



Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
Buoy Race
Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL
August 13-15, 2021

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

*The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the Organizing Authority.
Chicago Yacht Club is the host.*

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 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.3 The ORC Rating Rules will apply for ORC handicap sections.
- 1.4 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors.
- 1.5 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, shall follow [House and Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19](#).
- 1.6 Crew substitutions or changes shall be recorded online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=14617> prior to the start of racing each day.
- 1.7 Violations of Section 1.4, 1.5, and 1.6 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 RRS 60.1.**
- 1.8 Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules and Local Fleet Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, Local Fleet Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply.
- 1.9 **[DP]** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area.
- 1.10 The ORC Rating Rules (available at www.orc.org/rules) and Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) will apply for the respective handicap sections.
- 1.11 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 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?elD=14617>.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on the channels listed in Addendum A.

3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the northeast corner of the Monroe Station Clubhouse. In addition, signals made ashore will be distributed, as a courtesy, to the email or text address listed in a boat's entry form. Failure to receive courtesy electronic communications shall not be grounds for a request for redress. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 13

1055 First warning (all circles)

Saturday, August 14

1055 First warning (all circles)

1800 DF65 First warning

Sunday, August 15

1055 First warning (all circles)

1400 No warning after this time

6.2 A maximum of nine (9) races are scheduled for all keelboat classes.

7 CLASS FLAGS

See Addendum A.

8 RACING AREA

See Addendum A.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum B shows the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.



10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks will be inflatable shapes or robotic marks. Mark colors will be described in Addendum A.
- 10.2 Mark 1 will have an offset. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port. 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.
- 10.3 New marks, as provided in SI 13, will be inflatable shapes described in Addendum A. Offset marks will not be set for a change of course.
- 10.4 Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This includes marks returning to station after having been pushed away by a boat or competitor and collisions with marks that do not cause damage. RRS 31 still applies.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area(s) are designated as an obstruction:

- a) The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the US Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 **[DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. ***This changes RRS 62.1(a).***
- 12.5 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. ***This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.***
- 12.6 The race committee may combine classes for a start by displaying both class flags at the warning.
- 12.7 The race committee may modify the starting sequence after the first race of the regatta for any subsequent races.
- 12.8 Change of First Mark at the Start - When signal flag C is displayed on the signal boat at or before the warning signal, Mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in instruction 13 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.***
- 12.9 Initial Start Sequence and Class Flags: See Addendum A.
- 12.10 Any self-correction movement by a robotic mark on the starting line shall not be considered an improper action of the RC and not grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a). ***This is added RRS 27.2.***



13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 A course change of 5 degrees or less will not be signalled by the race committee. The course change will continue to use the active mark. ***This changes RRS 33(a).***

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
- 14.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below in minutes (time adjusted in handicap sections).

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	120 minutes	30 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. ***This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.***

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed in person at the protest desk at Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 Alternatively, hearing requests forms are available from the US Sailing RRS mobile app and can be submitted to regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org within the appropriate time limit or filed online in the Owner’s Corner of YachtScoring.
- 17.2 A boat’s protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the Signal Boat for her circle.
- 17.3 Hearings will be held, in person, at Monroe Station immediately following the event in a socially distant manner.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring.
- 18.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 18.3 A boat’s series score is the total of her race scores. No races will be excluded. ***This changes RRS A2.***
- 18.4 Scoring inquiries shall be filed online at the event website at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 18.5 ORC scoring shall be in accordance with the ORC handicap certificate valid on August 6, 2021. ORC scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) utilizing the Triple Number scoring for Windward / Leeward courses. Explanation of ORC scoring can be found on the US Sailing website at this link: www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Summary-ORC-Scoring-



[Options-USA-CAN.pdf](#).

- 18.6 LMPHRF scoring shall be in accordance with the LMPHRF handicap certificate valid on August 6, 2021 using the time-on-time (TOT) buoy handicap rating (HCP).
- 18.7 A boat participating in the Verve Cup Distance Race shall be scored DNC for each Verve Cup Offshore race sailed by its class that day.
- 18.8 A score of TLE will receive the points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus two points. ***This changes RRS A4.2 and RRS A5.***

19 [SP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 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 SI 19.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class.
- 19.2 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 may notify the race committee using the designated VHF hailing channel. A boat found to have broken SI 19.2 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.***

20 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while at the CYC docks. Boats wishing to utilize CYC Monroe or Belmont station docks during the regatta shall make reservations prior to the regatta with the respective CYC Dockmaster. CYC Monroe 312-296-2042 or CYC Belmont 312-617-6997. You can also email at dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org. If space is available during the regatta, it will be on a first come/first serve basis.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

22 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a 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.

29 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the NoR.

30 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Addendum A
Racing Areas, Class Flags, Marks, and Initial Start Sequence
Start Sequence may change after Race 1 of the Regatta

Red Circle

Courtesy Broadcasts: VHF Channel 71

Approximately 2.8 nm at a bearing of 060 from the Chicago Harbor Light

Approximate coordinates: 41° 54.9' North 087°32.3' West

Orange primary marks.

Yellow for change mark, orange robotic start mark, and white finish pin.

Class

J/88

PHRF

Beneteau 36.7

J/105

Tartan-10

Flag

Code Flag Eight (8)

Code Flag One (1)

Code Flag Six (6)

Code Flag Five (5)

Code Flag Zero (0)

Green Circle

Courtesy Broadcasts: VHF Channel 72

Approximately 4.3 nm at a bearing of 095 from Inner Monroe Harbor

Approximate coordinates: 41° 52.4' North 087° 30.7' West

Orange primary marks.

Yellow for change mark, green start mark, and white finish pin.

Class

J/111

ORC

Beneteau 40.7

J/109

Flag

Code Flag Echo (E)

Code Flag One (1)

Code Flag Seven (7)

Code Flag Nine (9)



Addendum B Course Diagrams

Course Assignment	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

Marks may be a different color or shape based on course assignment. Refer to Addendum A.

