



HELLY HANSEN SAILING WORLD REGATTA SERIES

including:

J88 Great Lakes Championship
J109 Great Lakes Championship
Youth Keelboat Series

Chicago Yacht Club
Chicago, IL
June 6 - 8, 2025

<https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series/>

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is Sailing World in cooperation with the Chicago Yacht Club (CYC).

1. RULES

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

1.2 All US One Design Class Rules apply with the following exceptions:

- (a) For the J/70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply. [DP]
- (b) For the J/111 Class: Class Rule J.3 applies.
- (c) For the J/105 Class: J105 Class Rule 7.10 shall not apply to the OA-approved coach boat.
- (d) For the J/88 Class competitors are required to declare all sails to be carried during the event, including class tag numbers, through Yacht Scoring, before the close of registration. Any subsequent changes to sails carried must be in compliance with Class Rule 5.3.2.

1.3 The Local Rules of any one-design class will not apply.

1.4 The rules of Midwest PHRF (MWPHRF) will apply for MWPHRF handicap sections. The rules of the Offshore Racing Congress (ORC) will apply for ORC handicap sections.

1.5 The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble of Part 5, Section B and 63.1(b) shall not apply.

1.6 Drones shall not be flown in the racing area except with prior authorization by the OA. [DP]

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board immediately prior to the event.

2.2 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

2.3 Separate Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available for the Distance Race, ILCA/Laser, and DragonForce Racing Circles.

2.4 Class breaks will be published on the scratch sheet.

3. COMMUNICATION



3.1 The online Official Notice Board is located on the Regatta Series page of the Yacht Scoring website: https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16898.

3.2 All boats, except those racing on the ILCA/Laser and DragonForce Circles, shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. [DP]

3.3 Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios will not apply. [DP]

3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Failure to hear such broadcasts or the order in which they are read shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS62.1.

3.5 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. [DP]

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The following boats are eligible to enter: a) member of a one-design class association whose class is included and is in good standing with their class b) ORC or MWPHRF (3-day buoy), or c) ORC or MWPHRF (2- day distance). A minimum of six paid entries is required for a class to remain eligible for a one-design or rated start. The deadline for classes to form is May 23. The OA reserves the right to modify the minimum number of entries in a class.

4.2 Invited one design classes: Beneteau 36.7, Beneteau 40.7, DragonForce, Etchells, Farr 40, GL70, GL52, J/70, J/24, J/105, J/109, J/111, J/88, ILCA/Lasers, L30, Level 35, Melges 15, Melges 24, Rhodes 19, Shields, Sonars, Tartan Ten, Tom28, and Viper 640. The OA reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion. Other classes that want to participate should contact the OA by email to regattas@sailingworld.com.

4.3 The regatta is also open to any boat of 25 feet LOA or greater that holds either a current ORC certificate or a MWPHRF certificate. A boat sailing under ORC or MWPHRF shall be assigned to a division and section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority. All decisions of the OA regarding section assignments shall be final.

4.4 Due to the number of classes anticipated at this event, classes may be started together but scored separately.

4.5 The Distance Racing division (Saturday and Sunday only, 1 race per day) is open to Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker boats of 25 feet LOA or greater that holds a valid ORC or MWPHRF Certificate.

4.6 The Owner and/or Skipper of an eligible one design class must be a current valid member of their one design class. The OA encourages all Owners, Skippers, and Crew to be a current member of their National Governing Body (US Sailing for USA members; to join, visit www.ussailing.org).

4.7 Entries shall be completed online at <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-chicago/>

4.8 Fees for new and incomplete entries after May 15 will increase by \$75.00, this includes any unpaid entries.

4.9 A representative of each eligible boat shall register with race management in person at the Chicago Yacht Club during the allotted registration time.

4.10 Online waiver of liability: As part of the entry process on YachtScoring, all skippers and crew must complete the waiver of liability to be a valid entry.

After you have completed your entry application on YachtScoring, please go to the "OWNER'S CORNER" Section and then "My Crew List" and input or select your crew names. If your crew changes before the regatta, please edit your crew list online the same way. Crew names shall be identified by the close of registration.

4.11 In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability online prior to racing on that boat.



4.12 For entries to be considered valid, all registration items must be completed, including but not limited to crew waiver submission, paid fees, rating certificates on file, etc. All incomplete registrations will be considered withdrawn from the regatta if incomplete on or after 1900 on Thursday, June 5.

REGISTRATION DETAIL	DATE
Early Entry Opens for All Classes	November 24, 2024
Last call for Early Bird Entry Discount - All Classes	2359hrs on May 15
One Design Class formation (6 boats)	2359hrs on May 23
Online Entry Closes	2359hrs on June 5
Registration	1700 - 1900 on June 5
Distance Race Registration	0730 – 0900 on June 7

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee will be based on the LOA as follows:

LOA	Early Entry Fees	Entry Fees after 5/15/25
Single-handed	\$135	\$210
Up to 24'	\$285	\$360
25' - 30'	\$300	\$375
31' - 39'	\$330	\$405
40' and over	\$380	\$455
Distance Race (2-Day)	\$155	\$230
Remote Control (Sat)	\$25	\$35

5.2 The entry fee includes the costs for race management, access to CYC, race facilities, and docking from Thursday, June 5 - Sunday, June 8. Email Chicago Yacht Club directly with docking requests - dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org.

5.3 Entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA. An entry is not valid until the entry form and fees are accepted by the organizing authority. To withdraw your entry, please email regattas@sailingworld.com no later than Monday, June 2. In the event that the regatta is canceled, all entry fees will be credited in full.

5.4 Social events and fees are separate from entry fees; all sailors, members, and guests are welcome. It is the intent of the OA to host the Sailing World Speaker Series on Thursday,



a Happy Hour post racing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at CYC. Regatta Social Passes should be purchased in advance on the event website.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, boom stickers, and/or flags.

6.3 At the discretion of the OA, bow numbers may also be required for some classes.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 As many races will be sailed as are viable on each scheduled day of racing.

7.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1055 each day for buoy racing. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1025 each day for distance racing.

7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, June 8.

8. MEASUREMENT/WEIGH-IN

8.1 A boat in a handicap section shall have a valid rating certificate on file no later than May 30.

8.2 Measurement is not required, but each boat shall submit proof of holding a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by her class.

8.3 Neither the OA nor CYC shall be responsible for conducting or administrating weigh-ins or measurements. Local or national class association representatives shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins and/or measurement if needed.

9. VENUE

Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan in the vicinity of the Chicago lakefront. Specific locations will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle, or a variation of these point to point utilizing government marks. The number of racing areas, specific locations, and courses to be sailed will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. Class/Racing area assignments are subject to entries received.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix T- ARBITRATION will apply.

11.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply.

12. SCORING

12.1 Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races with no race scores excluded. One race will constitute a series. ***This changes RRS A2.1.***

12.2 Boats entered under MWPHRF will be scored using time-on-time (TOT) scoring. Boats entered under ORC will be scored using time-on-time (TOT) 5-Band. All other boats will be scored without handicap.

13. BERTHING



13.1 CYC will provide docking to competitors from Wednesday, June 4 - Monday, June 9 if all registration and fees are complete. All visiting boats requesting docking must email dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org by June 1, 2025 indicating which station (Monroe or Belmont) they are requesting docking in addition to their boat's details.

13.2 Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club at Montrose Harbor will provide space for ILCA dinghies competing in the Regatta.

13.3 Additional berthing to that included in the entry fee may be available subject to availability at standard rates for visiting Yachtsmen.

13.4 [DP] Competitors shall only store their boats and trailers as directed by CYC Staff. Only boat trailer parking will be provided during the regatta at CYC Belmont Harbor. All vehicles near Belmont and Montrose Harbors shall be parked in the paid public lot.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA and CYC 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.

14.2 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 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 the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

14.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top-three finishers of each qualifying class.

16.2 Each class winner is eligible for the **2025 Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Championship** scheduled for October 2025 in the British Virgin Islands. One class winner's name will be drawn from a hat at the conclusion of the awards.

16.3 Class Trophy: Boats in classes participating in three or more events of the Series will qualify for the **Sailing World Regatta Series Class Champion award**, which will be based on cumulative race scores from three events:

- (a) The same boat must be used in all three events
- (b) The helmsperson must be the same for all three events
- (c) A boat's series score will be the total of her points in her three best events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her three best



events will be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event.

16.4 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Junior Team (under 21 years of age), and top Mixed Plus Team (50% + female) to any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

17. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL

The Regatta Series is continuing to work with Sailors for the Sea Powered by Oceana to maintain Silver Level certified Clean Regatta. Please bring your reusable water bottles, consider car-pooling, and provision your boat with limited no single-use plastics. Visit www.sailorsforthesea.org to learn more.

19. REGATTA CONTACT

For further information please contact:
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