



**Verve Cup Distance Race  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL  
August 12, 2017**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. Organizing Authority**

The Chicago Yacht Club is the organizing authority for the Verve Cup Distance Race.

**2. RULES**

- 2.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, 2017 - 2020 edition.
- 2.2. Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 2.3. The Offshore Rating Rule (ORR) and Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) will apply for the respective handicap sections.
- 2.4. Class Rules – Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply.

**3. ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The person-in-charge shall be a member of their national authority. The U.S. national authority is US Sailing.
- 4.2. There will be three divisions of the Verve Cup Distance Race:  
Offshore Racing (ORR)  
Offshore Racing (LMPHRF)  
Jib-and-Main  
Divisions may have more than one section. Boats are permitted to use power-driven winches and electro-mechanical steering devices in all divisions.
- 4.3. The race is open to any sailboat of 25 feet LOA or greater. Entrants must either hold a current ORR or LMPHRF handicap certificate or be a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the organizing authority. A boat sailing under ORR or LMPHRF shall be assigned to a division and section according to rating and to other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority.



- 4.4. A minimum of five bona fide entries must be received by August 6, 2017 for a one-design class to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the organizing authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORR or LMPHRF section, in which case a valid ORR or LMPHRF certificate shall be furnished no later than August 6, 2017.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore) and paying the required fee no later than August 6, 2017. An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received and, if applicable, a valid 2017 ORR or LMPHRF certificate is furnished.
- 4.6. An entrant participating in the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta may participate in the Verve Cup Distance Race by marking the entry form accordingly. No additional entry fee other than that for the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta will apply. A Verve Cup Distance Race competitor will be scored DNC for that day's Verve Cup Offshore Regatta races.
- 4.7. An entire one-design class may compete in the Verve Cup Distance Race if the fleet captain informs the organizing authority of its decision no later than August 6, 2017. The Verve Cup Distance Race results will be scored as part of that class's Verve Cup Offshore Regatta results, but no boat within that class will be eligible for the overall Verve Cup Trophy.
- 4.8. Entrants shall maintain to the best of their ability a crew list with email addresses for further communication throughout the event. A protest for this requirement may only be initiated by the Race Committee and an accurate crew list presented any time before a hearing, at the time of hearing or at the time of appeal shall exonerate the boat.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. Required Fees are as follows:

<u>Fee received by</u>	<u>Fee per foot</u>
July 4, 2017	\$2.50
August 6, 2017	\$3.50

- 5.2. The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew.
- 5.3. An administrative fee of \$35 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 6.

## 6. SCHEDULE

### Thursday, August 10

1700-1900 Competitor Registration  
1900 Competitor Meeting

### Friday, August 11

1700-1900 Competitor Registration

### Saturday, August 12

1025 First warning Offshore Racing and Jib & Main Divisions



7. **MEASUREMENT**

Each boat competing in a handicap section shall provide a valid ORR or LMPHRF certificate, in accordance with the division entered, no later than 1800 August 6, 2017.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

8.1. The sailing instructions will be available on or before August 6, 2017 at the Chicago Yacht Club website at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveoffshore).

8.2. Racing Area Assignment, Section Breaks, Starting Order and Flag Assignments will be published in Addendum B to the Sailing Instructions no later than 1700 August 10, 2017.

9. **VENUE**

9.1. Regatta harbor is Monroe Harbor which is located at 400 E Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603.

9.2. Addendum A to the Sailing Instructions will show the location of the racing areas and course options.

10. **SCORING**

Boats entered under ORR will be scored using that rule and corrected times will be calculated using the time-on-time offshore closed course rating. Boats entered under the LMPHRF will be scored using Distance Handicap rating. All other boats will be scored without handicap.

11. **PRIZES**

11.1. Prizes will be awarded by section.

11.2. The 8 Mile Buoy Trophy will be awarded to the boat in each Offshore Racing class whose corrected time is the lowest across its class. All winning boat names will be inscribed on the trophy.

12. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the race 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 or prior to, during, or after the race.

13. **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.



14. **PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS**

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

15. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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