



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL  
August 11 - 13, 2017**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, 2017-2020 edition.
- 1.2. Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.3. The Offshore Rating Rule (ORR) will apply for handicap sections.
- 1.4. Class Rules – Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply.
- 1.5. The Beneteau 36.7 and T-10 classes will be issued bow number. T-10's sailing in their North Americans the previous weekend may elect to use the same Bow #. The top of the number shall be within 6" of the deck and within 12" of the bow..

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station. Information may also be available on the Chicago Yacht Club website at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore).

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 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.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located northeast of the center of the Monroe Station clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the race signal AP.





## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 5.1. Schedule:

#### Thursday, August 10

1700-1900 Competitor Registration

1900 Competitor Meeting

#### Friday, August 11

1055 First warning (all circles)

#### Saturday, August 12

1055 First warning (all circles)

#### Sunday, August 13

1055 First warning (all circles)

1400 No warning after this time

After racing Awards presentation

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

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags, class breaks and initial starting order will be provided in Addendum B which is attached to the sailing instructions.

## 7. RACING AREAS

The starting areas are as follows:

Red Circle Approximately 3.6 nautical miles at a heading of 050° from the inner Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41° 55' North and 87° 33' West.

White Circle Approximately 3.9 nautical miles at a heading of 100° from the inner Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41° 51.89' North and 87° 31.34' West.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, 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 boat will display the course, the approximate compass bearing, and the distance of the first leg.

8.3. 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.



## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1 and 2 will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark will be replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. Offset marks will not be set for a change of course.
- 9.3. On the White Circle, the starting mark will be Orange except for the Beneteau 36.7 and T-10 fleets which will have a Yellow starting mark. On Red Circle, the starting mark will be orange.
- 9.4. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active long course weather mark. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be white.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated an obstruction:

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

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark or Orange flag.
- 11.2. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and rule A5.
- 11.3. If a boat breaks 29.1 at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail or bow number on the designated hailing channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts or hails are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.4. The race committee may combine classes for a start.
- 11.5. Change of First Mark Between Starts - When signal flag C is displayed on the signal boat before the warning signal accompanied by repetitive sounds, Mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in instruction 9.2 and revised bearing and distances will be displayed. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.6. The race committee may modify the starting sequence after the first race of the regatta for any subsequent races.

## 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.
- 12.2. A course change of 5 degrees or less will not be signaled by the race committee. The course change will continue to use the active mark. This changes rule 33(a).



### 13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

### 14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

The time limit will be two and one-half hours. Boats failing to finish 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes rule 35, rule A4 and rule A5.

### 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the protest desk at Monroe Station within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. A boat's protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the Signal Boat for her Circle.
- 15.3. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 62.2 and rule 66.

- 15.4. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

### 16. SCORING

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. One completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 16.3. A maximum of 10 races are scheduled.
- 16.4. 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.
- 16.5. 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.
- 16.6. A boat scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus two points. This changes rule A4.2 and rule A5.

### 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A boat may notify the race committee using the designated VHF hailing channel.



**18. ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising, including removable adhesive stickers, chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**19. SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

**20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to all communication technologies.

**21. COURTESY BROADCASTS**

**21.1.** The courtesy VHF broadcast channels will be as follows:

Red Circle CH 69

White Circle CH 73

**21.2.** A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**22. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded in accordance to the notice of race.

**23. 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.

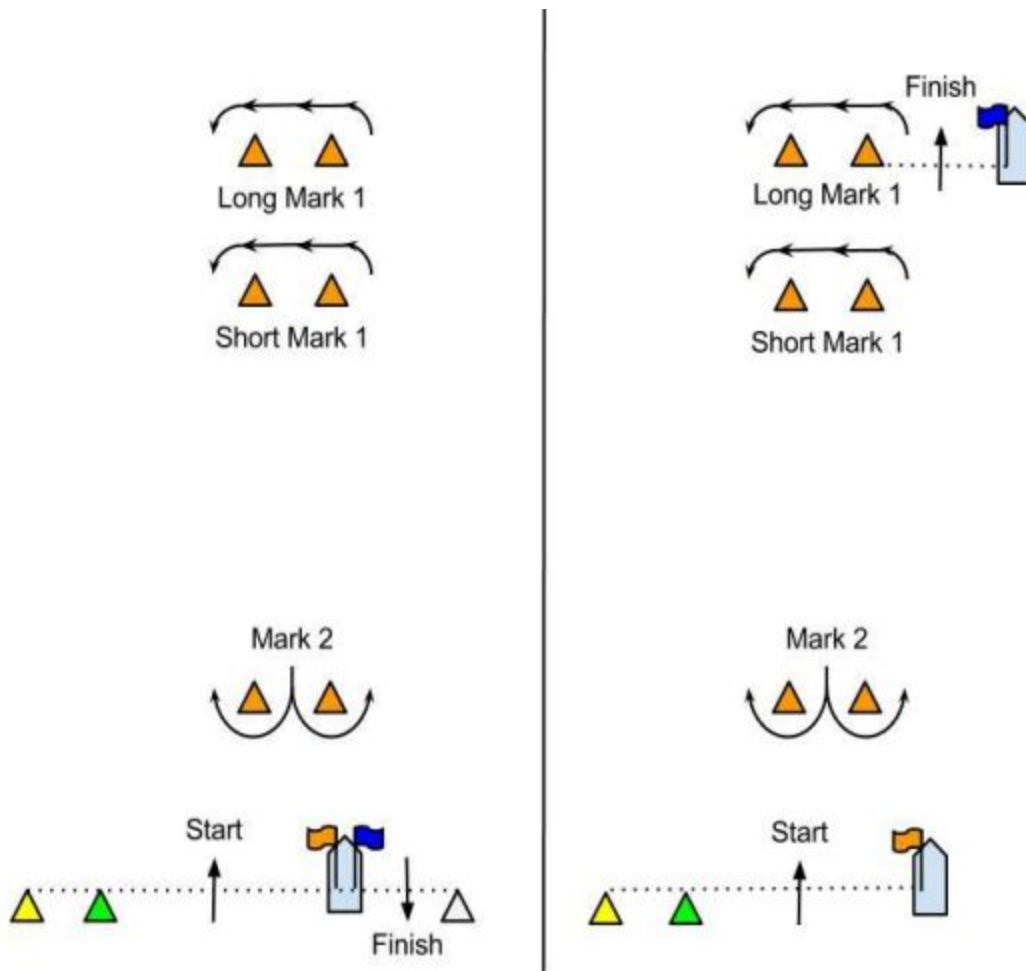
**24. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with 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



**ADDENDUM A**  
**VERVE CUP REGATTA**  
**Course Descriptions**

Courses	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





**ADDENDUM B**  
**VERVE CUP REGATTA**  
**Racing Circles and Initial Starting Sequence**

**Red Circle**

Courtesy Broadcasts: Channel 69

Approximate coordinates: 41° 55' North and 87° 33' West.

**Class**

**Beneteau 40.7**

**J109**

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**Farr 40**

**ORR1**

**Flag**

**Code Flag 4**

**Code Flag 9**

**Code Flag Juliet**

**Code Flag Foxtrot**

**Code Flag 1**

**White Circle**

Courtesy Broadcasts: Channel 73

Approximate coordinates are 41° 51.89' North and 87° 31.34' West.

**Class**

**J105**

**Beneteau 36.7**

**T-10**

**ORR 2**

**Flag**

**Code Flag 5**

**Code Flag 6**

**Code Flag zero**

**Code Flag 2**

