



COLORS Columbia Cup Regatta

August 1 - 2, 2020

Organizing Authority (OA) – Columbia Yacht Club
Chicago, Illinois (USA)

These Races are designed to provide high level competition for boats wishing to race during the 2020 season while adhering to the 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.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Offshore Buoy Course

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that the rule shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
 - i. Local (Lake Michigan) class rules shall not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Racing Notice Board located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=13090>.
- b. An unofficial notice board will be located at the Columbia Yacht Club; on the rail-deck, just outside the juniors sailing classroom on the sliding door.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racing Notice Board before 0830 CDT on the day it will take effect, except: any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Columbia Club Ship and as a courtesy on the event website at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=13090>.
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

- a. Schedule of races and events is as follows:

Date	Time (CDT)	Item
Saturday, June 6, 2020	1145	Warning signal for racing Saturday (both circles)
Sunday, June 7, 2020	1100	Warning signal for racing Sunday (both circles)

- b. Eight races are scheduled for each class.
c. No warning signal shall be given after 1430 hrs on Sunday, August 2, 2020.
d. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

6. CLASS FLAGS

- a. Boats need not fly designated numeral pennants while racing.
b. Designated numeral pennants for the classes will be posted on <https://www.yachtscore.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13090> on July 30, 2020.
c. Competitors are advised that classes may be combined in the starting order, yet still be scored separately. Signals for all affected classes will be flown together.

7. RACING AREAS

- a. CIRCLE 1 will be located near N 041° 54' and W 087° 32'.
b. CIRCLE 2 will be located approximately 5 nm at a heading of 96° from Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are N 041° 52' and W 087° 29'.

8. COURTESY BROADCASTS

- a. The courtesy VHF broadcast channel is 71 for Circle 1 and 80A for Circle 2.
b. The Race Committee (RC) may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the VHF channel for each circle. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors and shall not in any way alleviate the competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the RC courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9. CHECK-IN [DP]

- a. Prior to the first race of each day, each boat shall check-in by:
i. Sailing past the RC signal boat and hail her sail number.
ii. The RC will acknowledge the hail.

10. COURSES

- a. See Appendix A of the sailing instructions for the correct course and order that the marks will be rounded.
b. The RC shall display on course boards,
i. Approximate compass bearing to Mark 1
ii. Approximate distance to Mark 1
iii. Course assignment for each class
iv. Number of legs to be sailed
c. The leeward gate will be approximately 0.10 nm to windward of the starting line.
i. If no gate is in place, the single leeward mark should be rounded to port.
d. Mark 2 may be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the single mark shall be left to port.
e. Long Mark 1 will have an offset mark. If the offset mark is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port.

11. MARKS

- a. The marks for each circle are shown below.

Mark	Mark designation for Circle 1	Mark Designation for Circle 2
Start	Yellow	Yellow
Extended Start	Orange	Orange
Finish	White	White

Windward	Orange	Yellow
Offset	Orange	Yellow
Gate	Orange	Yellow
Change	Yellow	Orange

12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- a. Government buoys marking a security zone around the Chicago water cribs and the area which they define are considered as an obstruction. Boats shall not sail within the perimeter established buoys marking the security zone.

13. THE START

- a. The assigned circle for each Class/Division, along with the order in which classes will start on the first race will be posted on <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13090> on July 30, 2020.
- b. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the RC Signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
 - i. An extended starting pin may be used if the number of boats within a class warrants extending the line. If an extended pin is used it will be orange in color and noted on the course board.
- c. After one or more classes, fleets or divisions have started a race, a change of the windward mark prior to a start will be signaled with Flag "C" displayed on the signal boat prior to the warning signal accompanied by repetitive sounds. The windward mark will be a new change mark and revised bearing and distance(s) will be displayed. Code flag "C" will remain displayed through the starting sequences for the remaining starts. When a subsequent change is made the change mark will be replaced by an original mark. This changes RRS 33.
 - i. The offset mark will not be set for a course changed before a start.
- d. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

14. RECALLS

- a. In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on the VHF channel 71 for racing Circle 1 and Channel 80A for racing Circle 2 and the race committee will display flag X with one sound. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1 (a).)

15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- a. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish 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.
- b. Offset marks will not be set on a changed leg of the course.
- c. The RC may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy.

16. THE FINISH

- a. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Boat and the finish mark.
 - i. For downwind finishes, the finish line will be on the side opposite of the RC Signal Boat from the Starting Line, between a flag staff on the starboard side of the RC Signal boat and the course side of the mark nearest to it.
 - ii. For upwind finishes, the finish line will be between a flagstaff on the port side of the nearby RC boat and the course side of the mark nearest to it.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- b. Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) will apply.

18. TIME LIMIT

- a. Any race in which no boat in a class rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes or finishes within 2½ hours of the start will be abandoned. This changes RRS 35.
- b. Any boats not finishing within 45 minutes of the finish time of the first boat in their class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- c. Boats that have not finished a race and are delaying the start of the next race may be asked to accept being scored in place at the time of the notification.

19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- a. The Protest Desk will be located on rail deck of Columbia Yacht Club.
- b. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk.
- c. Protests will be heard at the Columbia Yacht Club.
- d. For each circle, the protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the respective RC Signal Boat has docked.
- e. For the requirements stated in RRS 61.3, a *protest* or request for redress by a boat may be met by electronically submitting the protest information to the protest committee within the time limit stated in the sailing instructions. Information required by RRS 61.2 may be delivered using electronic mail delivery to PROTEST@COLYC.ORG or using the protest submission form located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13090>. Instructions on how to file a protest form may be found on the relevant event page on YachtScoring.com. The party submitting a protest electronically should travel to the regatta venue as quickly as possible to participate in an arbitration meeting or protest hearing.
 - i. Protests submitted digitally shall also be presented to the protest desk in writing on arrival at COLYC.
 - ii. Protestors submitting protests digitally shall be present at the protest desk within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- f. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses along with the location of the hearing.
- g. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing or 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 RRS 62.1 (a).

20. SCORING

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- b. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total score of all her races. There will be no discards. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.
- c. For PHRF classes, Time-on-Time using the PHRF Buoy rating will be utilized.
- d. Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that finished in her class within 45 minutes of the first boat, not to exceed the number of boats registered in the class. This changes RRS Appendix A4.1, A5 and A11.

21. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. Classes will abide by the offshore safety regulations according to their national class rules.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

- a. Please keep all trash in your boat until ashore. [DP]
- b. Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash. This changes RRS 55.

23. WITHDRAWAL

- a. Boats that retire from a race or do not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the RC before leaving the race course on her circle's VHF Channel. [NP]
- b. Boats that cannot communicate with the RC via VHF shall call Columbia Yacht Club Receptionist at 312-938-3625 (312-WET-DOCK) as soon as practical. [DP]

24. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. [DP] [NP]

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, RC, 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.
- b. Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

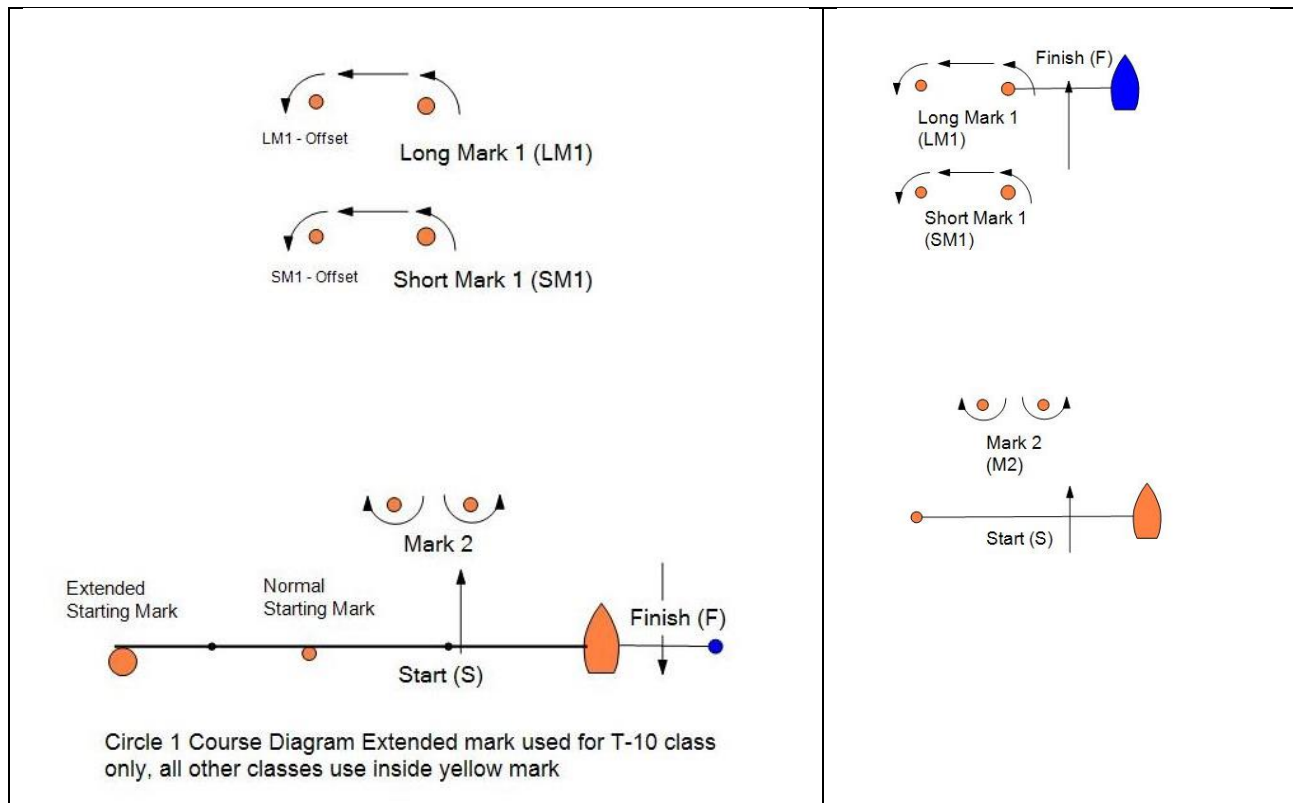
26. INSURANCE

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

27. CONSENT

- a. Competitors consent to the use of by the 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, preform, display, transit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised. Competitors waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recording or Statements and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

Appendix A – COURSE DIAGRAM



Course Designation	4-Legs	5-Legs
S/S	S-SM1-M2-SM1-F	S-SM1-M2-SM1-M2-F
S/L	S-SM1-M2-LM1-F	S-SM1-M2-LM1-M2-F
L/S	S-LM1-M2-SM1-F	S-LM1-M2-SM1-M2-F
L/L	S-LM1-M2-LM1-F	S-LM1-M2-LM1-M2-F

- Courses designation with the number of legs will be displayed on a white board on the signal boat.
- An offset mark may be set at each windward mark (SM1 and SM2).
- If no gate is in place, the single leeward mark should be rounded to port.
- An extended starting mark (orange) may be set for classes where the number of participants warrant a longer starting line.