

CHICAGO YACHT CLUB
2009 VERVE CUP INSHORE REGATTA
AUGUST 8-9, 2009 BELMONT STATION
KEELBOAT AND SPORTBOAT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Chicago Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of The United States Sailing Association (US SAILING), the rules of the appropriate individual Class Associations, the Verve Cup Inshore Notice of Regatta, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions. The regatta is designated Category A event as defined in ISAF Regulation 20.
- 1.2 If any conflicts arise between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the Race Committee room of the Chicago Yacht Club's Belmont Station. Courtesy copies will be available online.

3 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than two hours prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day immediately before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the staff at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals indicates 'The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered with a sound signal.' This modifies RRS Race signals.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 Number of Races

Harbor Start will be at 0900. The first warning signal will be at 1030 hours Saturday, August 8th and Sunday, August 9th. 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.

Class	Saturday, August 9	Sunday, August 10
Keelboat	3 races	2 races
Sportboat	3 races	2 races

- 5.2 The Race Committee may fly Code Flag R flag at the conclusion of a day's scheduled races to indicate additional race(s) will be sailed that day.

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

6 Racing Area

The racing areas will be as posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board. The Keelboat racing area is located approximately 2 nautical miles East of the Belmont Harbor Red Nun Buoy.

7 Check In

- 7.1 Each boat shall sail by the Race Committee Signal Boat, hail her number and be acknowledged to assure being recorded as a starter. This shall be done at least one minute prior to the first Warning on each day of racing. A boat failing to check-in may be penalized for every race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class.
- 7.2 Each boat shall sign in upon returning to Belmont harbor following racing for the day on a sheet on a board near the Race Committee room. Keelboats may sign in from the water by calling the race committee on the designated VHF channel and must receive an oral acknowledgement. Boats failing to sign in may be liable for U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue fees.
- 7.3 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 by posting on the official notice board near the Race Committee room at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

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8 The Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A of these sailing instructions show the courses, including the signal flag that shall be flown to signal the course configuration, approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed. Marks will be left to port.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and the distance to the first mark as well as the course to be sailed by that class on a board.
- 8.3 Course information may be broadcast as a courtesy via the VHF channel designated for Keelboats. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts shall not be a basis for redress.
- 8.4 A numerical pennant may be flown to signify the number of legs for all fleets.
- 8.5 A Golf (G) flag will be flown to signify that gates will be used on the course.

9 Marks

- 9.1 Original turning marks will be orange inflatable shapes.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided for in instruction 13.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 9.3 The starting mark(s) will be yellow. The finishing mark will be a white inflatable shape, left to port.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. All sound signals used in the starting sequence may be the same. This changes RRS 26
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a yellow mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 Boats on the course side before the start, may be courtesy hailed by the race committee. If made, the hail will be on the designated VHF channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts shall not be a basis for redress.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.6 Classes shall start the first scheduled race of the day in the order shown in 10.7 of these sailing instructions. Any subsequent scheduled races shall be started no less than five minutes after a class has finished a race. At the discretion of the race committee, a class may be started while other classes are still racing. The race committee will alert boats prior to the warning signal for subsequent starts via the designated VHF channel and/or with short, rapid sound signals to draw the competitor's attention. Errors and omissions in the sound signals or courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.7 Start Sequence:
 - 1. Etchells
 - 2. Shields
 - 3. Melges 24
 - 4. Luders 16
 - 5. Rhodes 19The Race Committee may elect to combine sections on the water and will signal changes to the starting sequence by flying combined class flags.

11 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 If a change applies only to particular classes, the affected classes will be designated by the class flag displayed with the Charlie (C) flag. The race committee may courtesy broadcast the change on the designated VHF channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts shall not be a basis for redress.

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- 11.3 A course change of 5 degrees or less may not be signaled by the Race Committee. The course change will use the original mark. This changes RRS 33(a).
- 12 The Finish**
The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark to be left to port. This instruction shall not apply when RRS 32.2 applies.
- 13 Time Limit**
13.1 If the first boat in a class does not reach the windward mark within 45 minutes of that class's starting signal, or if the first boat in a class does not finish within 2.5 hours, the race for that class will be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of that class's first boat to finish will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.
- 14 Protests and Requests for Redress**
14.1 RRS 61.1(a) is modified. A boat intending to protest must notify the Race Committee at the finish of the race of her intent to protest and the identity of the protested party.
14.2 Protest forms are available at the race committee office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
14.3 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the race committee signal boat. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS62.2.
14.4 Notices will be posted no more than thirty minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
14.6 Mandatory pre-hearing arbitration will be employed for protests involving RRS of Part Two and for incidents involving no more than two boats. Each boat may send only one representative and there shall be no witnesses. Each competitor may take up to four minutes to state their case. The arbitrator may then recommend that there was no foul, that one boat fouled the other, or that the case should go to a jury. If the arbitrator's opinion is that a boat broke a rule, the boat will be given the option of a 40% score adjustment or they can request a jury. If both parties agree to the score adjustment, then the change is final and the protest cannot be reopened. If both parties do not agree to the score adjustment, the protest goes to a jury.
- 15 Penalty System**
15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race committee office within the protest time limit.
15.2 A boat in violation of instruction 10.3 may be protested by the race committee for violation of RRS 2 or RRS 22 and penalized by the jury for that race or the next race completed by the boat.
15.3 A boat in violation of 7.1 or 7.2 may be penalized by 20% of her score for the last race completed by the boat that day without a hearing. This changes RRS 2 and RRS 63.1.
- 16 Scoring**
The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, will apply. There will be no excluded scores 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.
- 17 Haul-out Restrictions**
All boats shall be afloat before 0900, August 9th. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without prior written permission of the Jury.
- 18 Radio Communication**
Class rules prohibiting marine band radios and cellular telephones shall not apply. All boats are required to carry an operating VHF radio. Channel 71 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 Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts shall not be a basis for redress.

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19 Safety

- 19.1 Failure to comply with these safety requirements may result in disqualification from a race or the series.
- 19.2 All boats shall carry safety equipment required by Coast Guard regulations and any class rules.
- 19.3 Any boat withdrawing from a race shall report their withdrawal to the Race Committee or to a safety boat as soon as possible. A boat retiring shall notify the race committee on the designated VHF channel, or immediately once ashore. A boat failing to notify the Race Committee may receive a minimum penalty for the last race that boat finished equal to 20% of the boats registered in their class and may be liable for U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue fees.
- 19.4 The Race Committee may order a boat ashore for safety reasons. This decision is final and shall not be grounds for redress. The boat will be scored 'Did Not Finish' if they were in the process of racing.
- 19.5 All boats shall return to the dock immediately when directed by the Race Committee or a safety boat. A boat failing to return promptly may be protested by the race committee. The penalty may be disqualification from the regatta.

20 Class Flags

- 20.1 Class flags will be either the class insignia, or as follows:

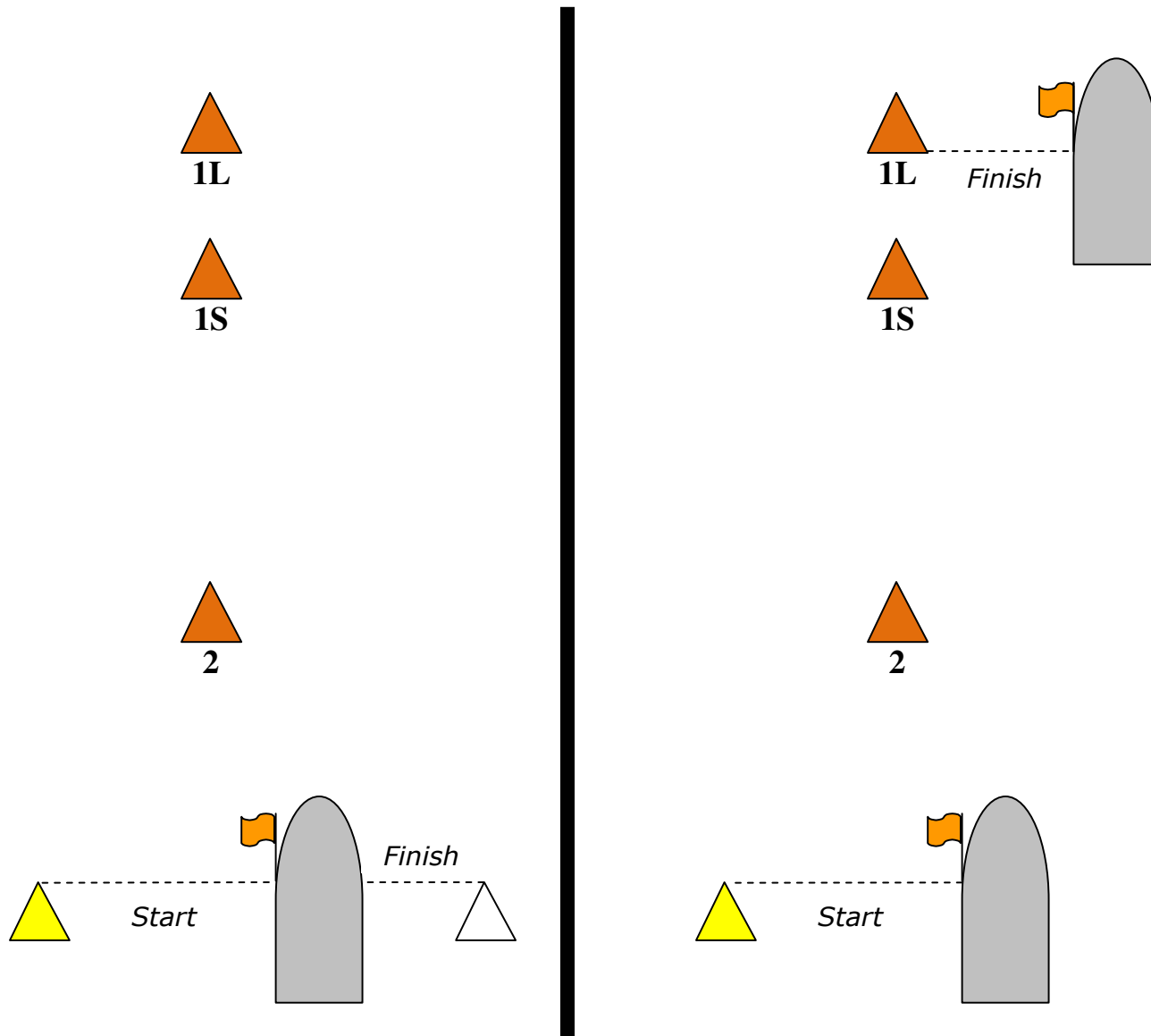
Etchells	Numeral Pennant 1
Shields	Numeral Pennant 2
Melges 24	Numeral Pennant 3
Luders 16	Numeral Pennant 4
Rhodes 19	Numeral Pennant 5

21 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second and third in each class.

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Course	Marks	Course	Marks
W4L	Start, 1L, 2, 1L, Finish	W3L	Start, 1L, 2, Finish
W4S	Start, 1S, 2, 1S, Finish	W3S	Start, 1S, 2, Finish
W4A	Start, 1L, 2, 1S, Finish	W5L	Start, 1L, 2, 1L, 2, Finish
W6L	Start, 1L, 2, 1L, 2, 1L, Finish	W5S	Start, 1S, 2, 1S, 2, Finish
W6S	Start, 1S, 2, 1S, 2, 1S, Finish	W5A	Start, 1L, 2, 1S, 2, Finish



APPENDIX A

KEELBOAT AND SPORTBOAT COURSE DIAGRAM

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CENTERBOARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 Rules

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- 1.2 If any conflicts arise between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the Race Committee room of the Chicago Yacht Club's Belmont Station. Courtesy copies will be available online.

3 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than two hours prior to the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day immediately before it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the staff at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that class only.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals indicates 'The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered with a sound signal.' This modifies RRS Race Signals.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Number of Races
Harbor Start will be at 0900. The first warning signal shall be at 1030 hours Saturday, August 8th and Sunday, August 9th. 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.

Class	Saturday, August 8	Sunday, August 9
Vanguard 15	6 races	Team Racing with at least 1 Round Robin Race
Laser	6 races	4 races

- 5.2 The Race Committee may hail the fleets at the conclusion of a day's scheduled races to indicate additional race(s) will be sailed that day. Failure to hear a hail is not a basis for redress.
- 5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1330 hours on Sunday, August 9th.

6 Racing Area

The racing areas will be as posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board. The Centerboard boat racing area is located North East of the Belmont Harbor Red Nun Buoy and South of Montrose Point.

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7 Check In

- 7.1 Each boat shall sail by the Race Committee Signal Boat, hail her number and be acknowledged to assure being recorded as a starter. This shall be done at least one minute prior to the first Warning on each day of racing. A boat failing to check-in may be penalized for every race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class.
- 7.2 Each boat shall sign in upon returning to their harbor following racing for the day on a sheet on a board near the Race Committee room. Centerboard boats may sign in from the water by calling the race committee on the designated VHF channel or by hailing the race committee and must receive an oral acknowledgement. Boats failing to sign in may be liable for U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue fees.
- 7.3 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 by posting on the official notice board near the Race Committee room at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

8 The Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix D of these sailing instructions show the courses, including the signal flag that shall be flown to signal the course, approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed. Marks will be left to port.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and the distance to the first mark on a board.
- 8.3 Course information may be broadcast as a courtesy via VHF 73 for Centerboard boats. Failure to hear a courtesy broadcast is not a basis for redress.

9 Marks

- 9.1 Turning marks will be orange inflatable shapes.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided for in instruction 13.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 9.3 The starting mark(s) for the Vanguard 15 Fleet will be yellow. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable shape, left to starboard.
- 9.4 The starting mark(s) for the Laser Fleet will be white. The finishing mark will be a white inflatable shape, left to port.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Centerboard boat races will be started using RRS 26. All sound signals used in the starting sequence may be the same. This changes RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line for the Vanguard 15 Fleet will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a yellow mark.
- 10.3 The starting line for the Laser Fleet will be between a staff displaying a white flag on the race committee signal boat at the port end and a white mark.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 10.5 Boats that have violated RRS 29.1 or 30.1, or those on the course side before the start, may be courtesy hailed by the race committee. If made, the violation will be hailed and a courtesy broadcast on VHF 73. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts shall not be a basis for redress.
- 10.6 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'.

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11 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 Course changes will be per RRS 33, 33A, 33A1, and 33B. If a change applies only to particular classes, the affected classes will be designated on a board. The race committee may hail and courtesy broadcast on VHF channel 73 regarding the change. Failure to hear a hail or courtesy broadcast is not a basis for redress.
- 11.3 A course change of 5 degrees or less may not be signaled by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 33A.

12 The Finish

- 12.1 The finish line for the Vanguard 15 Fleet will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a yellow mark.
- 12.2 The finish line for the Laser Fleet will be between a staff displaying a white flag on the race committee signal boat at the port end and a white mark.

13 Time Limit

- 13.1 For Centerboard Boats, if the first boat in a class does not reach the windward mark within 20 minutes after the start, or if the first boat in a class does not finish within 1 hour 20 minutes, the race for that class shall be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of that class's first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race committee office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the race committee signal boat. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS62.2.
- 14.2 Notices will be posted within thirty minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.4 Mandatory pre-hearing arbitration will be employed for protests involving RRS of Part Two and for incidents involving no more than two boats. Each boat may send only one representative and there shall be no witnesses. Each competitor may take up to four minutes to state their case. The arbitrator may then recommend that there was no foul, that one boat fouled the other, or that the case should go to a jury. If the arbitrator's opinion is that a boat broke a rule, the boat will be given the option of a 40% score adjustment or they can request a jury. If both parties agree to the score adjustment, then the change is final and the protest cannot be reopened. If both parties do not agree to the score adjustment, the protest goes to a jury.

15 Penalty System

- 15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race committee office within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 A boat in violation of instruction 10.4 may be protested by the race committee for violation of RRS 2 or RRS 22 and penalized by the jury for that race or the next race completed by the boat.
- 15.3 A boat in violation of 7.1 or 7.2 may be penalized by 20% of her score for the last race completed by the boat that day without a hearing. This changed RRS 2 and RRS 63.1.

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16 Scoring

- 16.1 Fleet Racing: The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, will apply. There will be no excluded scores 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.
- 16.2 Team Racing: The winning team receives 0 points, the losing team receives 1 point, teams that do not participate receive 2 points. The lowest point score wins.

17 Radio Communication

Class rules prohibiting marine band radios and cellular telephones shall not apply. All Centerboard boats may carry an operating VHF radio. Channel 73 will be the designated VHF channel for communication between the Centerboard 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 Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts shall not be a basis for redress.

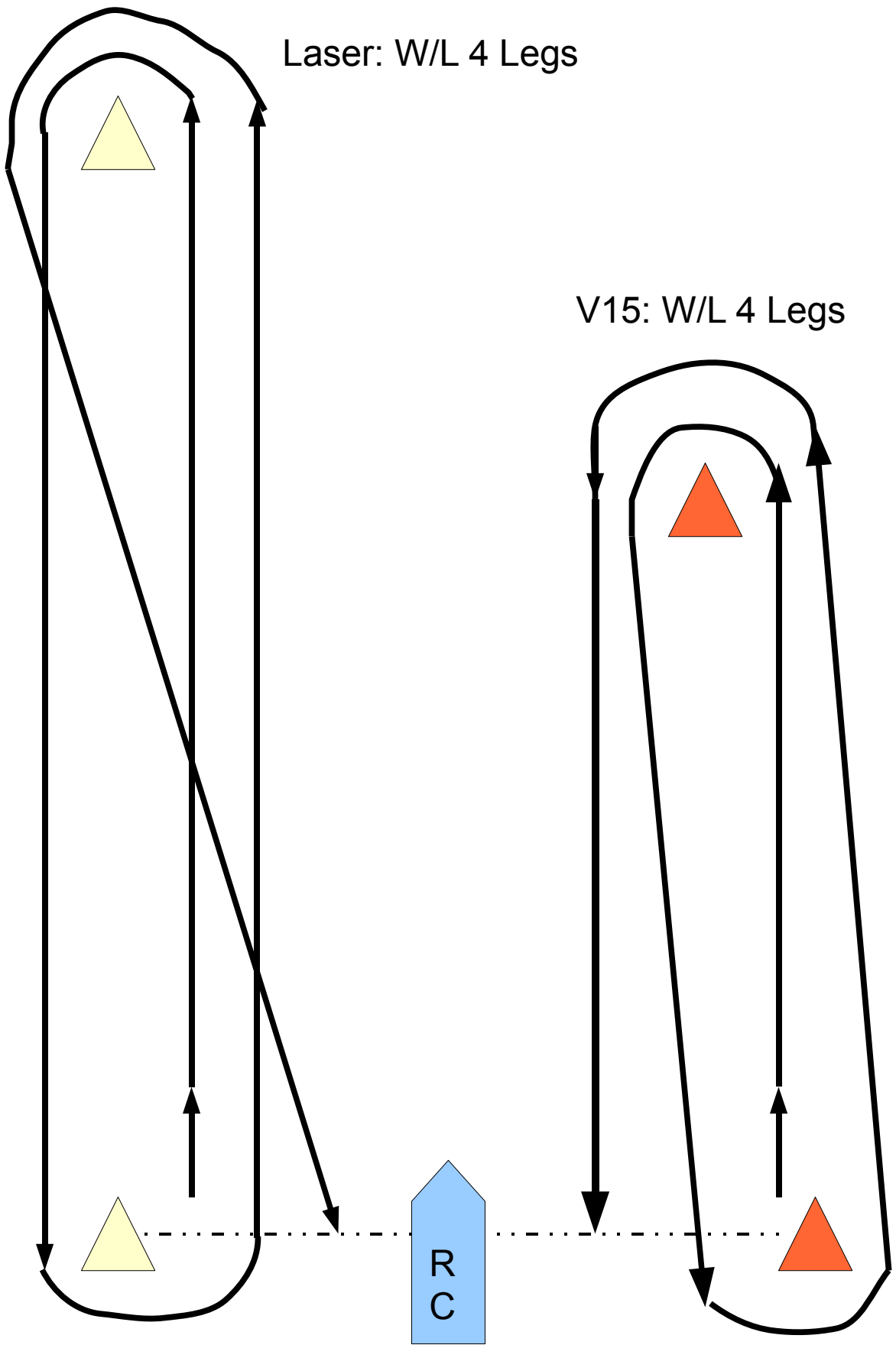
18 Safety

- 18.1 Failure to comply with these safety requirements may result in disqualification from a race or the series.
- 18.2 All boats shall carry safety equipment required by Coast Guard regulations and any class rules.
- 18.3 All Centerboard boats shall have an attached bowline conforming to its class rules. If a class does not have such a rule, the line must be at least 15 feet in length, 1/4 inch in diameter, and properly attached at all times.
- 18.4 All Centerboard boats shall have a teahter attached to the centerboard.
- 18.5 All Centerboard boat competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets on the water from the time they leave the dock until the time that they return to the dock.
- 18.6 Centerboard boat competitors may not leave their harbor until safety boats are present and off the dock.
- 18.7 Any Centerboard boat withdrawing from a race shall report their withdrawal to the Race Committee or to a safety boat as soon as possible. A Centerboard boat retiring should notify the race committee by hailing, or on VHF 73, or immediately once ashore. A Centerboard boat failing to notify the Race Committee may receive a minimum penalty for the last race that boat finished equal to 20% of the boats registered in their class and may be liable for U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue fees.
- 18.8 The Race Committee may order a boat ashore for safety reasons. This decision is final and shall not be grounds for redress. The boat will be scored 'Did Not Finish' if they were in the process of racing.
- 18.9 All boats shall return to the dock immediately when directed by the Race Committee or a safety boat. A boat failing to return promptly may be protested by the race committee. The penalty may be disqualification from the regatta.

19 Prizes

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V15 Team Race: Course N

