



Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
Buoy Race

Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL
August 19-21, 2022

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.

[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* except the prescription to 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The ORC Rating Rules and Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) will apply for the respective handicap sections.
- 1.4 **[NP]** Based on any public health consideration, competitors agree to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Illinois and City of Chicago, and the Chicago Yacht Club's policies regarding coronavirus, COVID-19, that are in effect at the time of the event.
- 1.6 **[DP]** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area.
- 1.7 Crew substitutions or changes shall be recorded online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15369> prior to the start of racing each day.
- 1.8 Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules and Local Fleet Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, Local Fleet Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply. A copy of the Local Fleet rules shall be provided to the Regatta Manager (regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org) by August 5, 2022 in order for them to apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted:

1. Before 0900 on the day it will take effect or,
2. In the event of AP posted ashore, no later than 15 minutes before AP is lowered ashore or,
3. By 2000 on the day before a schedule change 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?eid=15369>.



- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on the channels listed in Addendum A.
- 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.
- 3.4 **[NP]** Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 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 corner of the Monroe Station Clubhouse. In addition, signals made ashore may 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 75 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**
- 6.1 The schedule is as follows:
Thursday, August 18
1700-1900 Competitor Registration (Monroe Station)
Friday, August 13
1055 First warning (all circles)
Saturday, August 14
1055 First warning (all circles)
1800 DF65 First warning
Sunday, August 15
1055 First warning (all circles)
1400 No warning after this time
- 6.2 A maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled for all keelboat classes.
- 7 CLASS FLAGS**
See Addendum A.
- 8 RACING AREA**
See Addendum A.
- 9 COURSES**
- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum B shows the course(s), 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.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.3 **[NP]** Course information may be signalled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel.
- 9.4 When the Short Mark 1 and Long Mark 1 are the same distance, only one mark will be set and will be referred to as the Long Mark 1.



10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks will be inflatable shapes or robotic marks. Mark colors will be described in Addendum A.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 New marks, as provided in SI 13, will be inflatable shapes described in Addendum A. Offset marks will not be set for a change of course.
- 10.4 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.

11 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.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 **[DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 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).***
- 12.5 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.***
- 12.6 The Race Committee may combine classes for a start by displaying both class flags at the warning.
- 12.7 The Race Committee may modify the starting sequence after the first race of the regatta for any subsequent races.
- 12.8 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 13 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.***
- 12.9 Initial Start Sequence and Class Flags: See Addendum A.
- 12.10 Any self-correction movement by a robotic mark on the starting line shall not be considered an improper action of the RC and not grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a). ***This is added RRS 27.2.***

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 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.



13.2 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).***

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below in minutes (time adjusted in handicap sections).

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	120 minutes	30 minutes

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

16.3 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 two 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.***

17 HEARING REQUESTS

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

17.2 Alternatively, hearing requests can be filed online in the Owner’s Corner of YachtScoring within the appropriate time limit.

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

17.4 Hearings will be held, in person, at Monroe Station immediately following the event.

18 SCORING

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

18.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.

18.3 ORC scoring shall be in accordance with the ORC handicap certificate valid on August 12, 2022. ORC scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) utilizing the Triple Number scoring for Windward / Leeward courses. Explanation of ORC scoring can be found on the US Sailing website at this link: <https://www.orc.org/scoring/triplenumber.asp>.

18.4 **[NP]** Any decisions on wind range selection or course classification will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

18.5 MWPHRF scoring shall be in accordance with the MWPHRF handicap certificate valid on August 12, 2022 using Time-on-Time (ToT) based on the following formula: HCP ToT Rating = 650/(550 + MWPHRF ToD HCP Rating).

18.6 A boat participating in the Verve Cup Distance Race shall be scored DNC for each Verve Cup Offshore race sailed by its class that day unless the entire class sails the Distance Race.



- 18.7 A score of TLE will receive the points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus two points. ***This changes RRS A4.2 and RRS A5.***
- 18.8 A boat participating in the Verve Cup Distance Race shall be scored DNC for each Verve Cup Offshore race sailed by its class that day.
- 19 [SP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 19.1 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 19.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class.
- 19.2 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 19.2 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 BERTHING**
- [DP]** Boats wishing to utilize CYC Monroe or Belmont station docks during the regatta shall make reservations prior to the regatta with the respective CYC Dockmaster. CYC Monroe 312-296-2042 or 312-867-7777 x3781, CYC Belmont 312-617-6997, or email dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org. If space is available during the regatta, it will be on a first come/first serve basis.
- 21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
- [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.
- 23 INSURANCE**
- Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 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**
- Chuck Nevel, Regatta Manager
Chicago Yacht Club - 400 E Monroe St, Chicago, IL 60603
312-617-2279 (m)
regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org



Addendum A
Racing Areas, Class Flags, Marks, and Initial Start Sequence
Start Sequence may change after Race 1 of the Regatta

Red Circle

Courtesy Broadcasts: VHF Channel 71

Approximately 2.9 nm at a bearing of 085 from the Chicago Harbor Light

Approximate coordinates: 41° 53.9' North 087° 31.6' West

Orange primary marks.

Yellow for change mark, green start mark, and white finish pin.

Class

Beneteau 36.7

J/105

Tartan-10

Flag

Code Flag Six (6)

Code Flag Five (5)

Code Flag Zero (0)

White Circle

Courtesy Broadcasts: VHF Channel 72

Approximately 4.3 nm at a bearing of 110 from Inner Monroe Harbor

Approximate coordinates: 41° 51.2' North 087° 31.0' West

Orange primary marks.

Yellow for change mark, green start mark, and yellow finish pin.

Class

J/111

ORC

PHRF

Beneteau 40.7

J/109

Flag

Code Flag Echo (E)

Code Flag One (1)

Code Flag Two (2)

Code Flag Seven (7)

Code Flag Nine (9)



Addendum B Course Diagrams

Course Assignment	4 Legs	5 Legs
LL (Long, Long)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
LS (Long, Short)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
SS (Short, Short)	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish

Marks may be a different color or shape based on course assignment. Refer to Addendum A.

