



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL  
August 12-14, 2016**



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60, 63.2, and 63.4.
- 1.3 Appendices T1, T2 and T5 will apply.
- 1.4 The Offshore Rating Rule will apply for handicap classes.

### **2 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The person-in-charge shall be a member of his or her national authority. The U.S. national authority is US Sailing.
- 3.2 The regatta is open to any boat of 25 feet LOA or greater that holds either a current Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) handicap certificate or is a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the organizing authority. A boat sailing under ORR will be assigned to a class according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 3.3 A minimum of six bona fide entries must be received by August 1, 2016 for a one design fleet to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the organizing authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORR class, in which case a valid ORR certificate shall be furnished no later than August 1, 2016.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore) and paying the required fee by August 1, 2016. An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received and, if applicable, a valid 2016 ORR certificate is furnished.
- 3.5 An entrant may participate in the Verve Distance Race by marking the entry form accordingly. No additional entry fee will apply. A Verve Distance Race competitor will be scored DNC for that day's Verve Cup races.
- 3.6 An entire one-design class may compete in the Verve Distance Race if the fleet captain informs the organizing authority of its decision no later than August 1, 2016. The Verve Distance Race results will be scored as part of that class's Verve Cup results, but no boat within that class will be eligible for the overall Verve Cup Trophy.

## 4 FEES

4.1 Required entry fees are as follows:

<u>Fee received by</u>	<u>Fee per foot</u>	<u>Max fee</u>
July 1, 2016	\$8	\$525
August 1, 2016	\$11	\$600

4.2 The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew.

4.3 An administrative fee of \$35 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 1, 2016.

## 5 SCHEDULE

### Thursday, August 11

1200-1830 Competitor registration

1830 Skippers' meeting

### Friday, August 12

0955 First warning (all circles)

### Saturday, August 13

0955 First warning (all circles)

### Sunday, August 14

0955 First warning (all circles)

1400 No warning after this time

After racing Awards presentation

## 6 MEASUREMENTS

A boat in a handicap class shall produce a valid ORR certificate no later than 1800 August 1, 2016.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instruction will be available on the official notice board at registration prior to the regatta and may be available, as a courtesy, on the Chicago Yacht Club website at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore).

## 8 VENUE

Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan east of Monroe Harbor.

## 9 SCORING

9.1 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. One completed race will constitute a series. This changes rule A2. A maximum of 10 races shall be sailed.

9.2 Boats entered under ORR will be scored using that rule, all other boats will be scored without handicap. ORR scoring shall be in accordance with the ORR handicap certificate in effect on August 2. ORR scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) scoring utilizing the ORR 50% windward/50% leeward rating for downwind finishes and the 60% windward/40% leeward rating for upwind finishes.

**10 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded by class. The Verve Cup will be awarded as an overall prize to the winner of the class with the tightest competition determined at the discretion of the Verve Committee.

**11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**12 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

**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**

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