



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

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Chicago Yacht Club is the organizing authority for the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, 2017-2020 edition.
- 2.2. Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 2.3. The Offshore Rating Rule (ORR) will apply for handicap sections.
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. For the C&C30 Great Lakes Championship, the C&C30 Class Rules PART III EVENT RULES J.3 (Support Boats) is in effect.

3. ADVERTISING

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

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The person-in-charge shall be a member of their national authority. The U.S. national authority is US Sailing.
- 4.2. The regatta is open to any sailboat of 29 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 section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 4.3. A minimum of five bona fide entries must be received by August 6, 2017 for a one design section to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the organizing



authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORR section, in which case a valid ORR certificate shall be furnished no later than August 6, 2017.

- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at <http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org> and paying the required fee by August 6, 2017.
- 4.5. 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 Offshore Regatta races.
- 4.6. An entire one-design section may compete in the Verve Cup Distance Race if the fleet captain informs the organizing authority of its decision no later than August 6, 2017. The Verve Cup Distance Race results will be scored as part of that section's Verve Cup Offshore Regatta results, but no boat within that section will be eligible for the overall Verve Cup Trophy.
- 4.7. Entrants shall maintain to the best of their ability an accumulative crew list with email addresses for further communication throughout the event. A protest for this requirement may only be initiated by the Race Committee and an accurate crew list presented any time before a hearing, at the time of hearing or at the time of appeal shall exonerate the boat.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Required Fees are as follows:

<u>Fee received by</u>	<u>Fee per foot</u>	<u>Max fee</u>
July 4, 2017	\$9	\$525
August 6, 2017	\$11	\$660

- 5.2. Fees include access to all social events for skippers and crew.
- 5.3. An administrative fee of \$35 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 6, 2017.

6. 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



7. MEASUREMENT

Each boat competing in a handicap section shall provide a valid ORR certificate no later than 1800 August 6, 2017.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The sailing instructions will be available on or before August 6, 2017 at the Chicago Yacht Club website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore.
- 8.2. Racing Area Assignment, Section Breaks, Starting Order and Flag Assignments will be published in Addendum B to the Sailing Instructions no later than 1700 August 10, 2017.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. Regatta harbor is Monroe Harbor which is located at 400 E Monroe Drive, Chicago, IL 60603.
- 9.2. Addendum A to the Sailing Instructions will show the location of the racing areas.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. 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 6. 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.
- 10.2. A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. This changes rule A2.
- 10.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta. This changes rule A2.

11. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded by section. The Verve Cup will be awarded as an overall prize to the winner of the section with the tightest competition determined by formula.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.



13. 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.

14. 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.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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