

The Chicago Beer Can Series

May 27-September 2, 2015

OFFSHORE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Columbia Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for the Chicago Beer Can Series.

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2.0 RULES

2.1 The regatta series shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2 The rules listed below will be changed:

2.2.1 Rule 63.7 will be changed so that in a case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.2.2 LMPHRF and T-10 Class Rule on crew limitation do not apply.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Racing Notice Board located on the port side of Columbia Yacht Club's rail deck and as a courtesy on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com

4.0 CHANGES MADE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1800 the day before it will take effect.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the aft mast of the Club Ship and as a courtesy on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com.

6.0 SCHEDULE

6.1 One race is scheduled every Wednesday evening with a first warning at 1845 as follows:

Tune Up Race – May 20

Beer Can Series – May 27-September 2

No Racing – July 8-15

6.2 To alert the boats that the first sequence of races will begin soon, the Race Committee may make repetitive sound signals at least one minute before the warning signal is made.

7.0 CLASS FLAGS

7.1	Class	Identification	Beer Can Handicap
	JAM	#4 Code Pennant	ALL
	Newbie	#5 Code Pennant	ALL
	T-10	#0 Code Pennant	126
	Spin 3	#3 Code Pennant	>106
	Spin 2	#2 Code Pennant	77-105
	Spin 1	#1 Code Pennant	<76

7.2 Section breaks may be amended no later than 1400 on Monday, May 18. If there are changes, they will be posted on www.yachtscoring.com.

7.3 The Race Committee will only display the #4 code pennant for the combined JAM/Newbie start.

8.0 RACING AREA

8.1 The races will be held on the Columbia Yacht Club Beer Can Regatta Course. This is a circle of permanent marks southwest of the Four Mile Crib. Marks 1-8 are located 1.25 statute miles from SA7 at 45 degree intervals in a circle starting at a bearing of 000 degrees true for Mark 1 through 315 degrees true for Mark 8.

8.2 Mark locations:

Mark	Latitude	Longitude
SA7	N41°51.17'	W87°33.41'
1	N41°52.26'	W87°33.41'
2	N41°51.94'	W87°32.37'
3	N41°51.17'	W87°31.95'
4	N41°50.40'	W87°32.37'
5	N41°50.08'	W87°33.41'
6	N41°50.40'	W87°34.44'
7	N41°51.17'	W87°34.87'
8	N41°51.94'	W87°34.44'

9.0 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses for each race will be selected by the Race Committee from those in Instruction 9.4.

9.2 No later than the first start's warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course selected on a course board.

9.3 The Race Committee may give a courtesy announcement of the course selected on VHF Channel 69 prior to the first start. Additional announcements may be given before each warning/starting signal. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.4 Course descriptions:

JAM, T-10 & Spin Sections			Newbie Section	
Course Name	Heading to 1st Mark	Marks	Heading to 1st Mark	Marks
1	000	SA7-1-8-6-5-SA7	045	SA7-2-4-SA7
2	045	SA7-2-1-7-6-SA7	090	SA7-3-5-SA7
3	090	SA7-3-2-8-7-SA7	135	SA7-4-6-SA7
4	135	SA7-4-3-1-8-SA7	180	SA7-5-7-SA7
5	180	SA7-5-4-2-1-SA7	225	SA7-6-8-SA7
6	225	SA7-6-5-3-2-SA7	270	SA7-7-1-SA7
7	270	SA7-7-6-4-3-SA7	315	SA7-8-2-SA7
8	315	SA7-8-7-5-4-SA7	000	SA7-1-3-SA7
Course Length	5.37NM		3.71NM	

10. THE START

10.1 Prior to the warning for the first race or during the four minute period prior to their start, each boat shall check in with and be recognized by the Race Committee by passing close on the starboard side of the signal boat and hailing their sail number or boat's name. Radio requests for confirmation of check in will not be acknowledged.

10.2 The starting area extends 100yards beyond the ends and to windward and leeward of the starting line. Boats whos warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during other class' starting sequences.

10.3 If a guard mark is used, it is considered an extension of the Race Committee signal boat.

10.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard side and SA7.

10.5 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will hail boats on course side by VHF Channel 69. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

10.6 Starting sequence:

Time	Flag Up	Flag Down	Warning	Start
1845	4		JAM/Newbie	
1850	0	4	T-10	JAM/Newbie
1855	3	0	Spin 3	T-10
1900	2	3	Spin 2	Spin 3
1905	1	2	Spin 1	Spin 2
1910		1		Spin 1

11.0 GENERAL RECALLS

11.1 In the event of a General Recall, the recalled class will start five minutes after the last scheduled start. If more than one class has been recalled, the additional recalled classes will be restarted at five minute intervals in the order recalled. This modifies RRS 29.2.

11.2 In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers or identification of any boat(s) that are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF Channel 69. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

12.0 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between SA7 and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat.

12.2 If a guard mark is used, it is considered an extension of the Race Committee signal boat.

12.3 If the Race Committee is absent, she shall finish by sailing close by SA7 and:

- Note her finishing time: The finish time shall be GPS CDT when the alternate finish line is crossed.
- Notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69 of her finishing time GPS CDT at the first reasonable opportunity.

This changes US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34.

13.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS Appendices T1, T4 and T5 apply.

13.2 Contact with the Race Committee boat automatically qualifies for a scoring of DSQ without hearing. This modifies RRS 44.1 and A5.

14.0 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit to finish the race will be 2100. The time limit will not be changed as a result of postponements, general recalls or for any other reason.

14.2 Boats that have started, but have not finished by the time limit shall be scored DNF.

15.0 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available online at www.yachtscoring.com.

15.2 Boats intending to protest are required to inform the Race Committee upon finishing or retiring from the race of the protest and the name and/or sail number of the protested yacht.

15.3 For all boats, the protest time limit is 2100 on the Thursday immediately following each race. Boats must submit their protest form via email to beercan@colyc.org or drop off a written form in the Columbia Yacht Club Main Office within the time limit.

15.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on www.yachtscoring.com.

15.5 The Protest Committee will hear all pending protests on the Tuesday following the race at 1900 at Columbia Yacht Club, unless otherwise scheduled by the Committee Chairman.

16.0 SCORING

16.1 The Chicago Beer Can Series will be scored using time on distance through the Beer Can Handicapping. The Beer Can Handicap Rating for a boat will be assigned by Columbia Yacht Club taking into account the boat's LMPHRF handicap or rating application.

- 16.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her single worst score if 9 or less races are sailed or her two worst scores if 10 or more races are sailed.
- 16.3 Boats serving as Race Committee signal boat (other than for the tune-up race and races abandoned prior to the first warning) shall be scored by 1 point. The scores of other boats shall not be changed. Therefore, there may be two boats scored 1 point for a race.

17.0 WITHDRAWAL

Boats that retire from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course. Boats that cannot communicate with the Race Committee, shall call Columbia Yacht Club as soon as practical or report to the Race Committee after docking.

18.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 69 for courtesy broadcasts. This information is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter their responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of a race. Errors or omissions involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.
- 18.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

19.0 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded after racing on each Wednesday at Columbia Yacht Club to the top finishers in each section regardless of the owner's club affiliation. Prizes will be available for pick up until Tuesday of the following week after which time they will be forfeit. This amends NOR 9.1.
- 19.2 First place prizes will be awarded to all classes. Second place prizes will be awarded to all classes with 4 or more boats that cross the starting line. Third place prizes will be awarded to all classes with 5 or more boats that cross the starting line.
- 19.3 Series prizes shall be awarded to the top finisher(s) in each section at the Boaters' Bash on November 7. First place prizes will be awarded to all classes. Second place prizes will be awarded to all classes with 4 or more boats competing. Third place prizes will be awarded to all classes with 5 or more boats competing.

20.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizer (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors or any other organization or official) 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. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21.0 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

22.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

There shall be no whining or sniveling - this is Beer Can! For additional information, please contact:
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