



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL
August 7-9, 2020**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the Organizing Authority for the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta. Chicago Yacht Club is the host.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 2.3 The Offshore Rating Rule (ORR) will apply for handicap sections.
- 2.4 Class Rules – Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply.
 - a) J/88 Fleet 4 Chicago/Lake Michigan Rules shall apply for the J/88 class only.
- 2.5 Bow numbers may be provided by the OA depending on fleet size.
- 2.6 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).
- 2.7 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, shall follow [*House and Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19*](#).
- 2.8 Crew substitutions or changes shall be made online prior to the start of racing each day.
- 2.9 Violations of Section 2.6, 2.7, and 2.8 of this Notice of Race shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at Yachtscore.com.

4 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located northeast of the center of the Monroe Station clubhouse. In addition, signals made ashore will be distributed, as a courtesy, to the email or text address listed in a boat's entry form.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes in the race



signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 7

1055 First warning

Saturday, August 8

1055 First warning

Sunday, August 9

1055 First warning

1400 No warning after this time

After racing Awards presentation

7 RACING AREA

The racing area is located approximately 3.8 NM at a bearing of 070 degrees from the inner breakwater in Monroe Harbor.

Approximate coordinates: 41° 54.2' North and 87° 31.8' West.

8 CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT [DP]

- 8.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing or displaying her sail number, and receiving an acknowledgement from the race committee prior to her first race on each day of racing. A boat found to have broken SI 8.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class.
- 8.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impracticable, immediately after arriving ashore. A boat found to have broken SI8.2 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class. *This changes RRS 63.1.*

9 COURTESY BROADCASTS

- 9.1 VHF channel 69 will be the designated channel for all courtesy broadcasts.
- 9.2 A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts.
This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the approximate bearing to the first mark and courses to be sailed by each class.
Clarification: Although classes may be combined for the start, the race committee may designate a different course for each class.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be **orange**.
- 11.2 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.

11.3 New marks, as provided in SI 14, will be **yellow**. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark will be replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. Offset marks will not be set for a change of course.

11.4 The starting mark will be **green**.

11.5 The finishing mark will be **white**.

12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

12.1 The following areas are designated as an obstruction:

- a) The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the US Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

13 THE START

13.1 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.

13.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. ***This changes RRS A4 and RRS A5.***

13.3 If a boat breaks RRS 29.1 at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail or bow number on the designated hailing channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts or hails are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

13.4 The race committee may combine classes for a start.

13.5 Change of First Mark at the Start - When signal flag C is displayed on the signal boat at or before the warning signal, Mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in instruction 9.2 and revised bearing and distances will be displayed. Code Flag C will remain displayed through the starting sequence. If there is a subsequent change and the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. ***This changes RRS 27.1 and 33.***

13.6 The race committee may modify the starting sequence after the first race of the regatta for any subsequent races.

13.7 Initial Start Sequence and Class Flags:

Class/Order	Flag
ORR (Farr 40 + J/111)	Code Flag O (Oscar)
Ben 40.7 + Ben 36.7	Code Flag 6
J/109 + J/105	Code Flag J (Juliett)
J/88	Code Flag 8
T-10	Code Flag T (Tango)

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 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.

14.2 A course change of 5 degrees or less will not be signaled by the race committee. The course change will continue to use the active mark. ***This changes RRS33(a).***



15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”

16 TIME LIMITS

The time limit will be two hours. Boats failing to finish 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes (time adjusted in handicap sections) will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. ***This changes RRS 35, RRS A4 and RRS A5.***

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed online from the “owner’s corner” section of the event web site at Yachtscoring.com or in person at the protest desk at Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 A boat’s protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the Signal Boat.
- 17.3 The protest schedule will be posted on the official notice board at Yachtscoring.com.
- 17.4 Protests will be heard in person in a socially distanced manner at Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station.
- 17.5 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 RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 A boat’s total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded.
This changes RRS A2.
- 18.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 18.3 A maximum of 9 races are scheduled for all classes.
- 18.4 ORR scoring shall be in accordance with the ORR handicap certificate in effect on August 2. ORR scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) scoring utilizing the ORR 50% windward/50% leeward rating for downwind finishes and the 60% windward/40% leeward rating for upwind finishes.
- 18.5 A boat participating in the Verve Cup Distance Race shall be scored DNC for each Verve Cup Offshore race sailed by its class that day.
- 18.6 A boat scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus two points.
This changes RRS A4.2 and RRS A5.
- 18.7 Scoring inquiries shall be filed online at the event web site at Yachtscoring.com.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A boat may notify the race committee using the designated VHF hailing channel. ***Refer to SI 8.***

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.



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 all communication technologies.

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance to the Notice of Race.

23 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.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM A

Course Descriptions

Courses	4 Legs	5 Legs
LL (long, long)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
LS (long, short)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
SS (short, short)	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish

