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AUGUST 8 - 9, 2009

NOTICE OF REGATTA

Chicago Yacht Club

Belmont Harbor

Chicago, Illinois

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OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE**

1 NOTICE OF RACE

Chicago Yacht Club will host the Verve Cup Inshore Regatta August 8 - 9, 2009. The races will be held in the open waters of Lake Michigan off of Belmont Harbor, Chicago, Illinois.

2 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Chicago Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for the Verve Cup Inshore Regatta August 8 – 9, 2009. Notice is hereby given that all competitors (including spectators, officials and others) participate in this event solely at their own risk.

3 RULES

3.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)* including the US Sailing prescriptions. Fleet rules for each of the Chicago Yacht Club One Design Classes apply except where changed in these rules.

3.2 Class rules prohibiting marine band radios and cellular telephones shall not apply. All keelboats are required to carry an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving channels 9, 16, 71, 72 and 73 while racing in this regatta. Channel 73 will be used for communication between the racing fleets and the Race Committee. The race committee may change the hailing channel by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the first warning signal for each race or posting on the official notice board at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

3.3 Class rules prohibiting GPS navigating devices are waived with the following conditions: If class rules do not allow the use of a GPS while racing, the device shall be placed or covered such that no data may be taken from it while on the water. Data may only be observed while at the dock or on shore. In case of emergency, the GPS may be used. Doing so shall constitute a boat's withdrawal from the race where the emergency occurred or the next race that day if the observation is not during a race.

3.4 For the Rhodes 19 Class, Article B 12.03 is waived and crew changes are allowed between race days.

3.5 Pre-hearing arbitration will be employed. In addition to hearing protests, the protest committee will have final authority in resolving conflicts of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements. This changes RRS 63.1 and 66.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the classes that constitute the Chicago Yacht Club's One Design Racing Fleet (Etchells, Shields, Lüders 16, Vanguard 15), as well as the following One Design Racing Fleets: Rhodes 19, Melges 24, and Laser.

4.2 The regatta is open to boats of the following Sportboat classes: Laser SB3, Melges 20, Viper 640, and Ultimate 20. Sportboat classes may be combined into one section and scored under US Sailing Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) rules if less than five (5) entrants are received from each One Design class.

4.3 The regatta is open to boats of any other Inshore One Design Racing Fleet that generates five (5) or more entrants by August 3, 2009 that are accepted by the Regatta Committee.

4.4 Entry deadline is Monday, August 3, 2009 at 1700 CDT. Classes with a minimum of five (5) entries and classes of the CYC One Design Fleets may be provided a start. Entry will only be accepted into classes established by 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3.

4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority. Entries may be submitted online at the Chicago Yacht Club web site: <http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org>, click on the Yacht Racing Events menu, then on the Verve Cup Regatta link. Entry is not valid until the entry form is completed and the entry fees are received.

5 CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will not apply unless individual class rules require limitations.

6 Class Flags

Class flags will be the class insignia or as otherwise described in the Sailing Instructions.

7 FEES

7.1 Required entry fees are as follows:

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| Keelboat and Sportboat Classes | \$75.00 | |
| Centerboard Boat Classes | \$50.00 | |
| Entrants who are not a member of US SAILING or another National Governing Body: | | |
| Keelboat and Sportboat Classes | \$85.00 | |
| Centerboard Boat Classes | \$60.00 | |

7.1.1 Keelboat and Sportboat entry fee includes one wristband for the dinner & party Saturday, August 8, 2009.

7.2 Other fees:

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| Saturday dinner & party wristband | \$20.00 | |
| Vehicle parking, daily rate | \$8.00 | (Paid to Chicago Park District) |
| Trailer storage, daily rate | \$8.00 | (Paid to Chicago Park District) |
| Trailer storage, weekly rate | \$25.00 | (Paid to Chicago Park District) |

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Schedule of events:

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| Friday, August 7 | Registration 1700 to 1900 |
| Saturday, August 8 | Skipper's Meeting 0800 First warning signal 1030 |
| Sunday, August 9 | First warning signal 1030 |

Harbor start will be at 0900.

No warning signal will be made after 1330 hours on Sunday, August 9.

There will be a regatta party and dinner following racing on Saturday, August 8.

Awards Presentation will follow racing on Sunday, August 9.

8.2 Number of Races

It is the intent of the Race Committee to complete a minimum of the following schedule of races, as conditions permit, with as many races as practical completed each day.

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| Keelboat Classes | 3 races on Saturday | 2 races on Sunday |
| Sportboat Classes | 3 races on Saturday | 2 races on Sunday |
| Laser | 6 races on Saturday | 4 races on Sunday |
| Vanguard 15 | 6 fleet races on Saturday | Team racing with at least 1 Round Robin Race on Sunday |

9 TEAM RACING FORMAT

Team races shall be sailed under RRS Appendix D. Teams for Vanguard 15 Team Racing will be generated based on finishing positions from Saturday's fleet racing creating even teams on Sunday.

10 STARTING TIME

The scheduled time of the First warning signal for the first race each day is 1030.

11 MEASUREMENT

11.1 A current valid class measurement certificate shall be presented at registration for each yacht entered, if required by individual class rules.

11.2 Document Inspection shall be carried out on each yacht before its registration is complete.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

12.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and online.

12.2 Any additional Sailing Instruction or Notice shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station, courtesy copies may be made available online.

13 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, will apply. There will be no throw-outs and the boat's total score will be the sum of her results for all races. This modifies RRS A-2. One race constitutes a Regatta.

14 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

All keelboats shall be afloat before 0900, August 8, 2009. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without prior written permission of the Jury.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all forms of radio communication, including mobile telephones.

16 PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded to yachts finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to Race.) The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Regatta.

18 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendment will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online, and copies will be available at registration.

19 INFORMATION

Email: Racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org

Phone: 312-861-7771 Fax: 312-861-1840

www.Chicagoyachtclub.org

20 PARKING & TRAILER STORAGE

Parking and trailer storage will be available during the regatta in the Chicago Park District public parking lot at Belmont Harbor, near the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station. The rates will be as set forth in section 7.2.

Directions to Belmont Harbor

Take **I-90/94** to Chicago. Exit interstate at **Irving Park Road**, heading east.

Turn right (south) onto **Inner Drive/Marine Drive**. Do not turn onto the entrance ramp to Outer Lake Shore Drive. Turn left (east) on **Belmont Avenue**.

Belmont Avenue passes beneath Lake Shore Drive. Turn right at the end of Belmont Avenue onto the harbor access road.

The Chicago Yacht Club is at the south end of Belmont Harbor (see map below).

Note that trailers are prohibited on Outer Lake Shore Drive.

For aid with directions, contact the Chicago Yacht Club (773)477-7577

