



COLORS Regatta

Buoy Event Sailing Instructions (SI)

June 4-5, 2022

Organizing Authority - Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)
Chicago, Illinois (USA)



The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that the rule shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may be, at the discretion of the protest committee, less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Any change in the SI will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0830 CT on the day it will take effect. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CT the day before it will take effect, except in event of an AP displayed ashore, the SI may be changed 15 minutes prior to the removal of the AP signal.
- b. Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water by the Race Committee (RC) Signal Vessel displaying Flag "L" and announce the change on the RC VHF Channel in accordance with rule 90.2(c).

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- a. On the water, the RC will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel specific to each Circle. In addition, Flags will be flown to indicate Circle and event details.

	Circle 1	Circle 2	Buoy Event Flag Both Circles
VHF Channel	71	80A	NA
Event Flag	G Flag	K Flag	T Flag

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the mast of the Columbia Yacht Club Ship and as a courtesy on the event website at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14942>.
- 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

- a. Dates of racing and events:

Date	Time	Buoy Event
Saturday, 4-JUN	1145	Warning Signal
Sunday, 5-JUN	1100	Warning Signal
Sunday, 5-JUN	1430	No Warning Signal after this time

- b. Maximum number of races for the event is 8.
- c. For the Buoy courses, the intent of the RC is to complete as many races as practical each day, but not exceed the maximum.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- a. Boats need not fly designated numeral class pennants while racing.
- b. Class flag designations will be posted on the relevant page at www.yachtscoring.com no later than 3-JUN-22.
- c. Competitors are advised that classes may be combined in the starting order but will still be scored separately.

7. RACING AREAS

Circle locations as follows:

	Circle 1	Circle 2
Approx. Heading	3.7 NM at 67° from Monroe Harbor entrance	4 NM at 96° from Monroe Harbor entrance
Approx. Location	041° 54.0' N, 087° 32.0' W	041° 52' N, 087° 31.2' W

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8. COURSES

- a. The diagram in SI Appendix A shows the courses 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.
- b. The RC shall display on the course board,
 - i. Approximate compass bearing to Long Mark 1 (LM1) and Short Mark 1 (SM1),
 - ii. Approximate distance to LM1,
 - iii. Approximate distance to SM 1,
 - iv. Course designation for each class,
 - v. Number of legs to be sailed.
- b. The leeward gate will be approximately 0.10 nm to windward of the starting line.
- c. Mark 2 will be a gate. If the gate is not in place, the single mark shall be left to port.
- d. LM1 and SM1 will have an offset mark. If the offset mark is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port.
- e. When SM1 and LM1 are the same distance, only one mark will be set and will be referred to as Long Mark (LM) and it will have an offset mark.

9. 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

10. OBSTRUCTIONS

- a. The perimeter designated by government buoys marking a security zone around the Chicago water cribs and the area which they define is considered as an obstruction in accordance with the RRS.
- b. Boats shall not sail within the perimeter established by the buoys marking the security zone.

11. THE START

- a. The starting sequences for the first race on Saturday and Sunday will be posted on the Official Notice Board on Thursday 2-JUN-22.
 - i. The race committee may modify the starting sequence after the first race each day for any subsequent races.
- b. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- c. Change of the windward mark (SM1, LM1 or LM) prior to a start will be signaled with Flag "C" displayed on the Signal Vessel prior to the warning signal accompanied by repetitive sounds.
 - i. Code flag "C" will remain displayed through the starting sequences for the remaining starts,
 - ii. SM1 and/or LM1 will be a new change mark,
 - iii. A revised bearing and distance(s) will be displayed on the course board,
 - iv. When a subsequent change is made the change mark will be replaced by an original mark,
 - v. The offset mark will not be set for a course changed before a start.

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- d. The starting line will be extended with an additional Yellow Cylinder mark for the T-10 class. The mark used for the starting mark of the other classes; the inner mark is not a mark of the course for T-10 class. For all other class starts, the extended line mark (Yellow cylinder) is not a mark of the course.
- e. [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

12. 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.
 - i. When a subsequent change is made and the new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- b. Offset marks will not be set on a changed windward 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).

13. THE FINISH

- a. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- b. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

14. TIME LIMITS

- a. The Time Limits for LM1 or SM1 (whichever is appropriate to the course being sailed), Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are,

LM1 or SM1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
45 minutes	150 minutes	45 minutes

- b. If no boat has passed the first windward mark (LM1 or SM1, depending on the course being sailed) within the Time Limit to the Windward Mark, the race will be abandoned.
- c. 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. Boats racing at the end of the Finishing Window, but have not finished will be scored TLE, points for the finishing place will be two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window in her class, not exceed the number of boats registered in the class. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- d. Time limits apply to boats within a class.
- e. Boats that have not finished a race and are delaying the start of the next race may be asked to accept being scored in place at the time of the notification.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- a. The Protest Desk will be located on lower salon deck of CoLYC.
- b. Hearing request forms (Protest forms) will be available at the Protest Desk.
- c. Hearings will be heard at the Columbia Yacht Club.
- d. Notices of Hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be scheduled as soon as practical.
- e. Competitors, who are parties to a hearing, shall check in with the Jury Secretary at or before their hearing time or contact the Jury Secretary with good reason why they will be delayed or need the hearing rescheduled, otherwise the hearing will proceed as scheduled.
- f. For each circle, the protest time limit is seventy-five (75) minutes after the respective RC Signal Vessel has docked.
- g. For the requirements stated in RRS 61.3, Hearing Requests and considerations for reopening, by a boat may be met by electronically submitting the information required by RRS 61.2 or RRS 62.2 to the protest committee within the time limit stated in the sailing instructions.

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- i. Electronic submissions containing the information required by RRS 61.2 or 62.2, may be emailed to the Protest Desk at protest@colyc.org, or submitted via www.yachtscoring.com by logging into the owner's corner and filling out the online form (a diagram may be brought to the hearing),
 - ii. Parties submitting hearing requests electronically shall be present at the protest desk within 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- h. A boat accepting a Post-Race Penalty may deliver a written statement that she accepts the penalty by emailing the information required by RRS Appendix T1 (c) to the Chief Judge at the email address protest@colyc.org, prior to her scheduled protest time.
 - i. 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 62.2 (a).

16. SCORING

- a. Boats entered in ORC classes will be scored in accordance with their ORC handicap certificate valid on 3-Jun-22, using time-on-time (TOT) utilizing the Triple Number scoring option for Windward/Leeward courses. The Race Committee will announce on the VHF channel assigned to the event the appropriate wind category prior to the Preparatory signal for each ORC division.
 - i. Any decisions on wind range selection or and course classification will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- b. Boats entered under MWPHRF will be scored in accordance with the MWPHRF certificate valid on June 3, 2022. Elapsed times will be corrected to a Time on time (ToT) corrected time using a time correction factor (TCF) using the ToD buoy racing handicap (HCP). The TCF, will be calculated using the adjustment factors A and B, 650 and 550, respectively.
- c. A boat's series score is the total of her race scores. No races will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- b. One design classes will be scored in accordance with finish positions.
- c. Corrected times will be rounded to the nearest whole second (0.5 rounded upward).

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. Boats shall abide by USCG Safety Regulations posted in documents area at the relevant www.yachtscoring.com page.
- b. Each skipper and sailor are strongly encouraged to wear a PFD while racing.
- c. [DP] Prior to the first race, each boat shall check-in by:
 - i. Sailing astern of the RC Signal Vessel and hail her sail number,
 - ii. The RC will acknowledge the hail.
- d. [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- e. [NP] [DP] A boat that does not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- f. [NP] [DP] A boat that cannot communicate with the RC via VHF shall call Columbia Yacht Club at 312-938-3625 and leave a message for Bradley Horn at the first reasonable opportunity or email regattachair@colyc.org.

18. PRIZES

- a. Prizes will be awarded at the Columbia Yacht Club after racing on Sunday 5-JUN-22.

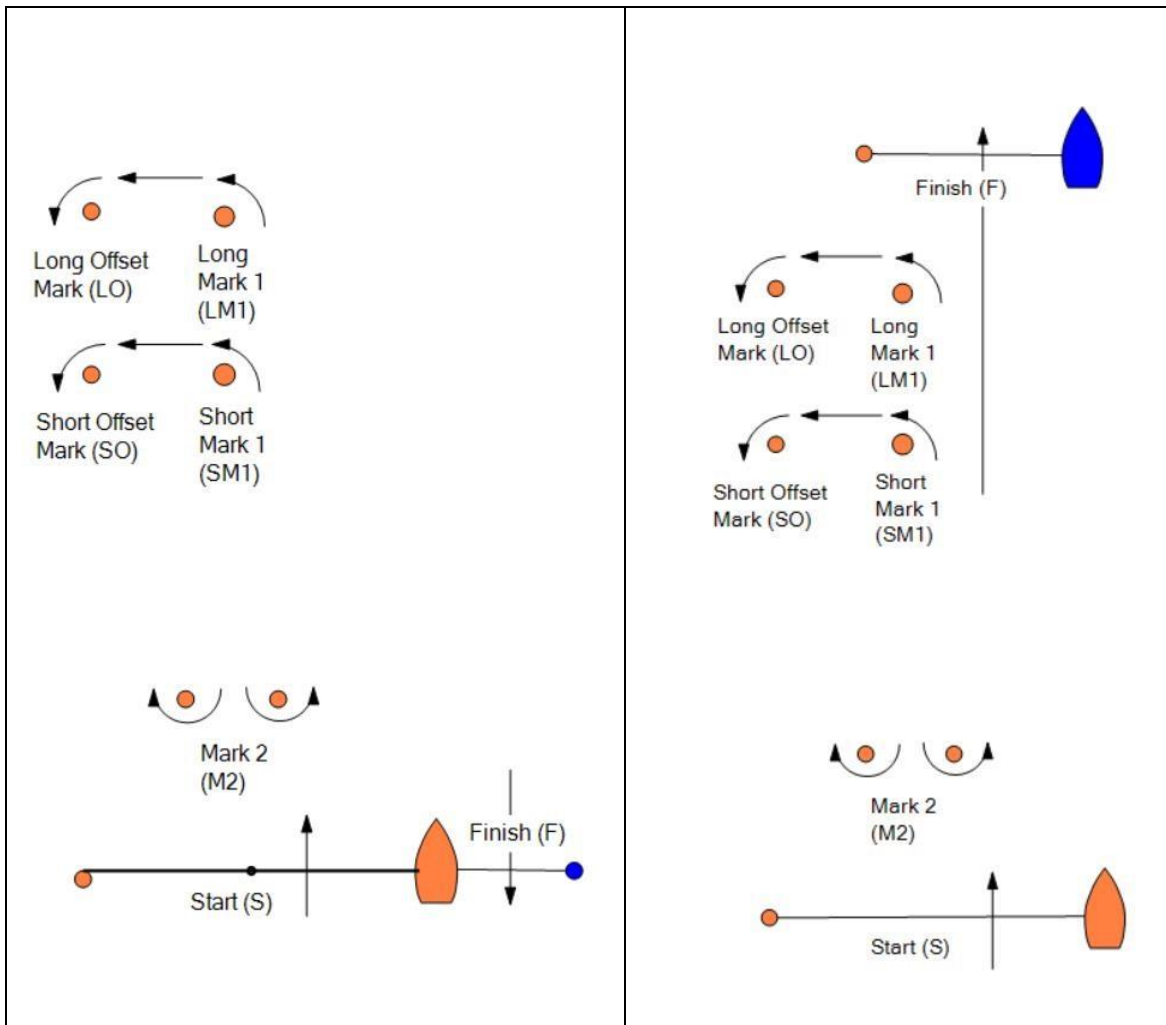
19. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT

- a. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against Columbia Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, volunteers, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.
- b. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable

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standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat.

Appendix A – COURSE DIAGRAM



Course Designation	3-Legs	4-Legs	5-Legs
S/S	S-SM1-SO-M2- -F	S-SM1-SO-M2-SM1-SO-F	S-SM1-SO-M2-SM1-SO-M2-F
S/L		S-SM1-SO-M2-LM1-LO--F	S-SM1-SO-M2-LM1-LO-M2-F
L/S		S-LM1-LO-M2-SM1-SO-F	S-LM1-LO-M2-SM1-SO-M2-F
L/L	S-LM1-LO-M2- -F	S-LM1-LO-M2-LM1-LO-F	S-LM1-LO-M2-LM1-LO-M2-F

Courses designation with the number of legs will be displayed on a white board on the Signal Vessel.