



**Chicago Beer Can Series Regatta**  
**Wednesday Nights July 15 – Sept. 9, 2020**  
**Organizing Authority (OA) - Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)**  
**Chicago, Illinois (USA)**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**This Notice of Race provides information about the 2020 Chicago Beer Can Series Regatta. This series of beer can races are designed to provide on the water enjoyment and a relaxed fun competition for boats wishing to race during the 2020 season while adhering to mandates of the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago during the COVID-19 pandemic. All competitors are urged to use good sense and adhere to all appropriate governmental advice concerning health and safety during the pandemic.**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) Certificate crew limitations do not apply.
- 1.3 In case of conflict between this NOR and Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail.
- 1.4 The following prescriptions of the US Sailing national authority will not apply:
  - a. 63.2
  - b. 63.4
- 1.5 The following will apply:
  - a. US Coast Guard safety requirements and US Sailing Nearshore safety requirements.
  - b. A boat shall be equipped with a functioning GPS and VHF radio capable of broadcasting and receiving.
  - c. Registered boats shall not operate a drone at any time.
- 1.6 Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
  - a. RRS 44.1: The first two sentences are replaced with: "A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing."
  - b. RRS 55: Add "Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash under this rule."
  - c. RRS 61.2(e): Add to last sentence: "and at least one phone number for the protestor representative shall be provided".
  - d. RRS 61.3: The word "delivered" means *either*:

- i. Hand delivery of the protest to the OA’s main office.
- ii. Digital delivery of a photograph of the protest via email within the time limit, followed by hand delivery of the protest to the OA upon arrival at the hearing.
- e. RRS 62.1(a): Courtesy broadcasts are not considered grounds for redress.
- 1.7 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors, specifically including any crew limits and requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE).
- 1.8 COVID-19 can be a serious health concern and each competitor should judge his or her own ability to participate in light of this health threat. Violations of section 1.7 of this Notice of Race shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or ColyC, the Organizing Authority. Competitors are reminded of Racing Rule of Sailing 4: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

**2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 There are no restrictions regarding advertising on racing boats.
- 2.2 The regatta is sponsored by Sierra Nevada, Goslings, Union Wine Company & UK Sails. Boats are requested not to display advertising for businesses competing with regatta sponsors.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all keelboats meeting the following requirements:
  - a. Boat is 20 feet or longer.
  - b. Boat has either a valid LMPHRF certificate or has acquired a Beer Can PHRF rating.
- 3.2 A boat may apply for a Beer Can PHRF rating or request a configuration that differs from their LMPHRF certificate by submitting a rating application to the OA no later than 7 days prior to that boat’s first race. The rating application is available at [www.lmphrf.org](http://www.lmphrf.org).
- 3.3 Assignment of Beer Can PHRF ratings is not subject to competitor-initiated review or protest.
- 3.4 A boat may enter by completing the online registration at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and submitting the required fee at least 24 hours before the start of her first race.
- 3.5 Boats that have not registered or have not paid the registration fee will not be scored.

**4. FEES**

- 4.1 The entry fee for all boats is \$35.00.

**5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Registration opens July 8, 2020 and closes September 9, 2020.
- 5.2 2020 Calendar:

Date	Event
July 15 – July 29	Wednesday Night Races
August 5	Chicago Race Week COLYC/CYC 100 Boats on a Beer Can Race*
August 12 – September 9	Wednesday Night Races

**6. MEASUREMENT**

- 6.1 Measurement and weigh-ins will not be conducted by the OA.
- 6.2 A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 (Compliance with Class Rules)

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 SIs will be available no later than July 12, 2020 at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

**8. DIVISIONS**

8.1 Boats shall be divided into classes with a minimum of 2 entries. Each class may be divided into sections subject to the number and ratings of entered boats. Final class and section breaks shall be specified in the Sailing Instructions. Classes are defined as:

- a. Green
  - i. This class sails a separate, shorter course and is intended for novice/inexperienced buoy racers.
  - ii. The OA shall approve Green Class entries and has the authority to reassign boats to other classes.
  - iii. Boats may use any sails they declare.
- b. Jib & Main (JAM)
  - i. This class is limited to boats with a LMPHRF or Beer Can rating greater than 0.
  - ii. Boats may only use a headsail with a mid-girth no greater than 50% of the foot. This changes RRS 50.4.
  - iii. Spinnakers, including Code 0 and cruising spinnakers, are prohibited. This changes RRS 50.4.
  - iv. A whisker or spinnaker pole of any length may be used.
- c. Spinnaker

8.2 If there are less than the minimum required entries for a class, the OA may assign those boats into appropriate handicap classes. The OA’s decision shall be final.

8.3 Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of 6 or more boats, desiring to be scored as a separate class, may petition the OA for acceptance as a class. Petitions shall be made no later April 15th, 2019.

- a. Accepted one-design classes shall provide the OA any national or local class rules they wish to race under.
- b. Accepted one-design classes will have combined starts with other sections.

8.4 PHRF classes may be divided into multiple sections subject to the number and ratings of registered boats.

**9. VENUE**

9.1 The location of racing for all classes will be the Chicago Beer Can Race Course, a circle of 8 permanent marks located southwest of the Four-Mile Crib

9.2 All races will start at SA7, the center mark of the racing circle.

**10. COURSES**

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

Class	Course	Description
JAM Spinnaker One-Design	Long Course	5.37 nautical miles, 5 legs, trapezoid course
Green	Short Course	4.55 nautical miles, 4 legs, parallelogram course
Green	Green Course	3.71 nautical miles, 3 legs, triangle course

10.2 A diagram describing the courses in further detail will be provided in the SIs.

## 11. SCORING

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 The Scoring system is as follows:

- a. Sections will be scored using Time-on-Distance, with the Beer Can Handicap Rating.
- b. The Beer Can Handicap Rating for a boat will be assigned by COLYC taking into account the boat's LMPHRF handicap and/or rating application.
- c. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, will apply with the following changes:
  - i. Boats failing to finish by 2100 on the day of race will be scored TLE (Time Limit Exceeded) and scored points equal to the number of finishers within their section in that race plus four, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters plus one within their section. This changes RRS 35.
  - ii. Boats serving as the Race Committee signal boat (other than for the tune-up race and abandoned races) will be scored as if they had placed first in that race. The scores of other boats will not be changed. As a result, there may be two boats scored first place for a race.
- d. RRS Appendix A2 will be changed as follows:

Races Completed in Series	Worst Scores Excluded
< 4	0
4-7	1
8-10	2
>10	3

## 12. BERTHING

12.1 Consistent with health guidance from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago, no docking at COLYC will be provided to 2020 Chicago Beer Can Series competitors.

## 13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

13.2 Commercial pay services, i.e. XM Radio, SailFlow, and PredictWind, are considered to be available to all boats.

## 14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- a. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers for the series at a date, time, venue to be announced, as follows:

Average Number of Starters in Section*	Number of Awards per Section
< 1	0
≥ 1, < 3	1
≥ 3, < 5	2
≥ 5, < 15	3
≥ 15	4

*\* The “average number of starters” in a section is defined as [total number of boats that started in completed races in the series] divided by [number of completed races in the series].*

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race).
- 15.2 The race organizers (Organizing Authority, 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.
- 15.3 By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any all liability associated with such competitor’s participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **16. 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.

## **17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 17.1 The Beer Can Series is intended as a casual race for recreation and crew development.
- 17.2 For further information, please contact:

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## **18. CONSENT**

- 18.1 Competitors consent to the use by organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice or visual recordings of their images (“Recordings”), or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta (“Statements”) and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, perform, display, transmit or otherwise exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised.
- 18.2 Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings or Statements and waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recordings or Statements, and acknowledge they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

## **19. SOCIAL**

- 19.1 Consistent with health guidance from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago, there are no post race social activities scheduled nor planned in conjunction with the 2020 Chicago Beer Can Series at this time. If and when that may change an amendment to this NOR will be posted at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).