



**Verve Inshore Regatta
Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL USA
August 25-27, 2017**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, 2017-2020 edition.
- 1.2. Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.3. Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios and cellular telephones will not apply. All keelboats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in these events. This changes International Etchells class rule C.5.2(b)(8).
- 1.4. Class rules prohibiting GPS navigation devices will not apply. The following conditions will apply to the use of GPS navigation devices: When class rules prohibit the use of a GPS while racing, such a device may be used provided that it will be installed in a position or covered in such a way that no data may be taken from it while sailing. Data produced by such device may be viewed only at the dock or on shore. This changes International Etchells class rule C.5.1(b) and Shields class rule 10.9.
- 1.5. For the J/70 class only, J/70 Class Rules Part III I.3 (Support Boats) will apply.
- 1.6. For J/70 Class only: Bow numbers will be supplied by organizing authority and shall be displayed as forward as possible on both sides of the first 20% of the hull. (60 cm maximum from the bow). Failure to have bow number not displayed is not grounds for protest by a competitor.
- 1.7. For J/70 Class only: RRS 30.3 – the third sentence is modified so that in the event a General Recall is signaled during a Black Flag start, the RC shall display her bow number before the next warning signal for that race.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station and as a courtesy on the Chicago Yacht Club website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org/verveinshore.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day 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. In addition, signals made ashore will be distributed to the email address listed in a boat's entry form.
- 4.2. When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. Schedule:

Thursday, August 24

1600 Quantum Sails practice (Red Nun, Channel 69)

Friday, August 25

0730-0830 J/70 Class Registration, Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station

0830 J/70 Class Competitors Meeting, Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station

1025 J/70 Class First Warning

After Racing Quantum Sails Debrief, Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station

Saturday, August 26

0730-0830 All Classes Registration, Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station

0800 All Classes Competitors Meeting, Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station

1025 First warning

After Racing Quantum Sails Debrief, Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station

Remote Control Casual Regatta (\$10 - sign up on event site)

Sunday, August 27

1025 First warning

1400 No warning after this time

After Racing Quantum Sails Debrief, Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station

Awards presentation, Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station

- 5.2. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Colgate 26	Code Flag 4	Etchells	Etchells Class Flag
J/70	Code Flag 7	Sonar	Sonar Class Flag

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Racing Area A: approximately two nautical miles northeast of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy #9 or as posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2. Racing Area B: approximately two nautical miles southeast of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy #9 or as posted on the official notice board.



8. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT [DP]

- 8.1. Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing or displaying her sail number, and receiving an acknowledgment from the race committee prior to her first race on each day of racing. A boat found to have broken instruction 8.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class.
- 8.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impracticable, immediately after arriving ashore. A boat found to have broken instruction 8.2 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class. This changes rule 63.1.
- 8.3. VHF channel 73 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts for Race Area A. VHF channel 79 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts for Race Area B. 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.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. Addendum A shows the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the marks are to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on course boards:
 - the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1
 - the distance to long Mark 1
 - the distance to short Mark 1
 - the number of legs to be sailed
 - the course assignment for each classOn Friday, August 25, 2017 there will be no short Mark 1.
- 9.3. Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 9.4. Mark 2 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 9.5. Long Mark 1 and short Mark 1 will have an offset mark. In the event that the offset mark is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Original turning marks will be orange shapes.
- 10.2. New marks, as provided in instruction 13, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks. There will be no offset marks for change marks.
- 10.3. The starting mark will be a green shape except for the J/70 class which will have a yellow starting mark or a boat displaying an orange flag.



- 10.4. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white shape left to port on the opposite side of the signal boat from starting line. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active long course weather mark.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated an obstruction:

The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the surrounding guard marks. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.2. Boats on the course side at the start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee on the designated VHF channel. On Race Area B only, boats on the course side at the start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee by voice or loud hailer. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts or hails are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.3. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 12.4. Fleets shall start the first scheduled race of the day in the order shown in instruction 12.5. Any subsequent races will be started no less than five minutes after that fleet has finished a race. 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 the announcement are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.5. The initial starting sequences on the first day with multiple fleets will be:
- | Race Area A | Race Area B |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1. J/70 | 1. Sonar |
| 2. Etchells | 2. Colgate 26 |
- The race committee may elect to combine fleets in a start and will signal combined starts by flying fleet signal flags in combination.
- 12.6. Change of First Mark Between Starts - When signal flag C is displayed on the signal boat before the warning signal accompanied by repetitive sounds mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in instruction 13 and revised bearing and distances will be displayed. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. Offset marks, if used as provided in instruction 9.5, will not be set on a changed leg of the course.



- 13.3. The race committee may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 13.4. The race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg change will continue to use the active mark. This changes rule 33(a).

14. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix T and V1 and the penalty provisions of Section 8 - Check-In/Check-Out will apply.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. The race time limit for all fleets will be two hours. The mark 1 time limit for each fleet will be 45 minutes.
- 16.2. If no boat has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 16.3. Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes 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 rules 35, A4.2, A5, and A11.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the race committee in the Belmont Station race committee office within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2. The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the race committee finish boat for that circle. That time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes rule 62.2.
- 17.3. The hearing schedule will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 61.1(b).

18. SCORING

- 18.1. One completed race will constitute a regatta.
- 18.2. A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will awarded as described in the notice of race.



ADDENDUM A

Course Diagrams

Course Assignments	4 Legs	5 Legs
LL (Long, Long)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
LS (long, short)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
SS (short, short)	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish

