Verve Inshore Regatta
Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL
August 22-23, 2020

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations

[SP] *Rules for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing.*
[DP] *Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee.*
[NP] *Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)*

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the Organizing Authority for the Verve Cup Inshore Regatta. Chicago Yacht Club is the host.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

2.3 Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios and cellular telephones will not apply. All keelboats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in these events.

2.4 Class rules prohibiting GPS navigation devices will not apply. The following conditions will apply to the use of GPS navigation devices: When class rules prohibit the use of a GPS while racing, such a device may be used provided that it will be installed in a position or covered in such a way that no data may be taken from it while sailing. Data produced by such devices may be viewed only at the dock or on shore. This changes International Etchells class rule C.5.1(b) and Shields class rule 10.9.

2.5 For the J/70 class only, J/70 Class Rules Part III I.3 (Support Boats) will apply.

2.6 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors, specifically including any crew limits and requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE).

2.7 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, shall follow *House and Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19*.

2.8 Crew substitutions or changes shall be made online prior to the start of racing each day.

2.9 Violations of Section 2.6, 2.7, and 2.8 of this Notice of Race shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority. **This changes rule RRS 60.1.**

2.10 Crews must consist of 2 or more persons. This changes J/70 class rule C.3.1(a) and Etchells Class Rule C.2.1 (a).

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located

at:https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=13022

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the staff at the East end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station. In addition, signals made ashore may be distributed to the email address listed in a boat's entry form.

5.2 When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, August 22

1025	First Warning

Sunday, August 23

1025	First Warning
1400	No warning after this time.
After racing	Awards Pickup at Belmont Station Patio

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as listed in Addendum B.

8 RACING AREAS AND COURTESY BROADCASTS

8.1 See Addendum B for racing areas.

8.2 **[NP]** The race committee may change the hailing channel by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the first warning signal for each race or by posting on the official notice board. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

9 CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT [DP][SP]

9.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing or displaying her sail number, and receiving an acknowledgement from the race committee prior to her first race on each day of racing. A boat found to have broken instruction 9.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class.

9.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impracticable, immediately after arriving ashore. A boat found to have broken instruction 9.2 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class. ***This changes RRS 63.1.***

10 THE COURSES

10.1 Addendum A shows the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the marks are to be left.

10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on course boards:
- the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1
- the distance to long Mark 1
- the distance to short Mark 1
- the number of legs to be sailed
- the course assignment for each class

10.3 **[NP]** Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

10.4 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.

10.5 Long Mark 1 and short Mark 1 will have an offset mark. In the event that the offset mark is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port.

10.6 When short mark and 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

11.1 Original turning marks will be orange shapes.

11.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 14, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks. There will be no offset marks for change marks.

11.3 The starting mark will be green for all fleets.

11.4 The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white shape left to port on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active long course weather mark.

12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated an obstruction:

The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the surrounding guard marks. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

13 THE START

13.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

13.2 **[NP]** Boats on the course side at the start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee on the designated VHF channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts or hails are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

13.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. ***This changes RRS A4 and A5.***

13.4 Fleets shall start the first scheduled race in the order shown in Addendum B. Any subsequent races will be started no less than five minutes after that fleet has finished a race. The race committee will alert boats prior to the warning signal for subsequent starts via the designated VHF channel and/or with short, rapid sound signals to draw the competitor's attention. **[NP]** Errors and omissions in the sound signals or

the announcement are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

13.5 The race committee may elect to combine fleets for a start and will signal combined starts by displaying both class flags simultaneously.

13.6 Change of First Mark at the Start - When signal flag C is displayed on the signal boat at or before the warning signal with repetitive sounds, Mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in instruction 11.2 and revised bearing and distances will be displayed. Code Flag C will remain displayed through the starting sequence. If there is a subsequent change and the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. ***This changes RRS 27.1 and 33.***

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14.2 Offset marks, if used as provided in instruction 10.5, will not be set on a changed leg of the course.

14.3 **[NP]** The race committee may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

14.4 The race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg change will continue to use the active mark. ***This changes RRS 33(a).***

15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port.

15.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix T and V1 and the penalty provisions of Section 9 - Check-In/Check-Out will apply.

17 TIME LIMITS

17.1 The race time limit for all fleets will be two hours. The mark 1 time limit for each fleet will be 45 minutes.

17.2 If no boat has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned for that class.

17.3 Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. ***This changes RRS 35, A4.2, A5, and A11.***

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed online from the "owner's corner" section of the event web site at Yachtscoring.com or in person at the protest desk at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station within the appropriate time limit.

18.2 A boat's protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the Signal Boat.

18.3 The protest schedule will be posted on the official notice board at Yachtscoring.com.

18.4 Protests will be heard in person in a socially distanced manner at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station.

18.5 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 RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

19   SCORING

19.1   One completed race will constitute a regatta.

19.2   A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. No score will be discarded. *This changes RRS A2.*

19.3   Scoring inquiries shall be filed online at the event website at Yachtscoring.com.

20   PRIZES

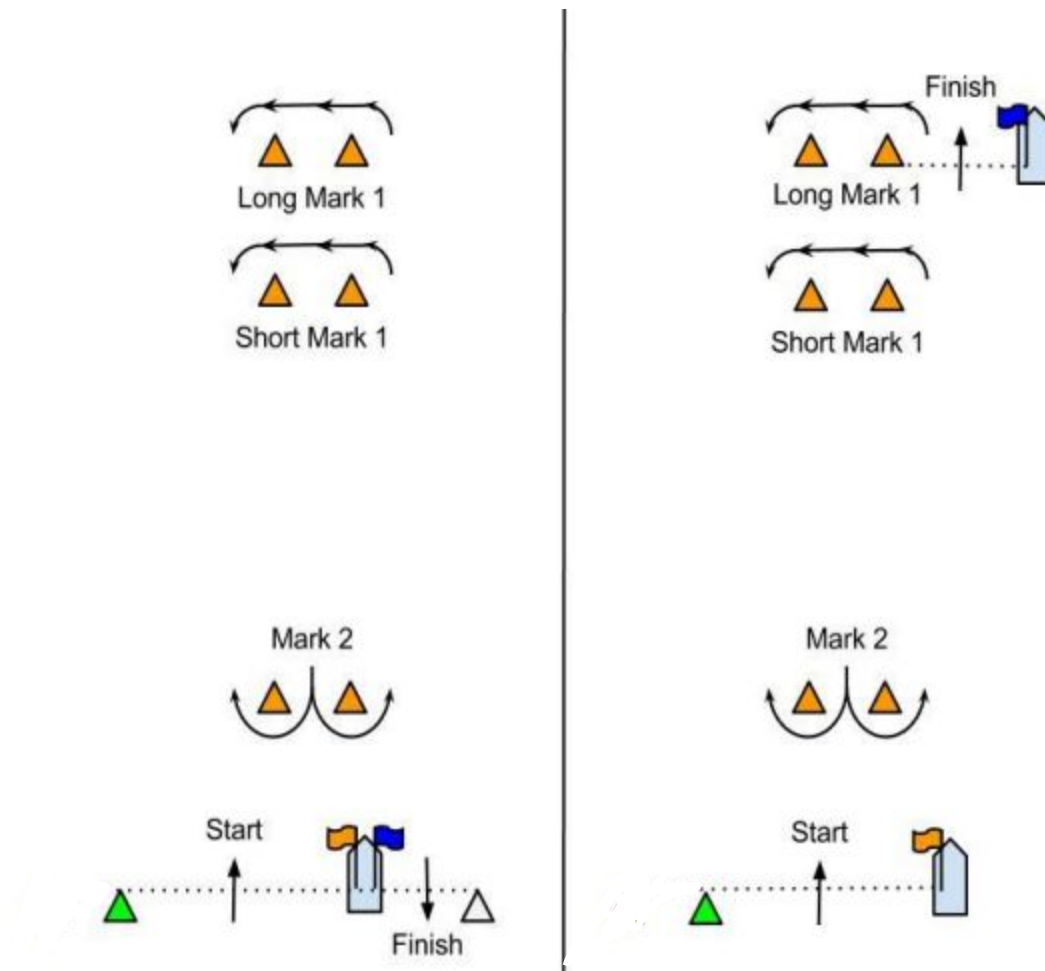Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.

21   FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM A
Course Diagrams

Course Assignments	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
Racing Areas, Class Flags and Initial Starting Sequence
Sequence May Change after Race 1 of the Series

Red Circle
Courtesy Broadcasts: Channel 73
Approximately two nautical miles east of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy #9.

Class	**Flag**
J/70	**J/70 Class Flag**
Etchells/Soling	**Flag E**
J/24	**Code Flag 4**
Sonar	**Sonar Class Flag**
Colgate 26	**Code Flag 6**