



**Verve Inshore Regatta &
J/24 Great Lakes Championship
Chicago Yacht Club
August 28 – 29, 2021
Belmont Station, Chicago, IL**

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

*The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the Organizing Authority.
Chicago Yacht Club is the host.*

ABBREVIATIONS

[SP] Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing.

[DP] Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.

[NP] Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. **This changes RRS 60.1(a).**

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

1.3 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors.

1.4 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, shall follow [House and Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19](#).

1.5 Crew substitutions or changes shall be recorded online prior to the start of racing each day.

1.6 Violations of Section 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 of these Sailing Instructions shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority. **This changes RRS 60.1.**

1.7 **[DP]** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area.

1.8 The rules of the International Etchells Class, International J/70 Class, and the Shields Class shall apply for their respective entries.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=14672>.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio. See Addendum B for channel(s).

3.3 **[DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.



4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the northeast of the Belmont Station Barge. In addition, signals made ashore will be distributed, as a courtesy, to the email or text address listed in a boat's entry form. Failure to receive courtesy electronic communications shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The races will be held August 28 & August 29, 2021.

6.2 Schedule of Events:

Friday, August 27, 2021

1630 – 1830 Registration & Crew Weigh-In (J/24 Class Only)

Saturday, August 28, 2021

0730 – 0830 Substitution Crew Weigh-In (J/24 Class Only)*

1025 First Warning

Sunday, August 29, 2021

0800 – 0830 Substitution Weigh-In (J/24 Class Only)*

1025 First Warning

1400 No warning after this time

After Racing Awards presentation

*These scheduled weigh-ins are only for race official approved replacement of crew(s).

6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

7 CLASS FLAGS & RACING AREA

See Addendum B for Class Flags, Initial Starting Sequences, and Racing Areas.

8 COURSES

8.1 The diagram(s) in SI Addendum 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.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course, which marks each fleet will use (Long/Long - LL, Short/Short - SS, or Long/Short - LS), and approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

9.1 The starting mark will be described in Addendum A for each circle.

9.2 Rounding marks will be orange inflatable shapes or orange robotic marks.

9.3 Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a boat or competitor and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. RRS 31 still applies.

9.4 Finishing mark may be an orange inflatable or white shape per the course diagrams in Addendum A.

9.5 Change marks will be yellow inflatable shapes and offsets will not be set on a change of course.



- 9.6 For course W, Mark 1 will have an offset. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port. Mark 2 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area(s) are designated as an obstruction:

- a) The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the US Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 **[DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. 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).***
- 11.5 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. ***This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.***
- 11.6 The race committee may combine classes for a start by displaying both class flags at the warning.
- 11.7 The race committee may modify the starting sequence after the first race of the regatta for any subsequent races.
- 11.8 Change of First Mark at the Start - When signal flag C is displayed on the signal boat at or before the warning signal, Mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in instruction 12 and revised bearing and distances will be displayed. Code Flag C will remain displayed through the starting sequence. If there is a subsequent change and the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. ***This changes RRS 27.1 and 33.***

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing 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.
- 12.2 A course change of 5 degrees or less will not be signalled by the race committee. The course change will continue to use the active mark. ***This changes RRS 33(a).***
- 12.3 Offset marks, if used as provided in instruction 9.6, will not be set on a changed leg of the course.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark per the course diagrams in Addendum A.
- 13.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.



15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below in minutes.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 min	120 min	30 min

15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

15.3 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. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. ***This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.***

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in person at the protest desk at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 Alternatively, hearing requests forms are available from the US Sailing RRS mobile app and can be submitted to regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 A boat's protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the Signal Boat for her circle.

16.3 Hearings will be held in person, in a socially distant manner, at CYC Belmont Station.

17 SCORING

17.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring.

17.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

17.3 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. ***This changes RRS A2.***

17.6 Scoring inquiries shall be filed online at the event website at www.yachtscoring.com.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 **[SP]** Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing or displaying her sail number, and receiving an acknowledgement from the race committee prior to her first race on each day of racing. A boat found to have broken SI 18.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class.

18.2 **[SP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impracticable, immediately after arriving ashore. A boat may notify the race committee using the designated VHF hailing channel. A boat found to have broken SI 18.2 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class. ***This changes RRS 63.1.***

20 SUPPLIED BOATS

Breakdowns for Chicago Yacht Club owned Tom 28s and Sonars are grounds for a request for redress.



21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

21.1 [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

22 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

29 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NoR.

30 FURTHER INFORMATION

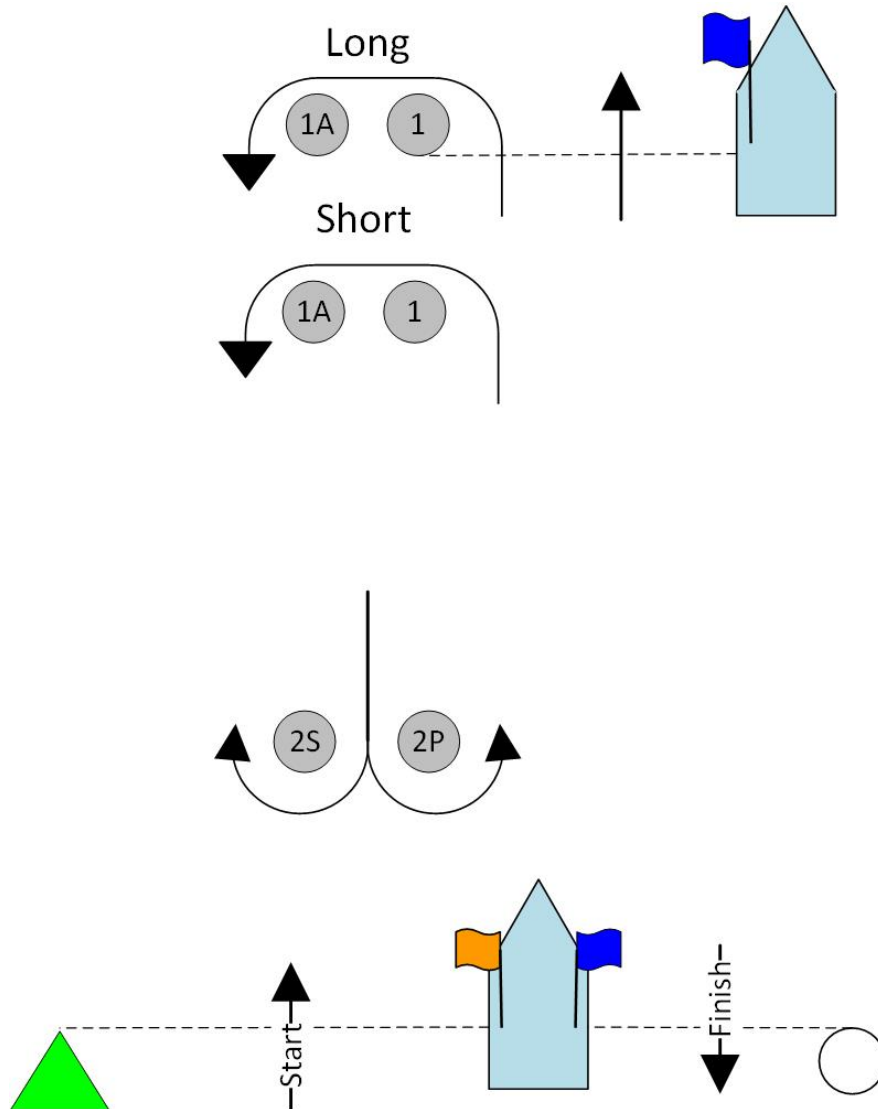
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Addendum A Course Diagrams

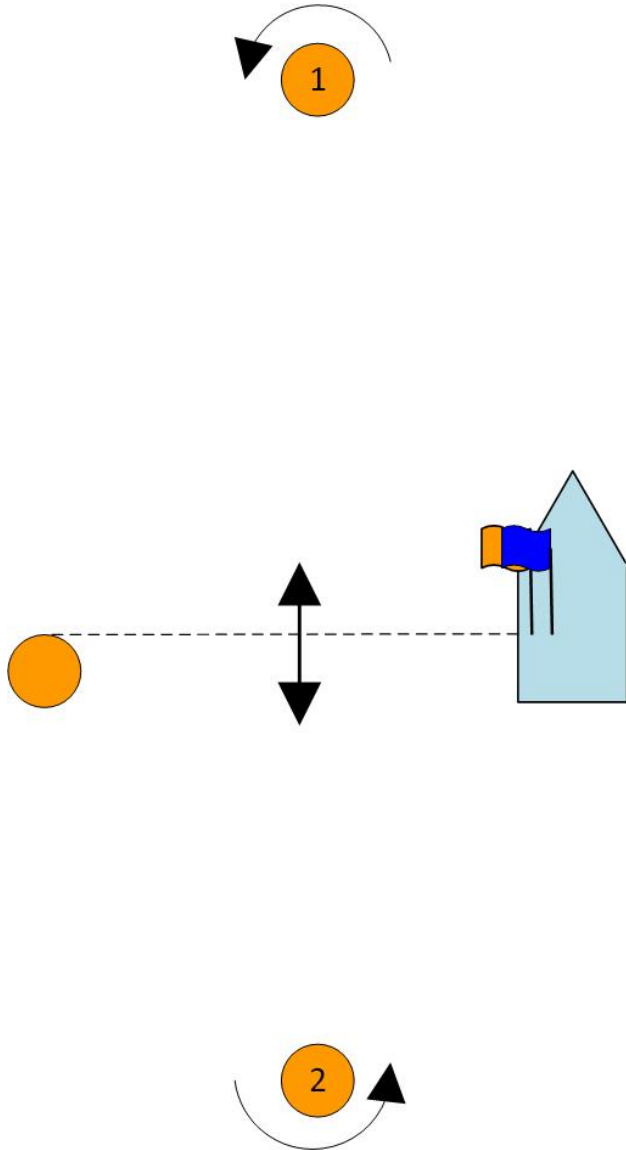
Course W – Windward/Leeward	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W4	Start - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - Finish
W5	Start - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - Finish
W6	Start - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - Finish

Marks 1, 1A, and 2S/P, and Finish may be different shapes or colors than shown.

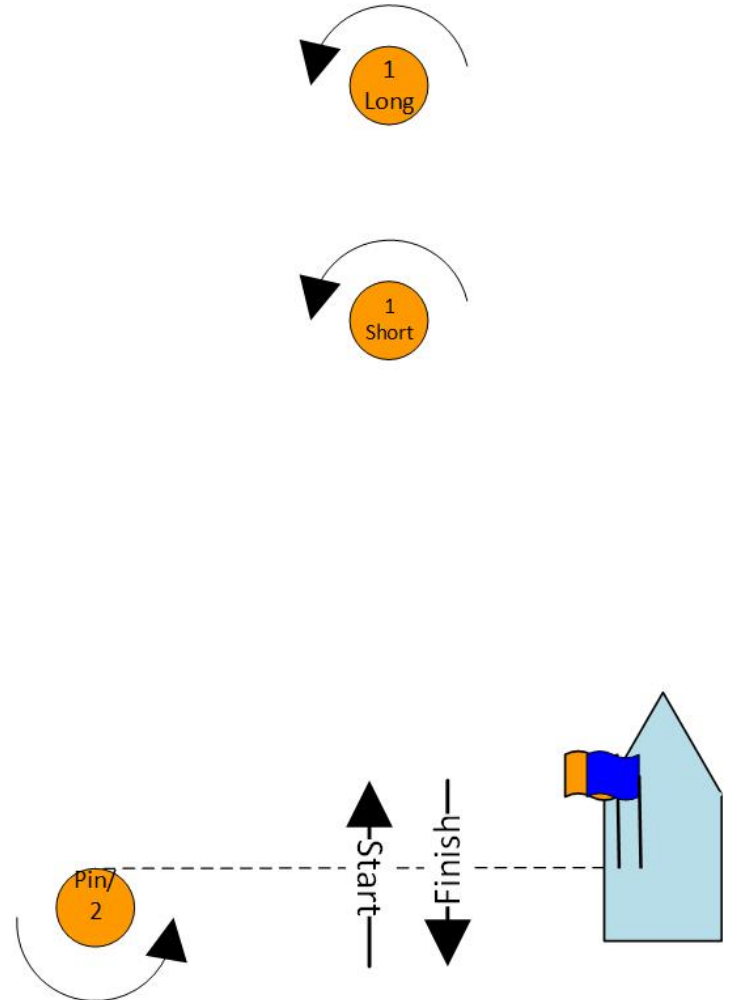




Course M – Windward/Leeward	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
M4	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish
M5	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Finish
M6	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish



Course B – Windward/Leeward	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
B4	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish
B6	Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - Finish





Addendum B

Class Flags, Initial Starting Sequences, VHF Channels, and Racing Areas

Red Circle

Courtesy Broadcasts: VHF Channel 71

Approximately 1.0nm at 60° from the Belmont Buoy

Approximate Coordinates – 41° 57.2'N 087° 36.6'W

**Orange Inflatable or Robotic Marks for Start, Turning, and Finish mark.
Yellow for change marks.**

Class

Etchells

Colgate 26

Sonar

Flag

Class Insignia

Code Flag 6 (Six)

Class Insignia

Blue Circle

Courtesy Broadcasts: VHF Channel 73

Approximately 1.8nm at 105° from the Belmont Buoy

Approximate Coordinates - 41° 56.3'N 087° 35.3'W

**Orange Primary marks.
Green Start and White Finish mark.
Yellow for change marks.**

Class

J/70

Tom 28

J/24

Flag

Class Insignia

Code Flag T (Tango)

Code Flag 4 (Four)