

Chicago Yacht Club 2009 Sheldon Clark Regatta Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS). The rules and associated regulations of the individual One-Design Fleet Rules (these may be modified by local fleet rules) the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR), the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4, as modified by the organizing authority, and the Notice of Race, will apply.
- 1.2 If any conflicts arise between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Belmont Station.
- 2.2 As a courtesy to competitors, notices may also be posted at www.yachtscoring.com.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and at www.yachtscoring.com before 0800 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 flag pole, located at Belmont Station.
- 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

- 5.1 Racing on September 12 & 13, 2009 and will consist of windward/leeward courses with as many races completed as practical. The first warning signal for each day is 1030 CDT.
- 5.2 At the finish of a race, the Race Committee will indicate its intent to conduct a subsequent race by displaying Code Flag "R".
- 5.3 No warning signal shall be given after 1400 hours CDT Sunday September 13.

6. SECTIONS, SECTION FLAGS AND STARTING ORDER

- 6.1 Only ORR boats shall fly Section flags while racing.
- 6.2 Order of Starts:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Course</u>
T10	6	Short
36.7	5	Long
J105	4	Short
40.7	3	Long
ORR 2	2	Short
ORR 1	1	Long

- 6.3 The Race Committee may elect to combine sections on the water and will signal changes to the starting sequence by flying combined class flags

7. RACING AREA

The Racing Area shall be approximately 1.5 NM East of Carter Harrison Crib (SA3).

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Course for each race will be Course W from Illustration "A". The diagram in Illustration "A" shows 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.
- 8.2 The magnetic bearing and the distance from the starting line to the first rounding mark (Mark 1 or 1A) will be displayed from a sign-board.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The starting mark for all sections will be yellow.
- 9.2 The finish mark for Course W will be white. (See S.I. 12)
- 9.3 Original rounding marks will be orange. New marks will be yellow (See S.I. 11).
- 9.4 If a leeward mark gate is used, it will be signaled by flying International Code Flag "G".
- 9.5 If a Weather Mark offset mark is used, it will be signaled by the Race Committee Signal Boat by flying International Code Flag "O" and set approximately 90° to port of Mark 1 or 1A at a distance of approximately 100 yards. If a change of course is signaled, NO offset mark will be placed near the reset weather mark.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 Before the start of a boat's first race each day, it shall come within hailing distance of the Race Committee Signal Boat and either hail or display its sail number.
- 10.4 Boats not involved in a starting sequence shall keep clear of the starting area. The starting area is defined as an area extending 150 yards to windward and to leeward of the starting line and the same distance at either end.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 11.1 Change of course before a start. The Race Committee may postpone and reset Mark 1 and/or 1A for sections not yet started. The change will be signaled by the Race Committee as follows:

The Race Committee Signal Boat will signal a postponement to reset the starting line and weather mark(s). Code flag "C" will be displayed along with the magnetic bearing to the new weather mark. Intermittent sound signals may continue until one minute prior to the warning signal for the next section to start. The new Mark 1 or 1A will be yellow. Code Flag "C" will continue to be displayed to each section for whom the yellow Mark 1 or 1A applies as either their original or changed windward mark.

- 11.2 Change of course after a start. A change of course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33 as modified below. Near the mark beginning the leg being changed, a Race Committee boat will display code flag "C", the magnetic bearing to the new mark, the Flag for the section to which the change of course applies and make sound signals periodically. If no section flag is displayed, the course change will apply for all sections. The change will be signaled before the leading boat of a section has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. The new mark will be of a different color than the mark it is replacing (yellow or orange). 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 Courses W will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the white finishing mark. The Finish Line will be on the side opposite of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2 as modified by class rules) or the Scoring Penalty (RRS 44.3) may be taken at the option of the offending boat. The decision shall not be subject to protest or redress. The Race Committee shall be informed of any action taken upon completion of the race.

14. 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 Chicago Yacht Club at 312-861-7777, as soon as possible. The information should be left with/for the protest secretary.

15. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each section will be three hours from that section's starting signal. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored "TLE". (See SI 17.3)

16. PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgement. Failure to comply with this instruction shall render the protest invalid. This modifies RRS 61.
- 16.2 Protests shall be submitted on forms which can be obtained from the Protest Committee Secretary. Protests must be filed within one hour of the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 16.3 Scoring queries shall be initiated using a Scoring Inquiry form or filing a request for redress within one hour of the posting of the preliminary results of the final race of the day for each boat's respective section.
- 16.4 The Protest Committee Secretary shall post a Notice of all protests and requests for redress filed by the end of the official protest period along with an initial schedule of hearings which will be updated as needed.
- 16.5 Protest Arbitration. The Protest Procedure is modified to allow a prehearing involving one judge and the parties to the protest. If, within 10 minutes, an agreement can be reached by all parties on a resolution of the protest no hearing will be held. If the participants agree that the protested or protesting boat(s) infringed a rule, then that boat shall be penalized as prescribed by Racing Rule 44.3c except that the infringing boat shall be assessed a 40% scoring penalty. A pre-hearing will not be reopened. These procedures change RRS 63.1, 63.6 and 66. Arbitration is only available for protests involving Part 2 of the RRS and is limited to incidents between two boats. The arbitrator may be called as a witness during the protest hearing.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 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 A2. One race constitutes a Regatta.
- 17.2 ORR boats shall be scored Time-on-Time using their ORR 50/50 W/L Single Number Handicap.
- 17.3 Boats scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) will be scored points equal to the number of boats in their section finishing within the time limit plus two points, except that no boat will be scored worse than last place by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

