



Columbia Cup Regatta Notice of Race

August 7 – 8, 2021
Organizing Authority (OA) - Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)
Chicago, IL, USA
OFFSHORE / DISTANCE / RADIO-CONTROLLED

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the notice of race (NoR) 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 event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- b. The following **will** apply:
 1. RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply, except that "24 hours" is changed to "72 hours".
 2. US Coast Guard safety requirements and US Sailing Near Shore safety requirements.
 3. One-Design classes that intend to invoke their local class rules shall provide a digital copy of the local class rules to the OA.
 4. A boat shall not operate a drone, while racing.
 5. For the Radio-Controlled (R-C) course, disabled boats shall be recovered at the end of the heat or regatta at the owner's expense. See RRS Appendix E4.2 (e).
 6. [NP][DP] All boat and crew are required to abide by federal, state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as COLYC restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus, including but not limited to masking mandate and occupancy requirements for boats of various sizes.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

- a. SIs will be available by August 2nd, 2021, at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14499>.
- b. There will be separate SIs for each event.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Racing Notice Board located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14499>.
- b. Notices will also be posted on the unofficial notice board at COLYC; on the rail-deck, just outside the juniors sailing classroom on the sliding door.
- c. [DP] All boats, except those competing in the R-C event, shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 22A, 71, 78 and 80A.
- d. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel for each event will be stated in the sailing instructions (SIs).
 1. The race committee (RC) may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the courtesy channel for each circle. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors. The failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- e. [DP] From the warning signal of the first race of the day until the end of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. Commercial pay services, are considered to be available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The Regatta is comprised of three events. The events are:
 1. Offshore (generally comprised of larger keelboats)
 2. Distance (can be comprised of any boat that meets the relevant safety requirements)
 3. Radio Controlled (R-C) – DragonForce 65 only
- b. Competitors may register for the Offshore or Distance events in addition to the R-C course.
- c. The regatta is open to all boats of the below class(es), by course specified in NoR 4d:
 1. One-design classes with a minimum of 3 entries. Entrants must meet and follow all class rules, unless modified by the SIs. If there are less than the minimum number of required entries for a class, the OA will assign those boats into appropriate handicap classes. The OA's decision shall be final.
 2. PHRF classes and ORC classes with a current, valid LMPHRF or ORC Rating Certificate and a minimum of 3 entries. Boats entering Jib and Main Distance event who do not have an LMPHRF certificate will have one have one assigned.

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3. Distance singlehanded and doublehanded sailors, with a minimum of 3 entries.
- d. Boats will be divided into classes at each of the 3 events.

Offshore Buoy	Distance	R-C
J/88	PHRF – Spinnaker	DragonForce 65
J/105	ORC – Spinnaker	
J/109	PHRF – Jib and Main	
J/111	PHRF - Doublehanded	
T-10	PHRF - Singlehanded	
Farr 40	PHRF - 30 and Under	
Beneteau 36.7		
Beneteau 40.7		
PHRF - Spinnaker		
ORC - Spinnaker		

- e. Any group of three or more boats, desiring to race as a separate class, may petition the OA for acceptance as a class. Petitions shall be made no later than July 23, 2021. Decision of the OA is final.
- f. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at www.yachtscoring.com together with the required fee listed in the appropriate row of the table located in NoR 5 by August 3rd, 2021.
- g. Boats entering at Yachtscoring.com but not paying the entry fee will be removed before racing begins.

5. FEES

- a. Required fees are as follows:

Course	Entry Fee Paid by AUG 3 rd , 2021	Refund Amount - withdrawn by AUG 3 rd , 2021
Offshore Buoy– Two Days	\$80	Full Refund
Distance – One Day	\$40	Full Refund
Dragon Force 65	\$15	Full Refund

6. ADVERTISING

- a. The Regatta is sponsored by Skyway Yacht Works of Chicago, IL.
- b. Racing yachts are requested to avoid the display of advertising for competing sponsors on their boats.

7. SCHEDULE

- a. Dates of racing and events:

Date:	Offshore	Distance	R-C
Saturday, August 7	1145 Warning Signal – first race	1100 Warning Signal	1630 – Competitors’ meeting COLYC Rail Deck. Warning Signal TBD at meeting
Sunday, August 8	1100 Warning Signal – first race	Reserve day, if day 1 cancelled. 1015 Warning Signal	
Sunday, August 8	1430 No Warning Signal after this time		

- b. Maximum number of races for each course:

	Offshore	Distance	R-C
Number of Races	8	1	To be determined at the competitors’ meeting

- c. For the Offshore Buoy courses, the intent of the RC is to complete as many races as practical each day, which shall not exceed the number of races scheduled.
- d. For the Distance course, one race is scheduled for Saturday August 7. Sunday August 8 is reserved in the event inclement weather forces cancellation of racing Saturday.

8. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT and EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- a. Measurement and weigh-ins will not be conducted by the OA.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

- a. The events to be sailed will be on the waters of Lake Michigan as follows:

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	Offshore	Distance	R-C
Location of Race Event	Start will be east of Monroe Harbor	Start will be east of Monroe Harbor	Off the COLYC Dock, with final decision made at the competitors' meeting.
Courses to be sailed	Windward-Leeward type races. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.	One race around a combination of drop marks and fixed marks over several miles.	Courses as determined at the competitors' meeting.

- b. Location coordinates for each course associated for each event will be designated in the events SIs.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. RRS Appendix T is in effect.
1. Rule T1 (b) "30% Scoring Penalty" is changed to "40% Scoring Penalty".
- b. US Sailing prescription Appendix V1 shall apply.

11. SCORING

- a. The scoring system is as follows:
1. For the Offshore, Distance and R-C courses, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.
 2. PHRF classes on the Offshore course shall be scored Time-on-Time (TOT).
 3. PHRF classes on the Distance course shall be scored Time-on-Distance (TOD).
 4. ORC class(es) shall be scored based on course configuration.
- b. For each class, one race completed will constitute a Regatta.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- a. [DP] While classes are racing, support boats shall stay at least 100 yards from all racing yachts and all race committee vessels.

13. BERTHING

There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at COLYC 8/7 and 8/8 for attending activities at COLYC. Due to specific club rules boats cannot be left unattended overnight on the dock. Non-resident boats that are participating in the Verve regatta will be offered a 50% discount on dockage fees through August 15, based on availability. Please contact the COLYC Dockmaster Chuck Nevel at chuck@colyc.org.

14. PRIZES

- a. For classes with more than three boats entered, there will be prizes for the top three finishers in each class.
- b. For classes with three or fewer boats entered, only the first-place finisher for that class will be awarded a prize.
- c. Prizes can be collected at the awards event at COLYC or up to 2 months later from the COLYC office. Distance prizes will be given on Saturday if the race is held that day. Buoy awards given on Sunday.
- d. The Columbia Cup will be to the overall winner of all buoy races and shall be determined using the high score method weighted for the number of races sailed.
- e. The Columbia Cup will also be awarded to the overall winner of the distance race and shall be determined using ToD to determine the lowest adjusted time.

15. INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat in the Offshore or Distance courses shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.
- b. There is no insurance requirement for boats participating in the R-C course. Racing in the R-C course shall be at your own risk for damage and injury. Restitution for damage, replacement, and salvage shall be by arrangement of parties involved in the incident causing damage and/or sinking.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information please contact:

Organizing Authority: Columbia Yacht Club,
111 N. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, IL 60601

Regatta Chair: Brad Horn
regattachair@colyc.org

Dockmaster: Chuck Nevel
chuck@colyc.org

17. CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

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- a. 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.
- b. Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings or Statements waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recordings or Statements and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. This decision shall include assessment of any risk presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b. The organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, designated Club representatives, and volunteers directly assisting to any events listed in NoR 4d will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - SOCIAL

- a. General: Reservations are mandatory for post-race events to ensure participant safety. Regatta Events include entry to post race social activities for Skipper and Crew, providing that reservations are created using the online form and that reservations have not been fully allocated. Join the regatta and book reservations early to avoid a situation where reservations are full. The first 30 boats that register and then proceed to book social reservations are guaranteed reservations. Reservation forms will be available by 5/1/2021 at www.colyc.org/columbia-cup. Depending on state and local guidelines that exist in August, the number of guests seated in the aft deck tent may be limited. Once reservations for the tent are full, guests will be seated in other locations around the ship until they fill up completely. Reservations are only valid if regatta entry fee is paid at Yachscoring.com. For full details about COLYC policies and guidelines while at the club please visit www.COLYC.org/covid-19.
- b. Saturday night: Regatta participants that make reservations for the post-race awards event will be treated to Complimentary Beer and Gosling's Rum. An all you can eat menu will be available with purchase of \$15 wristband.
- c. Sunday night: Regatta participants that make reservations for the post-race awards event will be treated to Complimentary Beer, \$20 open pour of Gosling's Rum. An all you can eat menu will be available with purchase of \$15 wristband.