

Notice of Race

SHELDON CLARK REGATTA

Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Harbor Station
September 12 -13, 2009

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

The Chicago Yacht Club shall be the organizing authority.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 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), and the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4, as modified by the organizing authority, will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 For the purposes of RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20, this regatta is designated "Category C." A brief description of any advertising carried by a boat must be provided to the organizing authority via email at racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org prior to September 1, 2009.
- 2.2 Advertising deemed by the organizing authority not to be compliant with ISAF Regulation 20.2 and 20.2.1 may be rejected. Competitors that are permitted to display advertising are urged to refrain from displaying advertising that competes with the sponsors of this event.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All owners and/or skippers of boats participating in the Sheldon Clark Regatta must be members of their national sailing body. (US Sailing: www.ussailing.org)
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to any boat of 20 feet LOA or greater that either holds a current ORR Handicap Certificate or is a member of a one-design racing fleet. A minimum of 5 legitimate entries must be received by September 4, 2009, for a one-design fleet to be started and scored. If the number of entries seeking to constitute a one-design section does not meet this minimum requirement, the organizing authority has the authority to assign these boats to an appropriate ORR section, in which case a valid ORR certificate must be furnished no later than September 7, 2009. The organizing authority reserves the option to create a "grand prix" section of boats at the faster end of the rating spectrum if a significant number of entries are received. The organizing authority reserves the option to create a One-Design section that does not meet the LOA requirements.
- 3.3 The boats shall be assigned sections according to Handicap Ratings and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=294 and paying the required fee by September 4, 2009. Late fees will apply to entries received after September 4, 2009 up to the entry deadline of September 11, 2009.

- 3.4 An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received and, if applicable, a valid 2009 ORR rating is provided.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required entry fee for all boats is U.S. \$90 for both days of racing. Required late fee for entries received after September 4, 2009 and before September 11, 2009 is U.S. \$45 in addition to the original calculated entry fee.
- 4.2 The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew.
- 4.3 An administrative fee of \$35 shall apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after September 4, 2009.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for September 12 and September 13 is 0955 with as many races as practical completed each day. No warning signal will be made after 1400 hours on Sunday, September 13.
- 5.2 One race shall constitute a Regatta. All races shall be scored.

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall produce a valid 2009 ORR Handicap Certificate. Applications for an ORR Certificate may be obtained from [USSAILING at www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).
- 6.2 Each boat racing in a One-Design section shall carry a valid One-Design measurement certificate.
- 6.3 No handicap or rating changes will be accepted after 1800 hours, September 7, 2009.
- 6.4 Crew weigh-ins for One-Design, if required by fleet rules, must be conducted by the fleet.

7 SECTION BREAKS

The organizing authority will post Section breaks at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=294.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online beginning August 31, 2009.

9 THE COURSES

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 Pre-hearing arbitration will be required for all protests involving rules of Part 2, with the exception of protests involving more than 2 boats or collisions. 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, 63.6, and 66.
- 10.2 A boat may elect to take a penalty as prescribed in RRS 44.1 or RRS 44.3 where the scoring penalty will be 20%.

11 SCORING

The scoring system is as follows: Each boat's score will be the sum of its scores for all races. There shall be no throw outs.

12 PRIZES

Series prizes will be awarded by section according to the number of boats racing in a section as follows:

Less than or equal to 15 boats:	1st, 2nd, 3rd
16-25 boats:	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th
26 or more boats:	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5 th

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. All competing boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting channels 9, 16, 69, 71, 72, and 78.

DOCKING

- 14.1 All participating yachts may dock at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station, free of charge from 1200 hours on Thursday September 10, 2009 until 1200 hours on Monday September 14. All slips and/or dockage space will be assigned by the Chicago Yacht Club Dockmaster.
- 14.2 After racing on Saturday September 12, 2009, through 1800 hours on Sunday, September 13, 2009, all slips and dockage space will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for ONLY those boats participating in the Sheldon Clark Regatta.
- 14.3 No personal gear or boat equipment may be left on the docks while participating in the Regatta. Violators shall be subject to protest by the organizing authority. A 10% placement penalty for entrant's first race finished on the day of the protest will apply without hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 liability insurance per event or the equivalent. Insurance certificates shall be available for inspection upon request.

17 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The organizing authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendment will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the lower level of the Belmont clubhouse, across from the Race Committee Room and online. Copies will be available at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=294.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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