



COLUMBIA CUP REGATTA

An overall Columbia Cup champion will be decided between the participants who race both the Buoy and Distance races. The combined NOR explaining is at the end of this document.

BUOY COURSE

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Rule 63.7 sentence two shall be changed to “In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.”
- 1.3. For One Design Classes, the rules and regulations of their local class rules shall apply.
- 1.4. Boats competing in one design classes shall meet all class safety regulations.
- 1.5. Boats competing in Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) classes shall meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and comply with US Sailing Near Shore safety requirements.
- 1.6. Alteration of Rules.

The following racing rules are changed. These changes will also appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 1.6.1. Rules 35 is changed to “If one boat sails the course as required by rule 28 and finishes within the time limit, if any, all boats that finish shall be scored according to their finishing places unless the race is abandoned. Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in its section finishes shall be scored did not finish. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.”

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- 1.6.2. Courtesy broadcasts are not considered to be grounds for Redress according to RRS 62.1(a).
- 1.6.3. The second sentence of Rule 62.2 is changed to “If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit.”
- 1.6.4. US Sailing prescriptions 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.6.5. US Sailing Appendix T applies in its entirety, T1.b is changed to “a Post-Race Penalty is a 40% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

2. FLEETS AND CLASSES RACING.

The following fleets are invited to participate in this race.

- 2.1. Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) which uses the LMPHRF rating system. The fleet may be comprised of the following classes.
 - 2.1.1. Spinnaker Classes - boats that carry one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4.
 - 2.1.2. Non-Spinnaker Classes – boats that do not carry spinnakers or gennakers.
- 2.2. One-Design Classes of boats of the same Manufacturer Type. This includes but is not limited to the Viper 640, J/70, T-10, Farr 40, /105, J/109, J/111, FT-10, Beneteau 36.7 and Beneteau 40.7 classes.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. All boats racing shall have a current, valid Rating Certificate issued by the fleet handicapping authority of the classes within which they are competing.
- 3.2. LMPHRF boats will initially be divided into four (4) sections with ratings of 19 & below, 21 to 57, 60 to 73, and 74 & above. Final section breaks will be in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of TWO (2) or more yachts, desiring to race as a separate class, may petition the organizing authority for acceptance as a class. Such petitions must be made no later July 28, 2017.

4. FEES

Eligible boats shall complete online registration and payment via credit card on www.yachtscoring.com no later than **August 4, 2017**.



The entry fee is \$75 for the buoy race as a standalone event.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

Saturday, August 5 1130 Warning signal
 1700 Post-race Party

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Sailing Instructions will be available online at www.yachtscoring.com before 0800 on August 5, 2017.

7. REGATTA VENUE AND COURSES

- 7.1. The closed courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 2-6 legs. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.
- 7.2. The racing area will be offshore due East of Monroe Street Harbor entrance. The exact location will be in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCORING

One race completed will constitute a series.

9. SOCIAL

Follow racing both Saturday and Sunday Columbia will be hosting a party under the Aft tent of the ship, open to all participants and their guest.

10. DOCKING

There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at Columbia Yacht Club from 1500 hours Thursday, August 3 through Sunday, August 6. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted alongside at least 2-3 deep.

11. PRIZES

There shall be prizes for the top three finishers in each section. For fleets with fewer than four boats, only the first-place overall finisher will be awarded a prize.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

13. INSURANCE



Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

COLUMBIA CUP
DISTANCE COURSE
August 5-6, 2017
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, except as changed by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.3. Boats shall meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and comply with World Sailing Category 4.
- 1.4. Alteration of Rules.
The following racing rules are changed. These changes will also appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 1.4.1. Courtesy broadcasts are not considered to be grounds for Redress according to RRS 62.1(a).
 - 1.4.2. US Sailing prescriptions 63.2 will not apply.



1.4.3. US Sailing Appendix T applies in its entirety, T1.b is changed to “a Post-Race Penalty is a 40% scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

2. FLEETS AND CLASSES RACING.

The following fleets are invited to participate in this race:

- 2.1. Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF), which may be comprised of the following classes:
 - 2.1.1. Spinnaker Classes – boats that carry one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4.
 - 2.1.2. Cruising Class – boats that comply with the following:
 - 2.1.2.1. Columbia Yacht Club shall have the authority to determine the suitability of any boat for entry into the Cruising Classes.
 - 2.1.2.2. Boats shall be limited to carrying two roller furling headsails. A whisker pole may be used to wing out the headsail. Required heavy weather sails are in addition to and exempt from the roller furling requirements.
 - 2.1.2.3. Boats may not use a spinnaker pole to tack a spinnaker pole. Boats shall be limited to carrying two asymmetrical spinnakers. The Tack Point of Spinnaker (“TPS”) shall be attached at the centerline of the boat at the stem or on a bowsprit. In no event shall TPS exceed 125% of “J”.
 - 2.1.2.4. Power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted. This changes RRS 52.
 - 2.1.3. Non-Spinnaker Classes – boats that do not carry spinnakers or gennakers.
 - 2.1.4. Double-Handed boats will race in their assigned class, but scored against each other. Double-handed boats shall have only two persons on-board.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

All boats racing shall have a current LMPHRF rating certificate.

4. FEES

Eligible boats shall complete online registration and payment via credit card on www.yachtscoring.com not later than **August 4, 2017**.

The entry fee is \$50 for the distance race as a standalone event.



organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

2017 Columbia Cup NOR

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

All boats shall compete in both the Buoy and Distance racing to be eligible to win the Columbia Cup.

3. FEES

Boats wishing to compete for the Columbia Cup shall enter on yachtscoring.com at a fee of \$100 for competing in both Buoy and Distance racing.

4. SCHEDULE

Buoy Race

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| Saturday, August 5 | 1130 | Warning signal |
| | 1700 | Post-race Party |

Distance Race

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| Sunday, August 6 | 1100 | Warning signal |
| | 1700 | Post-race Party and Awards |

5. VENUE

The race course will be posted with the Sailing Instructions, all racing will take place east of the entrance to Monroe Harbor.

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6. SCORING

Scoring for the Columbia Cup will be determined by combining the course racing and long distance scores and applying an equalizing factor.

7. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

8. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

9. FURTHER INFORMATION

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