



# 2021 NOTICE OF SERIES

## **RALLY SERIES**

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

**July 10 - September 11, 2021**

### **NOTICE OF RACE and SERIES (NOR/S)**

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. This Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 ("RRS") available at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2.
- 1.3. RRS 52 is changed as follows: Power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted.
- 1.4. [NP] COVID-19 can be a serious health concern and each competitor should 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions provide additional details concerning the conduct of each race. They will be available prior to May 15, 2021 at [www.chicagosailracing.org](http://www.chicagosailracing.org).
- 2.2. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Series and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

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### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at [www.chicagosailracing.org](http://www.chicagosailracing.org).
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. To facilitate sharing of information and learning, boats are permitted to make voice or data transmissions via VHF radio, and may provide advice and coaching to each other. This changes RRS 41.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The races are open to all boats of at least 22 feet length overall.
- 4.2. All boats shall carry a working VHF radio.
- 4.3. All boats must have auxiliary power capability.
- 4.4. Because boats are of different sizes and speeds, it is necessary to use a handicapping system to properly score each race. CASRA's Handicap Committee will assign each boat a rating (CASRA Rally Rating) which is valid only for the events in this series. The rating will be based on a boat's valid LMPHRF certificate if available. For boats without a valid LMPHRF certificate, a member of the CASRA Handicap Committee may contact owners to obtain additional information about their boat to determine the proper rating.
- 4.5. Boats must carry safety equipment in conformance with United States Coast Guard recreational safety requirements.
- 4.6. Boats must sail with at least two crew members for each race.
- 4.7. Classes are defined as follows:

Spinnaker	Boats that intend to use a spinnaker at some point during the race
Jib and Main (JAM)	Boats that will only sail with a jib/genoa and/or mainsail.

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- 4.8. Eligible boats may enter by submitting the online entry form accessible at [www.chicagosailracing.org](http://www.chicagosailracing.org) along with the required fee.
- 4.9. Registration will open on May 15, 2021. In order to participate in any event, boats must be registered no later than 1200 on the day prior to that race's start.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fee for the Rally series is \$80. However, this entry fee shall be waived if the entered boat has rented a mooring in one of Westrec Marinas' Chicago harbors for the 2021 season.
- 5.2. All entry fees are refundable, subject to a \$10 administration fee. In order to receive a refund for a race, yachts must withdraw via Yacht Scoring no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the first race in the series.

### 6. SCHEDULE

Date	Event	OA(s)	1st Warning
July 10	RailDeck Rally	COLYC	1245
August 21	Pursuit of Happiness	JPYC/BPYC	1245
August 22	Pursuit of Happiness	JPYC/BPYC	1245
September 11	Chicago Regatta Rally	CYC	1245

### 7. VENUE

The venue for these races will be the waters of Lake Michigan, with specific starting areas outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

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### 8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will use a number of fixed, government marks in the waters of Lake Michigan near Chicago.
- 8.2. The marks that may be used are as follows:

Designation	Approximate Latitude, Longitude
Four Mile Crib	41° 52.40' N, 87° 32.70' W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41° 55.00' N, 87° 34.30' W
Wilson Ave. Crib	41° 58.00' N, 87° 35.50' W
68th St. Crib	41° 47.18' N, 87° 31.80' W
Clemson Shoal Buoy ("4")	41° 48.41' N, 87° 32.08' W

### 9. SCORING

- 9.1. Each race will be scored individually.
- 9.2. All four (4) races will be scored as a series, using a boat's three (3) best races. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 9.3. Time-on-Time scoring will be applied using the following formula:  
CASRA TOT Rally Rating =  $650 / (550 + \text{CASRA Rally Rating})$ .
- 9.4. The Low Point System (RRS A4) will apply.

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### 10. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

### 11. INSURANCE

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

### 12. PRIZES

For each race, prizes will be given for first, second, and third places in each class. Organizing Authorities may award additional prizes at their discretion. Additionally, series prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second, and third in each division.

### 13. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

### 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit [www.chicagosailracing.org](http://www.chicagosailracing.org) for additional information. Please direct any questions to [info@chicagosailracing.org](mailto:info@chicagosailracing.org).

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### 15. THANKS

Thanks to all competitors for participating in the events, and a special thanks to Chicago Harbors for its sponsorship of the Rally Series!

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