta is open to all boats of 25 feet LOA or greater that hold a current Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) Handicap Certificate or is a member of a one-design racing fleet. A minimum of 7 legitimate entries must be received by August 12, 2011, for a one-design fleet to be started and scored. If the number of entries seeking to constitute a one-design section does not meet this minimum requirement, the organizing authority has the authority to assign these boats to an appropriate ORR section, in which case a valid ORR certificate must be furnished no later than August 12, 2011.
- 3.3 The Verve Distance Race shall be raced in three sections:
 - a. Offshore Section – Boats will race in accordance with their ORR Certificate.
 - b. Mac “Cruising” Section – Boats will race in accordance with the stipulations specified in Appendix A of this NOR AND their ORR Certificate.
 - c. Jib and Main Section – Boats will race in accordance with the Jib and Main specifications on their ORR Certificate.
 - d. The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, combine multiple sections in any given start.

- 3.4 A boat participating in the “Jib and Main” section who does NOT have an identifying sail number on her mainsail, shall obtain and display the boat’s name on a sail number “signboard” attached to the boat facing the RC so it can easily identify the competitor. This can be acquired from a local sailmaker.
- 3.5 The boats shall be assigned sections according to Handicap Ratings and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 3.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found at www.chicagoyachtclub.org (click on Verve Cup Logo on home page) or www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required fee by August 5, 2011. A Late Fee will apply to entries received after August 5, 2011 up to the entry deadline of August 12, 2011.
- 3.7 An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received as prescribed below and, if applicable, a valid 2011 ORR rating is provided.
- 3.8 SPECIAL Verve Cup Participant Accommodation
 - A) If a yacht is a valid entrant in the Verve CUP and wishes to participate in the Verve Distance Race, she shall be able to do so by marking the Entry Form appropriately to inform the Organizing Authority of that yacht’s intent. No additional entry fee will be charged for the Distance Race, however any yacht making such a change will be scored DNS for that day’s Verve CUP races.
 - B) If an ENTIRE One-Design section racing the Verve CUP desires to race the Verve Distance Race INSTEAD of the Verve CUP on Saturday, August 20, 2011, that fleet shall be able to do so if that fleet’s captain informs the Organizing Authority no later than August 12, 2011 that such a change is desired. In this case the results for the Verve Distance Race will be scored as part of that Fleet’s Verve Cup series, but no yacht within that fleet shall be eligible for the Overall Verve Cup Trophy. No additional entry fee will be charged for making this change.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required entry fee for all boats is U.S. \$2 per foot prior to June 1, 2011. Between June 1, 2011 and August 5, 2011 the fee is U.S. \$2.50 per foot.
- 4.2 In addition to the entry fee, a late fee of U.S. \$75 will be required for all entries received after August 5, 2011 and before August 12, 2011.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew on Saturday, August 20.
- 4.4 An administrative fee of \$35 shall apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 12, 2011.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration: A representative of each boat must register at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, Thursday, August 18, 2011 between 1200 hours and 1900 hours.
- 5.2 There will be a skipper’s meeting at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, at 1830 hours, Thursday, August 18, 2011.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for August 20 is 09:25 hours.

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall produce a valid 2011 ORR Handicap Certificate. Applications for an ORR Certificate may be obtained from: US Sailing (www.ussailing.org)
- 6.2 No handicap or rating changes will be accepted after 1800 hours, August 12, 2011.

7. SECTION ASSIGNMENTS

Handicap section assignments will be available at registration and online beginning August 18, 2011. Section breaks will be based on ORR.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Registration and online beginning August 18, 2011.

9. VENUE

Boats will be assigned to one of the racing areas, which will be from 4-6 miles from Monroe Street Harbor on the Open Waters of Lake Michigan.

10. THE COURSE

It is the intent of the Organizing Authority that the race will be approximately 20 – 25 NM in length. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to modify the length of the course at its discretion.

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12. SCORING

Each boat shall be ranked by her corrected time in Section. The lowest corrected time wins. The corrected times shall be calculated using Single Number time-on-time scoring using the ORR Offshore Course All Purpose number.

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14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded by section. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each section.
- 14.2 The 8 Mile Buoy Trophy will be awarded to the boat whose corrected time is the lowest across all sections.

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Appendix A

Mac “Cruising” Division Stipulations

- i. Boats shall be monohulls and race with a minimum of four (4) crew members.
- ii. Boats shall submit valid ORR Certificates.
- iii. Boats shall be of a seaworthy offshore type construction of at least twenty-five (25) feet LOA
- iv. Boats shall be limited to carrying two roller furling headsails.
- v. Power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted. This changes RRS 52 and modifies ORR 4.09.
- vi. A whisker pole may be used to wing out a headsail, the luff of which must be attached to a headstay. A whisker pole or spinnaker pole may not be used to wing out an asymmetrical spinnaker.
- vii. Staysail(s) attached to a separate permanently attached or removable intermediate stay are allowed. The stay shall be tacked between the mast and headstay. Staysails are in addition to two permitted roller furling headsails.
- viii. Boats shall be limited to carrying two asymmetrical spinnakers. No more than one spinnaker may be flown at a time. The Tack Point of Spinnaker (“TPS”) must be attached at the centerline of the boat at the stem or on a bowsprit. In no event shall TPS exceed 125% of “J”. The spinnaker may be used with or without a pennant, adjustable tack line, snuffer, or furler. Sail measurements and tack point must be reflected in the ORR certificate. No other spinnakers are allowed.