



# Columbia Cup Regatta

August 7-8, 2021

Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)  
Chicago, Illinois (USA)

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Offshore Buoy Event

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)*.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0830 CDT on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.
- b. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat shall display Flag "L" and announce the change on the RC VHF Channel in accordance with rule 90.2(c).

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- a. On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel specific to each circle,
  - i. Circle 1 – VHF channel 71
  - ii. Circle 2 – VHF channel 80A
- b. The Offshore Buoy Event, event flag is Flag T.
  - i. The Race Area Flag for Circle 1 will be Flag G.
  - ii. The Race Area Flag for Circle 2 will be Flag K.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Columbia Yacht Club Ship and as a courtesy on the event website at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14499>.
- 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. CLASS FLAGS

- a. Boats need not fly designated numeral class pennants while racing.
- b. Class flag designations will be posted on the regatta page of YachtScoring.com no later than August 5, 2021.
- c. Competitors are advised that classes may be combined in the starting order but will still be scored separately.

### 6. RACING AREAS

- a. CIRCLE 1 will be located approximately 3.7 NM at a heading of 67° from the Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 041° 54.0' N, 087° 32.0' W.

- b. CIRCLE 2 will be located approximately 5 nm at a heading of 95° from Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 041° 52' N, 087° 30.0' W.

## 7. COURSES

- a. The diagram in SI Appendix A shows the courses including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- b. The RC shall display on course boards,
  - i. Approximate compass bearing to Long Mark 1 (LM1) and Short Mark 1 (SM1),
  - ii. Approximate distance to LM1,
  - iii. Approximate distance to SM 1,
  - iv. Course designation for each class,
  - v. Number of legs to be sailed.
- c. The leeward gate will be approximately 0.10 nm to windward of the starting line.
- d. Mark 2 will be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the single mark shall be left to port.
- e. LM1 and SM1 will have an offset mark. If the offset mark is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port.
- f. When SM1 and LM1 are the same distance, only one mark will be set and will be referred to as Long Mark (LM) and it will have an offset mark.
- g. The starting line will be extended with an additional Yellow Cylinder mark for the T-10 class. The mark used for the starting mark of the other classes; the inner mark is not a mark of the course for T-10 class. For all other class starts, the extended line mark (Yellow cylinder) is not a mark of the course.

## 8. MARKS

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

Mark	Mark designation for Circle 1	Mark Designation for Circle 2
Start	Yellow	Yellow
Finish	White	White
Windward	Orange	Yellow
Offset	Orange	Yellow
Gate	Orange	Yellow
Change	Yellow	Orange

## 9. OBSTRUCTIONS

- a. The perimeter designated by government buoys marking a security zone around the Chicago water cribs and the area which they define is considered as an obstruction in accordance with the RRS.
- b. Boats shall not sail within the perimeter established by the buoys marking the security zone.

## 10. THE START

- a. The starting sequences for the first race on Saturday and Sunday will be posted on the official bulletin board on August 5, 2021.
- b. The race committee may modify the starting sequence after the first race each day for any subsequent races.
- c. 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.
- d. Change of the windward mark (SM1, LM1 or LM) prior to a start will be signaled with Flag "C" displayed on the signal boat prior to the warning signal accompanied by repetitive sounds.
  - i. Code flag "C" will remain displayed through the starting sequences for the remaining starts,
  - ii. SM1 and/or LM1 will be a new change mark,
  - iii. A revised bearing and distance(s) will be displayed on the course board,
  - iv. When a subsequent change is made the change mark will be replaced by an original mark.
  - v. The offset mark will not be set for a course changed before a start.

- e. The starting line will be extended with an additional Yellow Cylinder mark for the T-10 class. The mark used for the start of the other classes; the inner mark is not a mark of the course for T-10 class. For all other class starts, the extended line mark (Yellow cylinder) is not a mark of the course.

## 11. 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.
  - i. When a subsequent change is made and the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- b. Offset marks will not be set on a changed windward leg of the course.
- c. The RC may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy.
- d. The RC may make minor changes to the orientation of the course, approximately 5 degrees or less, without signal a change of course. This changes RRS 33(a).

## 12. THE FINISH

- a. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- b. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

## 13. TIME LIMITS

- a. The Time Limits for LM1 or SM1 (whichever is appropriate to the course being sailed), Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are,

LM1 or SM1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	150 minutes	45 minutes

- b. If no boat has passed the first windward mark (LM or SM, depending on the course being sailed) within the Time Limit to the Windward Mark, the race will be abandoned.
- c. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat *sails the course* and *finishes*. Boats failing to *finish* within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window in her class, not exceed the number of boats registered in the class. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- d. Time limits apply to boats within a class.
- e. 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.

## 14. HEARING REQUESTS

- a. The Protest Desk will be located on lower salon deck of CoLYC.
  - i. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk.
- b. Protests will be heard at the Columbia Yacht Club.
- c. For each circle, the protest time limit is seventy five (75) minutes after the respective RC Signal Boat has docked.
- d. For the requirements stated in RRS 61.3, a protest, redress request and considerations for reopening, 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.
  - i. If information is to be emailed to the Protest Desk, send the information required by RRS 61.2 to [PROTEST@COLYC.ORG](mailto:PROTEST@COLYC.ORG),
  - ii. Protests, redress requests, and considerations for reopening may be delivered online with Yachtscoring by logging into the owner's corner and filling out the online form (a diagram may be brought to the hearing),
  - iii. 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,
  - iv. Protestors submitting protests digitally shall be present at the protest desk within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.

- v. Competitors must check in with the Jury Secretary at or before their hearing time or CONTACT the Jury Secretary with good reason why they will be delayed in or need the hearing rescheduled, otherwise the hearing would go as scheduled.
- e. A boat accepting a Post-Race Penalty may deliver a written statement that she accepts the penalty by emailing the information required by RRS Appendix T1 (c) to the Chief Judge at the email address [PROTEST@COLYC.ORG](mailto:PROTEST@COLYC.ORG) prior to her scheduled protest time.
- 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 62.2 (a).

## **15. Scoring**

- a. The LMPHRF ToTcf appropriate for the course will be used to calculate the corrected time for boats sailing in the PHRF – Spinnaker class(es). Corrected times will be rounded to the nearest whole second (0.5 rounded upward).

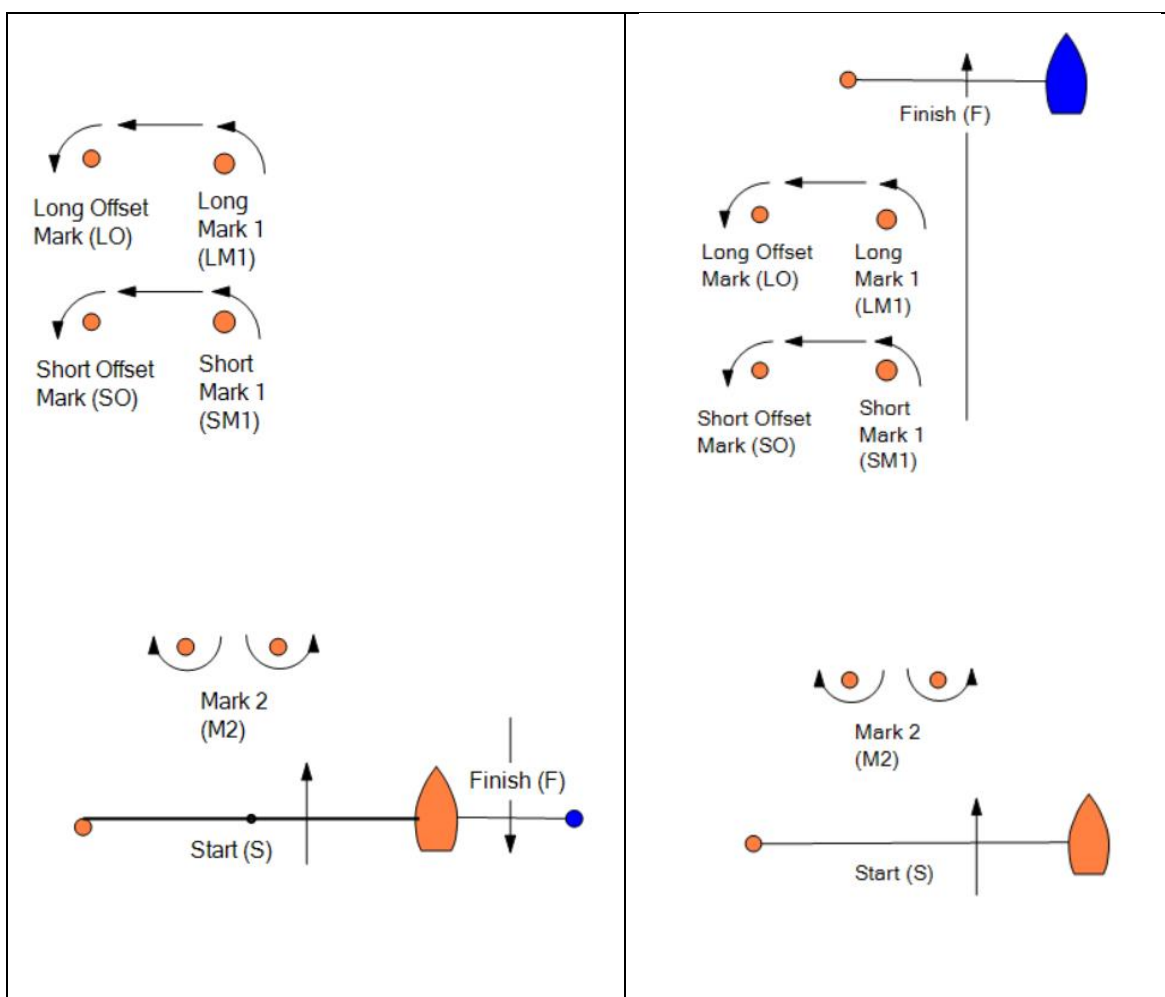
## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- a. Classes will abide by the offshore safety regulations according to their local and national class rules.
- b. [DP] Prior to the race, each boat shall check-in by:
  - i. Sailing astern of the RC signal boat and hail her sail number,
  - ii. The RC will acknowledge the hail.
- c. [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- d. [NP] [DP] A boat that does not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- e. [NP] [DP] A boat that cannot communicate with the RC via VHF shall call Columbia Yacht Club at 312-938-3625 and leave a message for Bradley Horn at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **17. PRIZES**

- a. Prizes will be awarded at the Columbia Yacht Club after racing on August 8, 2021.

## Appendix A – COURSE DIAGRAM



Course Designation	3-Legs	4-Legs	5-Legs
S/S	S-SM1-SO-M2- -F	S-SM1-SO-M2-SM1-SO-F	S-SM1-SO-M2-SM1-SO-M2-F
S/L		S-SM1-SO-M2-LM1-LO--F	S-SM1-SO-M2-LM1-LO-M2-F
L/S		S-LM1-LO-M2-SM1-SO-F	S-LM1-LO-M2-SM1-SO-M2-F
L/L	S-LM1-LO-M2- -F	S-LM1-LO-M2-LM1-LO-F	S-LM1-LO-M2-LM1-LO-M2-F

Courses designation with the number of legs will be displayed on a white board on the signal boat.