



2021 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DISTANCE RACES

Organizing Authorities (OAs): Burnham Park Yacht Club ("BPLYC"), Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC"), Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club ("CCYC"), Columbia Yacht Club ("COLYC"), Jackson Park Yacht Club ("JPYC"), Michigan City Yacht Club ("MCCYC"), St. Joseph River Yacht Club ("SJRYC"), and Waukegan Yacht Club ("WYC").

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The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2.
- 1.3. [NP] COVID-19 can be a serious health concern and each competitor shall judge his or her own ability to participate during this health threat. 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. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes 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.
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on each event's website, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org, and a courtesy notification will be sent via e-mail and/or text message to all entered competitors. Additionally, the Race Committee may provide courtesy broadcasts during each race via VHF 78. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

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3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be published on the official notice board for each event, available at www.chicagosailracing.org and a courtesy notification will be sent via e-mail and/or text to all entered competitors. Additionally, the Race Committee may provide courtesy broadcasts during each race via VHF 78. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Organizing Authority's clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Information provided via code flags may also be sent via email and text message to skippers of all entered yachts. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Schedules of Race will be as prescribed in Section 7 of the Notice of Races.

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6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags are:

Class	Flag
JAM	D
T-10	0 (zero)
LMPHRF	5, 4, 3, 2, 1
Beneteau 36.7	6
Beneteau 40.7	7
Farr 40	8
J105	J
J109	9
J111	E
J88	K
Double-Handed	Q
Multihull	F

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7. RACING AREAS

All races will be conducted in the waters of Lake Michigan. The starting areas for each race are as follows:

Spring Opener	41° 56.50 N Approx 108°T 3.5nm from Montrose Harbor Light Approx 090°T 3.0nm from Belmont Harbor Light Approx 022°T 3.3nm from Chicago Harbor Light (Area C)	87° 34.0 W
Chicago to Waukegan	41°56.50 N Approx. 090°T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)	87°36.85 W
Waukegan to Chicago	42°21.70 N Approx. 120°T, 0.5 NM from Waukegan Pierhead	87°47.90 W
Chicago to Michigan City to Chicago	41°52.80 N Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)	87°34.46 W
Gold Star Regatta	41°52.80' N Approx. 128°T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)	87°34.46' W
Third Coast Cup	41° 56.50 N Approx 108°T 3.5nm from Montrose Harbor Light Approx 090°T 3.0nm from Belmont Harbor Light Approx 022°T 3.3nm from Chicago Harbor Light (Area C)	87° 34.0 W
Holbeman Regatta	41° 56.50 N Approx 108°T 3.5nm from Montrose Harbor Light Approx 090°T 3.0nm from Belmont Harbor Light Approx 022°T 3.3nm from Chicago Harbor Light (Area C)	87° 34.0 W

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Pursuit of Happiness – Day 1	41°52.80' N, 87°34.46' W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Pursuit of Happiness – Day 2	41°50.00' N, 87°35.50' W (approximately 90°T, 0.5 NM from 31st Street Harbor Entrance)
Polonia Cup	41°57.75 N 87.34.50W Approx. 095°T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light (Area A)
Chicago to St. Joseph & Bi-State Fly-By	41°52.80 N 87°34.46 W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
St. Joseph to Chicago	42°08.20 N 86°30.00 W Approx. 349° T, 1.3 NM from St. Joseph North Pierhead Light.
St. Joseph to Michigan City (3 optional starting areas)	
SJMC-1	42°06.60 N 86°30.50 W Approx. 255° T, 0.8 NM from St. Joseph North Breakwater Light
JMC-2	42°02.70 N 86°34.70 W Approx. 218° T, 5.7 NM from St. Joseph North Breakwater Light
SJMC-3	41°59.60 N 86°38.00 W Approx. 218° T, 9.7 NM from St. Joseph North Breakwater Light
Michigan City to Chicago	41°44.00 N 86°54.80 W Approx. 340° T, 0.4 NM from Michigan City Breakwater Light
Sheldon Clark Regatta	41°56.50 N 87°36.85 W Approx. 090° T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)

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Herb Kaczmarek Regatta 41°57.75 N 87.34.50W
Approx. 095°T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light
(Area A)

8. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

When arriving at the starting area, boats shall approach the Race Committee boat, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. If a boat withdraws from the race, it shall notify the Race Committee via VHF 78.

9. COURSES

Courses will be as outlined in amendments to these Sailing Instructions for particular races.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange floating mark. The Race Committee may set a guard mark. If so, boats shall not pass between the guard mark and the signal boat.
- 10.2. During the starting sequence, the Race Committee will fly the appropriate class flag, as set forth in the table below. Boats racing in JAM, LMPHRF, and Double-Handed classes shall fly the appropriate class flag on their backstay.
- 10.3. Boats whose class signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.4. Any boat starting more than 10 minutes after its class' start will be scored DNS.
- 10.5. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by sail number via VHF 78. Failure to make or hear such hails is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of a finishing mark, which should be left to port. The Race Committee signal boat shall be left to starboard. Unless the Race Committee shortens the course, the finish location will be located at the same place as the starting areas, with the exception of the following Races, which shall have the following finish locations:

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Spring Opener	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41°57.72 N, 87°38.50 W) and a tetrahedron located about 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41°57.68 N, 87°37.74 W)
Chicago to Waukegan	42°21.70 N 87°47.90 W Approx. 120° T, 0.5 NM from Waukegan Pierhead
Waukegan to Chicago	41°56.50 N 87°36.85 W Approx. 090° T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)
Chicago to Michigan City to Chicago	41°52.80 N 87°34.46 W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Gold Star Regatta	41°50.00' N 87°35.50' W Approx. 090° T, 0.5 NM from the 31 st Street Harbor Entrance
Third Coast Cup	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41°57.72 N, 87°38.50 W) and a tetrahedron located about 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41°57.68 N, 87°37.74 W)
Hobelman Regatta	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41°57.72 N, 87°38.50 W) and a tetrahedron located about 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41°57.68 N, 87°37.74 W)
Pursuit of Happiness – Day 1	41°50.00' N 87°35.50' W Approx. 090° T, 0.5 NM from the 31 st Street Harbor Entrance
Pursuit of Happiness – Day 2	41°52.80' N 87°34.46' W
Chicago to St. Joseph	42°08.20 N 86°30.00 W Approx. 349° T, 1.3 NM from St. Joseph North Pierhead Light.
Bi-State Fly-By	41°54.33 N 87°32.38 W Appx. 031° T, 2.3 NM from Four Mile Crib (Area D)

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St. Joseph to Chicago	41°54.33 N 87°32.38 W Appx. 031° T, 2.3 NM from Four Mile Crib (Area D)
St. Joseph to Michigan City Optional Finish Areas	
SJMC-0	41°51.70 N 86°46.50 W Appx. 045° T, 10.0 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance
SJMC-1	41°48.60 N 86°49.80 W Appx. 045° T, 6.1 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance
SJMC-2	41°44.64 N 86°53.95 W Appx. 045° T, 1.0 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance
Michigan City to Chicago	41°51.94] N 87°32.37 W Approx. 150° T, 0.5 NM from Four Mile Crib
Sheldon Clark	41°56.50 N 87°36.85 W Approx. 090° T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)
Herb Kaczmarek Regatta	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41°57.72 N 87°38.50 W) and a tetrahedron located about 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41°57.68 N, 87°37.74 W)
11.2.	For the following races, boats shall display reflective sailboard numbers within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing, on the sides of the boat as indicated below. Boats failing to display number boards shall be penalized in accordance with Section 12 of these Sailing Instructions.

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Spring Opener	Starboard
Chicago to Waukegan	Port
Waukegan to Chicago	Starboard
Chicago to Michigan City and Return	Starboard
Third Coast Cup	Starboard
Hobelman Regatta	Starboard
Chicago to St. Joseph & Bi-State Fly-By	Starboard
Bi-State: St. Joseph to Chicago	Starboard
Tri-State: St. Joseph to Michigan City	Starboard
Tri-State: Michigan City to Chicago	Starboard
Herb Kaczmarek Regatta	Starboard

- 11.3. Boats racing in the CCYC's Spring Opener, Third Coast Cup, Hobelman Regatta, & Herb Kaczmarek Regatta shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when ½ nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
- 11.4. Boats racing in the Chicago to Michigan City and return, the Chicago to St. Joseph Race, and St. Joseph to Chicago Races shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when 1 nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
- 11.5. For the following races, yachts shall e-mail or text a Yacht Finish Report to the addressees indicated within three hours of finishing:

Chicago to Waukegan	banosail@comcast.net
Waukegan to Chicago	radiance@mac.com
Chicago to Michigan City and Return	tom@hytry.net
Chicago to St. Joseph	jkhollyk@gmail.com
Bi-State Fly-By	joyccommodore@yahoo.com
St. Joseph to Chicago	joyccommodore@yahoo.com
St. Joseph to Michigan City	michael.jones16@comcast.net
Michigan City to Chicago	joyccommodore@yahoo.com

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- 11.6. Yacht finish reports shall include: 1) boat name; 2) sail number; 3) owner name; 4) finish time (timed or approximate); 4) finish time of yacht ahead (timed or approximate); and 5) finish time of yacht astern (timed or approximate). For e-mailed yacht finish reports, the subject line of the e-mail shall contain only the sail number of the yacht reporting her finish.
- 11.7. If the Race Committee boat is absent from the designated finish line, an alternate finish line may be described in each race's amendment to these Sailing Instructions, and boats should cross the alternate finish line. Upon doing so, the boat shall report its finish time (per its GPS) to the Race Committee via VHF 78.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 44.3 shall apply, modified as follows: "The corrected finish of a boat that accepts a penalty under RRS 44.3 shall be 20% of the number of boats started in that class, taken to the higher whole number, but such penalty shall place a yacht no worse than last in her class. Her adjusted place, for determining her placement in her division, shall be one second greater than the time of the boat placing just before her in her division. This changes RRS A.4.1 and A5.
- 12.2. A boat successfully protested by the Race Committee for failing to properly display her class or sail number board as required, shall be penalized one place in her class. Her corrected time shall be the next boat to finish in her class, plus one second. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

13. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race will be 1700 hours, excepting the following Races, which shall have time limits as stated below:

Chicago to Waukegan	1800 hours
Waukegan to Chicago	1800 hours
Chicago to Michigan City and Return	1400 hours (June 26)
Rainbow Regatta	2330 hours
Chicago to St. Joseph	1300 hours (September 5)
Bi-State Fly-By	0400 hours (September 6)
Bi-State -- St. Joseph to Chicago	0100 hours (September 7)
Tri-State -- St. Joseph to Michigan City	2000 hours
Tri-State -- Michigan City to Chicago	2000 hours

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14. HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1. A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgement.
- 14.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on the first weekday following the weekend's races. Protests shall be submitted via the appropriate portal on each Race's website.
- 14.3. Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.
- 14.4. Violations of Section 4 of the Notice of Races are protestable only by the Race Committee.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Each race addressed herein will be scored individually.
- 15.2. Class breaks will be set by each Organizing Authority, and shall be posted on the Official Notice board by 1200 hours on Thursday prior to the weekend's races, with courtesy notifications sent to all competitors via email or text. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 15.3. Time-on-Time scoring will be applied using the LMPHRF DHCP handicap converted using the formula: $650 / (550 + \text{LMPHRF DHCP Handicap})$.
- 15.4. Boats racing in a One-Design class shall be scored without a handicap certificate and be scored by order of its finish. Each boat will be scored by its elapsed time within its class, the lowest elapsed time wins.

16. 15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Races. Each Organizing Authority will provide information about prize-giving ceremonies via e-mail and/or text to all competitors.

17. 16. THANKS

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

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