



**Columbia Cup Regatta and Lake Michigan Beneteau 40.7 Fleet Championship**  
**August 3 – 4, 2019**  
**Columbia Yacht Club**  
**Chicago, Illinois (USA)**  
**Offshore Buoy Course**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Off-Shore Buoy and Lake Michigan Beneteau 40.7 Fleet Championship**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SI) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that the rule may not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **1. RULES**

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
  - i. Local (Lake Michigan) class rules shall not apply.
- b. Sailing instruction (SI) 4(b) changes RRS Signals AP.
- c. SI 8b changes 62.1 (a).
- d. SI 13 (d) changes RRS 33.
- e. SI 14 (a) changes RRS 29.1.
- f. SI 15 (d) changes RRS 33 (a).
- g. SI 18 (a) changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- h. SI 18 (b) changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- i. SI 19 (h) changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- j. SI 20 (b) changes RRS A2.1.
- k. SI 20 (d) changes RRS A4.1, A5 and A11.
- l. SI 22 (b) changes RRS 55.

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

- a. Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Racing Notice Board located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9537>
- b. Notices will also be posted on the unofficial notice board at Columbia Yacht Club; on the rail-deck, just outside the juniors sailing classroom on the sliding door.

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

- a. Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racing Notice Board before 0830 CDT on the day it will take effect, except:
- b. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast of the Columbia Club Ship and as a courtesy on the event website at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9537>.
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 75 minutes’ in race signal AP. This changes RRS Signals AP.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS**

- a. Schedule of races and events is as follows:

Date	Time (CDT)	Item
Saturday, August 3	1130	Circle 2 – Beneteau 40.7 (B40.7) warning signal for first race
	1145	Circle 1 warning signal for first race
Sunday, August 4	1100	Warning signal for racing Sunday (both circles)
	1430	No Warning for a new race after this time
	1600	Awards on the rail deck of COLYC

- b. Eight races are scheduled for each class.
- c. No warning signal shall be given after 1430 on Sunday June 2, 2019.
- d. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means ‘No more racing today.’

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

- a. Boats need not fly designated numeral pennants while racing
- b. Designated numeral pennants for the classes will be posted on the regatta page of YachtScoring.com on August 2, 2019.
- c. Competitors are advised that classes may be combined in the starting order, yet still be scored separately. Signals for all affected classes will be flown together.

**7. RACING AREAS**

- a. CIRCLE 1, offshore classes except the Beneteau 40.7 class, will be located near LMSRF Area III Starting Area 3 (SA 3). The approximate coordinates are N 041° 54’ and W 087° 32’.
- b. CIRCLE 2, Beneteau 40.7 class, will be located approximately 3.5 nm at a heading of 100° from Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are N 041° 52’ and W 087° 32’.

**8. COURTESY BROADCASTS**

- a. The courtesy VHF broadcast channel is 71 for Circle 1 and 72 for Circle 2.
- b. The Race Committee (RC) may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the VHF channel assigned to each circle. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alleviate the competitor’s responsibility to observe the RC’s visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the RC courtesy broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**9. CHECK-IN [DP]**

- a. Prior to the first race of each day, each boat shall check-in by:

- i. Sailing past the RC signal boat and hail her sail number.
- ii. The RC will acknowledge the hail.

## 10. COURSES

- a. See Appendix A of the sailing instructions for the correct course and order that the marks will be rounded.
- b. The RC shall display on course boards,
  - i. Approximate compass bearing to Mark 1
  - ii. Approximate distance to Long Mark 1
  - iii. Approximate distance to Short Mark 1
  - iv. Course assignment for each class
  - v. Number of legs to be sailed
- c. The leeward gate will be approximately 0.10 nm to windward of the starting line.
- d. Mark 2 will be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the single mark shall be left to port.
- e. Long Mark 1 and Short Mark 1 will have an offset mark. If the offset mark is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port.
- f. When the Short Mark and the Long Mark are the same distance, only one mark will be set and will be referred to as Long Mark and will have an offset.

## 11. MARKS

- a. The marks for each circle are shown below.

Mark	Mark designation for Circle 1	Mark Designation for Circle 2
Start	Yellow	Yellow
Finish	White	White
Windward	Orange	Yellow
Offset	Orange	Yellow
Gate	Orange	Yellow
Change	Yellow	Orange

## 12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- a. Government buoys marking a security zone around the Chicago water cribs and the area which they define are considered as an obstruction. Boats shall not sail within the perimeter established buoys marking the security zone.

## 13. THE START

- a. The starting sequences for the first race on Saturday will be posted on or before August 2, 2019.
- b. The starting order may be altered for any subsequent race on either day after the first start of the classes.
- c. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the RC Signal boat and the course side of the starting mark located off the port side of the signal boat.
- d. After one or more classes, fleets or divisions have started a race, a change of the windward mark (SM1 or LM1) prior to a start of subsequent classes, fleets or divisions, will be signaled from the signal boat with Flag "C" accompanied by repetitive sounds prior to the warning of the classes, fleets or divisions preparing to start. SM1 and/or will the change mark and the revised bearing and distance(s) will be displayed. When in a subsequent change made the change mark will be replaced by an original mark. This changes RRS 33.
  - i. The offset mark will not be set for a course changed before a start.

## 14. RECALLS

- a. In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS by the RC, as a courtesy, the RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers or the identification of the boat on VHF channel 71 for racing Circle 1 and Channel 72 for racing Circle 2. This changes RRS 29.1.

## 15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- a. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finish 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.
- b. Offset marks will not be set on a changed leg of the course.
- c. The RC may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy.
- d. The RC may make minor changes to the orientation of the course, approximately 5 degrees or less, without signal a change of course. This changes RRS 33(a).

## **16. THE FINISH**

- a. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the RC Signal Boat and the finish mark.
- b. For downwind finishes, the finish line will be on the side opposite of the RC Signal Boat from the Starting Line.
- c. For upwind finishes, the finish line will be between a flagstaff on the port side of the nearby RC boat and the course side of the mark nearest to it.

## **17. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- a. Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) and T (Arbitration) will apply.

## **18. TIME LIMIT**

- a. Any race in which no boat in a class rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes or finishes within 2½ hours of the start will be abandoned. This changes 62.1 (a).
- b. Any boats not finishing within 45 minutes of the finish time of the first boat in their class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- c. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- a. The Protest Desk will be located on rail deck of Columbia Yacht Club.
- b. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk.
- c. Protests will be heard at the Columbia Yacht Club.
- d. For each circle, the protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the respective RC Signal Boat has docked.
- e. For the requirements stated in RRS 61.3, a *protest* or request for redress by a boat may be met by electronically submitting the protest information to the protest committee within the time limit stated in the sailing instructions. Information required by RRS 61.2 may be delivered using electronic mail delivery to [PROTEST@COLYC.ORG](mailto:PROTEST@COLYC.ORG). Instructions on how to file a protest form may be found on the relevant event page on YachtScoring.com. The party submitting a protest electronically should travel to the regatta venue as quickly as possible to participate in an arbitration meeting or protest hearing.
  - i. Protests submitted digitally shall also be presented to the protest desk in writing on arrival at COLYC.
  - ii. Protestors submitting protests digitally shall be present at the protest desk within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- f. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses along with the location of the hearing.
- g. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing or 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 RRS 62.1 (a).

## **20. SCORING**

- a. One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- b. The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total score of all her races. There will be no discards. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.
- c. For PHRF classes, Time-on-Time using the PHRF Buoy rating will be utilized.

- d. Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be scored two points more than the number of boats that finished in her class within 45 minutes of the first boat, not to exceed the number of boats registered in the class. This changes RRS Appendix A4.1, A5 and A11.

## **21. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- a. Classes will abide by the offshore safety regulations according to their national class rules.

## **22. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- a. Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash. This changes RRS 55.

## **23. WITHDRAWAL**

- a. Boats that retire from a race or do not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the RC before leaving the race course on her circle's VHF Channel. [DP]
- b. Boats that cannot communicate with the RC via VHF shall call Columbia Yacht Club at 312-938-3625 (312-WET-DOCK) as soon as practical (**Chuck Nevel – CoLYC Dock Master**). [DP]

## **24. DOCKING**

- a. There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at COLYC from 1500 hrs, Friday, August 2 through Sunday, August 4.
- b. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration on the East and South (Outer) sides of the dock.

## **25. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. [DP]

## **26. PRIZES**

- a. For classes with more than three boats entered, there will be prizes for the top three finishers in each class.
- b. For classes with three or fewer boats entered, only the first-place finisher for that class will be awarded a prize.
- c. The Columbia Cup trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the buoy races.
  - i. The boat with the lowest cumulative score for the regatta divided by the number of races that the boat's class raced will be used to determine the winner of the Columbia Cup.
  - ii. If a tie exists, the boat with the lowest average cumulative correct time for the races raced by the boat's class will determine the winner of the Columbia Cup.
- d. Prizes will be awarded at the Columbia Yacht Club on August 4, 2019.

## **27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, RC, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) 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. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

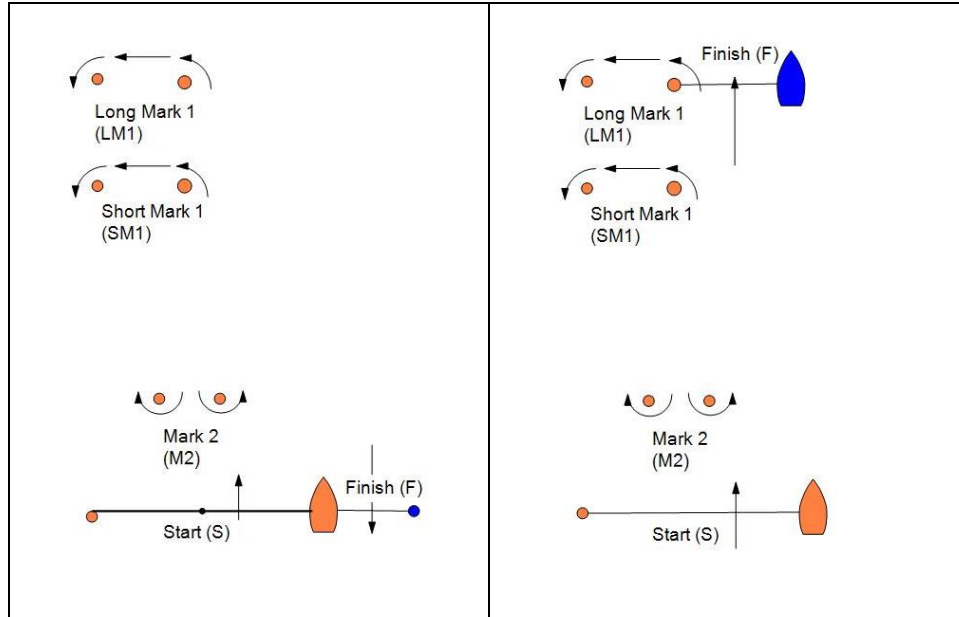
## **28. INSURANCE**

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

## **29. CONSENT**

- a. Competitors consent to the use of by the organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice or visual recordings of their images ("Recordings"), or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta ("Statements") and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, preform, display, transit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised. Competitors waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recording or Statements and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

# Appendix A – COURSE DIAGRAM



Course Designation	4-Legs	5-Legs
S/S	S-SM1-M2-SM1-F	S-SM1-M2-SM1-M2-F
S/L	S-SM1-M2-LM1-F	S-SM1-M2-LM1-M2-F
L/S	S-LM1-M2-SM1-F	S-LM1-M2-SM1-M2-F
L/L	S-LM1-M2-LM1-F	S-LM1-M2-LM1-M2-F

- Courses designation with the number of legs will be displayed on a white board on the signal boat.
- Only one windward Mark will be used for the Lake Michigan Beneteau 40.7 Fleet Championship Regatta, this will be displayed as “L” on the course board.