



Grand Prix Invitational Regatta  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL  
July 3-5, 2015

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta 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.
- 1.3 Appendices T1, T2 and T5 will apply.
- 1.4 The following documents shall apply and are posted as addenda on the regatta website:
  - a) Addendum 1- US Safety Equipment Requirements (US-SER)
    - i. All yachts shall minimally comply with the US Nearshore section of the US-SER and shall comply with their class rules, where applicable.
    - ii. In the event of a conflict between these Requirements and applicable class rule, the class rules shall apply.
- 1.5 The ORR Rating Rule will apply to handicap sections and to overall scoring.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station. Information may also be available on the Chicago Yacht Club website at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org).

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located east of the Belmont Station clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Friday, July 3
  - 1700-1830 Competitor registration
  - 1845 Skippers' meeting and welcoming reception at Belmont Harbor
- Saturday, July 4
  - 1055 First warning
- Sunday, July 5
  - 1055 First warning
  - 1400 No warning after this time
  - After racing Awards presentation at Belmont Harbor
- 5.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."



## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

Farr 40 Class Flag shall be the designated class flag.

## **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the open waters of Lake Michigan approx 1nm east of the red nun outside of Belmont Harbor entrance.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course, the approximate compass bearing, and the distance of the first leg.
- 8.3 Mark 1 will have an offset. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port. 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.
- 8.4 Offset marks will not be set for a change of course.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, and G will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark will be replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 9.3 The starting mark will be green.
- 9.4 The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active weather mark. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be white.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions: areas restricted by the U.S. government: Refer to the most recent Local Notice To Mariners.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start with out a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.3 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the designated hailing channel. Failure to hear this shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.4 The race committee may combine sections for a start.
- 11.5 Change of First Mark Between Starts - When signal flag C is displayed on the signal boat before the warning signal accompanied by repetitive sounds Mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in section 10.2 and revised bearing and distances will be displayed. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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 rule 33(a).



### **13 THE FINISH**

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

### **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Appendices T1, T2 and T5 will apply.

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

The time limit will be two and one-half hours. Boats failing to finish within 15 min after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

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

16.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the protest desk in the Race Committee office at Belmont Station within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 A boat's protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the race committee boat that finished her.

16.3 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered  
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

16.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16.5 Protests and requests for redress or reopening pertaining to an ORR corrected time score in the 2015 Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac shall be delivered to the protest desk in the Race Committee office at Belmont Station or by email to [racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org) prior to Tuesday, July 14.

### **17 SCORING**

17.1 Scoring calculated on ORR corrected time will apply to the course races sailed as part of the regatta and will be combined with a boat's ORR corrected time overlay score in the 2015 Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac.

17.2 A boat's total score for the event course races will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. One completed race will constitute a series. This changes rule A2.

17.3 A boat's total score for the combination of the course races and the Race to Mackinac shall be the average of the sum of corrected times for all course races and corrected time for the Race to Mackinac, all scored under ORR.

### **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A boat may notify the race committee using VHF CH 73.

### **19 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising, including removable adhesive stickers, chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.



**20 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Support boats shall register with the Race Committee prior to their first appearance on the water.

**21 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 communication technologies.

**22 COURTESY BROADCASTS**

22.1 The courtesy VHF broadcast channels will be VHF CH 73.

22.2 A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**23 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded in accordance to the notice of race.

**24 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.

**25 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.



ADDENDUM A

Course Assignments	4 Legs	5 Legs
	Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish	Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish

