



2018 NOTICE OF SERIES

CASUAL RACES

This Notice of Series provides basic information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Casual Races ("Races"), a fun, easy set of races for all sailors to enjoy. Please join us for fun on the lakefront this summer!

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES AND DATES

The Organizing Authorities for these Races are the Burnham Park Yacht Club ("BPLYC"), the Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC"), the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club ("CCYC"), the Columbia Yacht Club ("COLYC"), and the Jackson Park Yacht Club ("JPYC"). The series will consist of six races:

- Northerly Island Casual Race: Saturday, June 23rd, 2018 (BPLYC)
- Columbia Rail Deck Race: Sunday, July 15th, 2018 (COLYC)
- Verve Cup Casual Race: Saturday, August 11th, 2018 (CYC)
- Hobelman Regatta Casual Race: Sunday, August 19th, 2018 (CCYC)
- Chicago Regatta Casual Race: Saturday, September 9th, 2018 (CYC)
- Lutz Regatta Casual Race: Sunday, September 16th, 2018 (JPYC)

Each race is scheduled to start at 1245 hours.

2. RULES

These Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 edition, as adopted by U.S. Sailing ("RRS"). However, power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted. This changes RRS 52.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

These Races are open to all boats of at least 22 feet length overall. Boats must have auxiliary power capability, and comply with United States Coast Guard recreational safety requirements. Additionally, all boats must carry a VHF radio and a Global Positioning System ("GPS"). Boats may enter these Races by completing the Entry Form available via www.chicagosailracing.org.

In order to participate in one or more of the Races, boats must complete entry, including payment of any applicable entry fees, no later than 1200 hours on Friday prior to the Race in which it wishes to participate.

4. FEES

Entry fee for this group of Races is \$150. **However, this entry fee shall be waived if the entered boat has rented a mooring in one of Westrec Marinas' Chicago harbors for the 2018 season.** Any entry fees paid are non-refundable.

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5. SCHEDULE

Each Race will begin at 1245 hours on the dates outlined in Section 1. The time limit for each Race will be 1600 hours, plus the amount of any postponement.

6. MEASUREMENT AND RATINGS

Because boats are of different sizes and speeds, it is necessary to use a handicapping system to properly score each Race. Each boat that enters one or more of the Races will receive a CASRA handicap rating for this purpose. To assist in the rating process, a member of the CASRA Handicap Committee may contact owners to obtain additional information about their boat, including information as to modifications that have been made from its original condition. This rating is only valid for the events described in this Notice.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions provide additional details concerning the conduct of each race. They will be available prior to May 1, 2018 at www.chicagosailracing.org. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Series and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall control.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

The venue for the Races will be the Chicago waterfront on Lake Michigan, with specific starting areas outlined in the Sailing Instructions. Courses for each Race will be designed to be simple and easy to follow.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Skippers are strongly encouraged to avoid contact with other boats. In the event of a penalty, the RRS will apply as written, including RRS 44.1.

10. SCORING

Each Race will be scored individually. Section breaks will be assigned for scoring purposes, and may be set after the completion of each Race. Boats will have the option of racing in a "Jib and Main" division, or a "Spinnaker" division. Each division will be scored separately. In addition, all six races will be scored as a series, using a boat's five best races. The Low Point System A4 will be used to determine overall winners.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

To facilitate sharing of information and learning, boats are permitted to make voice or data transmissions via VHF radio, and may provide advice and coaching to each other. This changes RRS 41.

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12. PRIZES

For each Race, prizes will be given for first, second, and third places in each section. Organizing Authorities may award additional prizes at their discretion. Additionally, prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second, and third in each division.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in these Races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any of the Races.

14. INSURANCE

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

15. 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.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit www.chicagosailracing.org for additional information. Please direct any questions to chicago.sail.racing@gmail.com.

17. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us, and special thanks to all of our sponsors!

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