



2021 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RALLY RACES

Organizing Authorities (OA's): Burnham Park Yacht Club ("BPYC"), Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC"), Columbia Yacht Club ("COLYC"), and Jackson Park Yacht Club ("JPYC")

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July 10 - September 11, 2021

These Sailing Instructions provide additional information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Rally Series Races ("Races"), a fun, easy set of races for all to enjoy. Please join us for fun on the lakefront this summer!

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2.
- 1.3. [NP] COVID-19 can be a serious health concern and each competitor shall judge his or her own ability to participate during this health threat. 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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be published on each Race's website, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org, no later than 24 hours before a Race's start time. As a courtesy, skippers of entered yachts will receive emails or text messages regarding amendments, and the Race Committee may broadcast information regarding these amendments via VHF 78. Failure to receive these communications shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

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3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be published on each race's website, accessible via www.chicagosailracing.org, and will be sent via e-mail and/or text to all entered competitors. Additionally, the Race Committee may provide courtesy broadcasts during each race via VHF 78. These broadcasts are intended to assist all boats in understanding how the race is being conducted. Such broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Organizing Authority's clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Information provided via code flags will also be sent via email and text message to skippers of all entered yachts. The Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF 78 to assist sailors in understanding when the race will begin. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The schedule of Races will be as prescribed in Section 1 of the Notice of Series. Each Race will start at 1245 hours, unless postponed by the Race Committee.

6. RACING AREA

All races will be conducted off Chicago's lakefront.

7. COURSES

Courses for each race are designed to be simple and easy to follow, and are set forth below:

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Rail Deck Rally (Saturday, July 10, 2021)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to STARBOARD)
Orange Mark	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (round mark to STARBOARD)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

Pursuit of Happiness: Day 1 (Saturday, August 21, 2021)

Start	41°52.80' N, 87°34.46' W
Four Mile Crib	41°52.40' N, 87°32.70' W (round crib and all guard marks to STARBOARD)
Clemson Shoal Buoy	41°48.41' N, 87°32.08' W (round mark to STARBOARD)
Finish	41°50.00' N, 87°35.50' W (approximately 90°T, 0.5 NM from 31st Street Harbor Entrance) (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

Pursuit of Happiness: Day 2 (Sunday, August 22, 2021)

Start	41°50.00' N, 87°35.50' W (approximately 90°T, 0.5 NM from 31st Street Harbor Entrance)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°55.00' N, 87°34.30' W (round crib/guard marks to PORT)
Four Mile Crib	41°52.40' N, 87°32.70' W (round crib and all guard marks to Starboard)
Finish	41°52.80' N, 87°34.46' W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

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Chicago Regatta (Saturday, September 11th, 2021)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to STARBOARD)
Orange Mark	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (round mark to STARBOARD)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

- 7.1. Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on VHF 78. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 7.2. **The Race Committee may shorten the course by setting up a finish line at any mark and raising code flag "S."** The Race Committee may broadcast courtesy announcements regarding the shortening of a course via VHF 78. Failure to receive these communications shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

8. MARKS

Marks will be either government buoys or structures, or inflatable marks. When rounding a water intake crib, yachts shall stay outside of the Restricted Area Buoy markers surrounding each crib.

9. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- 9.1. When arriving at the starting area, boats shall approach the Race Committee boat, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee.
- 9.2. To facilitate safety of all competitors, if a boat withdraws from a race, it shall notify the Race Committee via VHF 78. Boats that are not currently racing or starting their race shall remain clear of the starting area and give way to all boats that are starting or racing.

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10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between an orange floating mark on the port end of the line, and an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat on the starboard end of the line.
- 10.2. Each race shall begin at 1245 hours. If the Race Committee needs to postpone the race, it will fly the Answering Pennant (Flag AP). Once the Answering Pennant is lowered, the Race Committee will broadcast the new starting time via VHF 78.
- 10.3. At the start of each race, the Race Committee will make ten long sounds, and raise the orange flag marking the signal boat end of the start line. Thereafter, the start line is open, and boats may start any time within 15 minutes of the start time. The Race Committee will note each boat's start time for scoring purposes. At 14 minutes after the start line opens, the Race Committee shall make one long sound, indicating that the line will close in one minute. At the end of the 15-minute window, the Race Committee will again make ten long sounds. Boats may not start after this time.
- 10.4. In order to make it easier for the race committee to identify boats at the start and finish, boats shall display a sail number on their sails. If a boat does not have a sail number on their sail, they may display it on a sail board or large piece of paper or cardboard in letters at least 12" tall so that it is clearly visible to the Race Committee. Boats shall use the sail number already assigned to them if one already exists on its sails. Boats without a sail number may apply for one from US Sailing at www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/services/sail-number-application.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark, which shall be left to port. The Race Committee signal boat shall be left to starboard. Boats shall display their sail numbers required under Section 10.4 from five minutes before finishing until one minute after finishing. This enables the Race Committee to easily identify boats when they finish.

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. The time limit for each Race will be 1600 hours, plus the amount of any postponement.

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13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1. A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgment.
- 13.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on the first weekday following the weekend's races. Protests shall be filed via the applicable protest portal on each Race's website.
- 13.3. Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.

14. SCORING

Each yacht will receive an elapsed time from the Race Committee, derived by subtracting its start time from its finish time. Calculation of start or finish times is not subject to redress by competitors. CASRA ratings will be applied to finish times in order to derive scores. Section breaks will be established by the Race Committee for scoring purposes and may be established after the completion of the race. Boats racing in "Jib and Main" sections will be scored separately from boats racing in "Spinnaker" sections

15. PRIZES

Series prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second, and third in each division. Prizes will be awarded at the CASRA Town Hall Meeting and End of Season Celebration.

16. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for participating in the CASRA Rally Series!

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