

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

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the 2015 HPR Rule v4H.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60, 63.2, and 63.4.
- 1.3 Appendix 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.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A boat and her crew shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The person in charge shall be a member of his or her national authority. The U.S. national authority is US Sailing.
- 3.2 The regatta is open to any boat of the Farr 40 class, the Swan 42 class, the TP52 class and other boats with an HPR rating and a LOA of 28 feet or greater.
 - a) Farr 40/ Swan 42 shall be sailed as a one start class.
 - b) Subject to a minimum entry of three boats, a separate TP52 class shall be offered.
 - c) All other boats shall sail in an additional class or classes based on entries received.
- 3.3 All boats must have either a Valid or Introductory HPR certificate issued by the US Sailing Offshore Office. Introductory certificates are free of charge for this regatta. However, owners must confirm their configuration and may be required to obtain additional measurements, if needed. For this regatta, where the Offshore Office has no history of VCG measurement, it may accept designer VCG and or flotation data at its discretion. For further information contact US Sailing's Offshore Office at Offshore@ussailing.org, US Sailing 401 683 0800.
- 3.4 Any one person on board under the age of 16 shall not count against the crew weight limit.
- 3.5 A signed copy of the HPR certificate must be presented by June 26, 2015.
- 3.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org/ and paying the required fee by June 15.
- 3.7 To be eligible for the Chicago Yacht Club Biennial Grand Prix overall prize, a yacht must also enter and finish the 2015 Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac. The Race to

Mackinac requires entry by invitation, an ORR rating certificate, and is governed by separate race documents. For new boats or skippers to the event, a request for invitation may be found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org.

4 FEES

4.1 Required entry fees are as follows:

<u>Fee received by</u>	<u>Farr40/Swan 42</u>	<u>TP52</u>	<u>HPR</u>
May 15	\$320	\$420	\$8.00 per foot
June 15	\$400	\$500	\$10 per foot

4.2 The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew.

4.3 An administrative fee of \$100 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after June 1, 2015

5 SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 2

1200-1900 Competitor registration

1830 Skippers' meeting and welcoming reception at Belmont Harbor

Friday, July 3

1055 First warning

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

6 MEASUREMENTS

Yachts, including all qualifying equipment and sails, may be subject to random inspection by the OA at any time during this event.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the official notice board at registration prior to the regatta and may be available, as a courtesy, on the Chicago Yacht Club website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org.

8 VENUE

Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.

9 SCORING

9.1 Boats will be scored on HPR corrected time.

9.2 In addition to the course races sailed in the regatta, combined scoring of the course races with a boat's HPR corrected time overlay score in the 2015 Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac will be offered.

9.3 A boat's total score for the event course races will be the sum of her scores in each race among all boats entered in the regatta. No score will be discarded. One completed race will constitute a series. This changes rule A2.

- 9.4 A boat's Grand Prix score for the combination of the course races and the Race to Mackinac will be the sum of her HPR fleet placement score in the Race to Mackinac and her fleet placement score in the event course races among boats entered in the course races and the Race to Mackinac. The lowest Grand Prix score wins. This changes rule A2.

10 PRIZES

Prizes for first, second and third place will be awarded by class based on low point score determined by corrected time under HPR. An overall prize will be awarded for the lowest total score for the event course races. The Chicago Yacht Club Biennial Grand Prix will be awarded for the lowest Grand Prix course race/Mackinac race score.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & MEDIA WAIVER

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 Media Waiver- Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost the Chicago Yacht Club and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and dissemination information regarding Grand Prix Invitational and Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac.
- 11.3 Yachts shall not be scored unless the skipper/person-charge has submitted a liability & media waiver form.

12 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.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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