

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2009

For the  
**COLOORS**

REGATTA  
June 13-14, 2009

Hosted by  
COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB  
CHICAGO, IL



## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING and the rules of the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR), except as these are changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.3. For PHRF Classes, the 2009 Lake Michigan PHRF Rules shall apply.
- 1.4. For One Design Classes, the rules and regulations of their local class rules shall apply.
- 1.5. For ORR Classes, the Offshore Racing Rules as administered by US SAILING shall apply.
- 1.6. Boats competing must meet all class safety regulations. All boats entered must meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and comply with ISAF Category 4 safety requirements.
- 1.7. This event is classified as a Category C event in accordance with Rule 80, Advertising, and ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 1.8. ALTERATION OF RULES
  - 1.8.1. RRS 35, Time Limit is modified to include a time limit for the benefit of the regatta.
  - 1.8.2. RRS 51, Movable Ballast will be modified to allow the movement of sails not in use while racing.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Racing Notice Board located on the port side of the rail deck on the Columbia Club ship.

## **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racing Notice Board before 0830 CDT on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal boat docked at the north end of the main dock.
- 4.2. Code Flag "AP" means "The race is postponed". The warning will be made not less than 75 minutes after "AP" is lowered. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS**





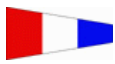



5.1. Schedule of races and events is as follows:

Fri 12 June	1700 – 1930	Check in/registration. Free 312 beer and pizza
	1930	Skipper’s meeting
Sat 13 June	1000	Warning signal for first race
	1700	Free 312 beer and Mexican dinners. Live band
Sun 14 June	1000	Warning signal for first race
	1600	Prize givings

- 5.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the “F” flag will be displayed with one sound five minutes before a warning signal is displayed. The "F" flag will be lowered one minute before the warning signal.
- 5.3. Six races are scheduled of which one must be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.4. Racing each day will consist of windward/leeward courses with as many races completed as practical.
- 5.5. At the finish of each race, the Race Committee will indicate its intent to conduct a subsequent race by displaying Code Flag “R”.
- 5.6. No warning signal shall be given after 1400 hrs on Sunday June 14, 2008.

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. One Design Classes need not fly class flag
- 6.2. The class flags for the purpose of signaling the start of each class shall be designated by the international code flags as follows:

CLASS	CLASS FLAG	CLASS FLAG
T-TEN	0	
J-105	Juliet	
BEN 36.7	6	
J-109	9	
PHRF	3	
BEN 40.7	7	
ORR 2	2	
ORR 1	1	

6.3. Competitors are advised that classes may be combined in the starting order yet still be scored separately.

**7. RACING AREA and COURSES**

- 7.1. The racing area will be Starting Area 3 (SA 3).
- 7.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 2 to 6 legs. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used. The diagrams in Illustration A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The official length of the Course shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for redress
- 7.3. For each course there will be two windward marks. The T-10, J-105, BEN 36.7 classes will sail a shorter (dotted line) course as follows: S, W1, L W1, F. The J-109, PHRF, BEN 40.7, ORR 2 and ORR 1 classes will sail a longer course as follows: S, W2, L, W2, F.
- 7.4. The leeward mark (gate) will be approximately 0.15nm to windward of the starting line. For windward finishes, the finish line will be approximately 0.15nm to windward of Mark W2.
- 7.5. The Course selected, the number legs, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the first rounding mark (Marks W1 and W2) will be displayed from a sign-board on the Race Committee Signal Boat with or before the warning signal.

**8. MARKS**

The starting mark and the marks of the buoy race course will be orange. The finish mark will be yellow. New marks will be of a different color than the mark it is replacing (yellow or orange).

**9. THE START**

9.1. The starting sequence is as follows

Sequence	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Class	T-10	J 105	BEN 36.5	J 109	PHRF	BEN 40.7	ORR 2	ORR 1

- 9.2. Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 9.3. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and an orange tetrahedron at the port end of the line.
- 9.4. The Race Committee may set a guard mark attached to the stern of the Signal Boat.

**10. RECALLS**

- 10.1. The Race Committee will attempt to inform boats on the course side of the starting line by VHF radio on Channel 78. Failure to hear or receive such transmission will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.
- 10.2. General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The warning signal for restart of a class following a General Recall shall made 1 min. after the first substitute is removed

**11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Signal Boat and the finishing mark. The Finish Line will be on the side opposite of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM, PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1. The Protest Desk will be located on the raildeck of COLYC club ship. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within the protest time limit.
- 12.2. The Protest Time Limit is sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat has docked. This changes rule 61.3
- 12.3. Notices will be posted near the Protest Desk as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are a party or named as witnesses.
- 12.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 12.5. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - a. within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - b. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total score of all her races. There will be no discards, modifying Rule A2.
- 13.2 ORR Division. Time-on-time scoring using Windward/Leeward 50/50 AP ratings will be utilized.
- 13.3 PHRF Division. Time on distance scoring will be utilized
- 13.4 Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be awarded two points more than the number of finishers but in no case more than the number of starters. This changes rule A2.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

- 14.1 The time limit for the races will be two and a half hours (2 ½ hrs). If no boat finishes within two hours, the race shall be abandoned. If a boat finishes before the time limit, any boat finishing more than one half hour after the leading boat will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).
- 14.2 If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the next start, the race committee may order the race terminated for that boat, and score the boat points equal to last place.

## **15 WITHDRAWAL**

Boats that retire from a race or do not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course. Boats that cannot communicate with the Race Committee, shall call Columbia Yacht Club at 312-939-3625 (312-WET-DOCK), as soon as possible.

## **16 RACE COMMITTEE COURTESY BROADCASTS**

The Race Committee may attempt to report visual signals displayed and other pertinent information over Channel 78 VHF (or an alternate channel as directed by the Race Committee). This information is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter their responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

## **17. SOCIAL**

Columbia YC will host a party on Saturday night courtesy of Skyway Yacht Works and Goose Island. Refreshments and a free Keg of 312 beer after the races on Sunday.

## **18. DOCKING**

There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at Columbia YC from 1500 hrs, Friday, June 12 through Sunday, June 14. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration on the East and South (Outer) sides of the dock.

## **19. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

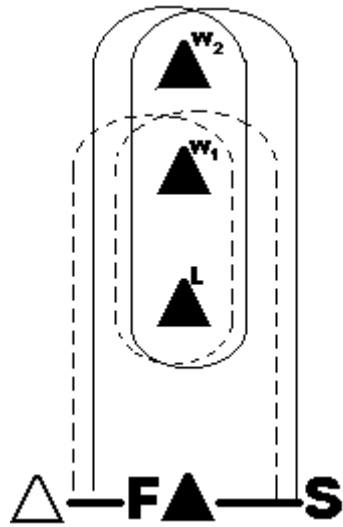
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **21. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

# COURSE DIAGRAMS

## COURSE A



## COURSE B

