



**2017 Farr 40 North American Championship**  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Belmont Station  
September 28 - October 1, 2017



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Chicago Yacht Club (CYC) in conjunction with the Farr 40 Class Association.

### **2 HEADQUARTERS**

The Event Headquarters will be at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station, 300 West Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657.

### **3 RULES**

- 3.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Farr 40 Class Rules.
- 3.2 Yachts shall comply with the 2016-2017 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4 (except that neither 4.26.2 (a & d) nor 5.01.1 (a, b & c) shall apply for this event) and Appendix 3 of the Farr 40 Class Rules. In the event of conflict, designer and manufacturers original standards shall prevail.
- 3.3 Please refer to Class Rule 30 which states “Except on a beat to windward, the boat’s crew may pull in any sail any number of times.” This changes RRS 42.3 (c)
- 3.4 Delete the first and second sentences of RRS 44.1 and substitute the following: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, Rule 31, or Rule 42 while racing. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of a mark other than a starting mark, the penalty that may be taken is a Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 3.5 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: “However if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.”
- 3.6 When leaving the dock, boats shall carry a minimum of 1.5 liters of drinkable liquid up to a maximum of 4 liters, per person per day. This liquid is included in the restrictions for moveable ballast in RRS 51, except when being consumed by a crew member.
- 3.7 In RRS 55 add the following: Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash under this rule. A breach of this rule, pertaining to non-biodegradable sail stops only, is not open to protest by boats and may only be protested by the Race Committee or Protest Committee. **This changes RRS 55.**

- 3.8 In RRS 61.1(a), after the second sentence, add the following words: “The red flag shall have the minimum dimensions of 45cm x 45 cm and shall be displayed vertically from the backstay, below the F40 backstay flag (15.3).” **This changes RRS 61.1.**
- 3.9 Video, electronic data and /or photographs taken from any source shall not be used as evidence at a protest hearing or request for redress, except that Race Committee voice recordings are permitted to be used as evidence. **This changes RRS 63.6.**
- 3.10 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail. Neither the NOR nor the SI shall change nor alter any Class Rules. **This changes RRS 63.7.**
- 3.11 Due to safety concerns it is not required to carry fuel for the stove on board.
- 3.12 It is not required to carry the builder supplied bunk cushions or water bladder onboard.

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY**

The regatta is open to all Farr 40 Class yachts as defined by the Class Rules. Owners, Charterers and Substitute helmsmen shall be current members of the Farr 40 Class Association and approved by the Farr 40 Class Eligibility Review Committee.

#### **5 ENTRY AND REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 Eligible boats may enter and pay the \$1,000 US entry fee on line at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4382>. The entry fee includes dockage from September 25 - October 2.
- 5.2 The entry form shall be completed and entry fee shall be submitted to no later than August 26, 2017. Late entries may be accepted however an additional fee of \$100 US will be due for entries received after that date.
- 5.3 Crew lists and World Sailing Sailor User IDs for all crew shall be submitted to no later than August 26, 2017. Designation of alternate, relief or substitute helmsmen and a copy of a valid 2017 One Design Certificate shall be submitted to Stagg Yachts no later than August 26, 2017.
- 5.4 Registration shall be completed with the OA as described below. Sail declarations may be made on site during registration. To be entered a competitor shall have completed the following no later than 1700 September 27, 2017.
  - (a) Registered with the OA, including payment of all fees;
  - (b) Entry Form and 2017 One Design Certificate on file with the OA;
  - (c) Owner, Charterer and Substitute Helmsmen Class Membership Dues for 2017 paid and on file with Stagg Yachts
  - (d) Liability waivers signed and on file with the OA;
  - (e) Sail Declaration form on file with the OA;
  - (f) Crew classification declared and verified at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4382> and on file with the OA;
  - (g) All owners, tacticians and boat captains shall have signed and submitted to the OA Appendix 10 stating they have read the Class Rules, that their boat fully complies with the Class Rules and that they will abide by said Class Rules while racing.
- 5.5 Skipper and crew weigh-in shall be completed no later than 1000 September 28, 2017.

#### **6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 **September 26** 0900 - 1700, Registration and Weigh-in – Belmont  
**September 27** 0900 - 1300, Registration and Weigh-in – Belmont  
**September 27** 1600, Mandatory Tactician’s Briefing – Belmont

**September 28** 0900, Weigh-in – Belmont  
**September 28** 1st Race Day, Initial Warning 12:00  
**September 29** 2nd Race Day, Initial Warning 12:00  
**September 30** 3rd Race Day, Initial Warning 12:00  
**October 1** 4th Race Day, Initial Warning 12:00

- 6.2 The race committee intends to conduct as many races as practicable, not to exceed four (4) races on any day, up to a maximum of 11 races for the series. No Warning Signal will be made after 1400 on the last scheduled day of racing, except as a consequence of a general recall.
- 6.3 After consultation with a noncompeting Class Representative, the Race Committee may modify the above program according to prevailing weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

## **7 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION**

- 7.1 Inspection will take place on September 26-27. Each yacht shall provide a minimum of 1 person to facilitate inspection.
- 7.2 Crew will be weighed on the official scales at registration.
- 7.3 All sails must be buttoned and declared as per Class Rules. Random measurement may be conducted. The Class shall advise on site which, if any sails will be measured.
- 7.4 Random yacht and equipment inspections may be conducted prior to, between races and after racing each day to check for compliance with Class Rules, the NOR and the 2016 – 2017 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4, except as modified by this NOR 3.2

## **8 EVENT ADVERTISING**

- 8.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 8.2 Each yacht may be required to display event advertising on their bow, backstay and boom.

## **9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and available at [www.farr40.org](http://www.farr40.org) and <https://www.chicagoyachtclub.org/farr40na> no later than 72 hours prior to the first race.

## **10 COURSES AND RACING AREA**

The racing area shall be the open waters of Lake Michigan approximately 2 to 3 miles generally east of Belmont Harbor. Courses will be windward-leeward.

## **11 PENALTIES**

The penalty, if any, for any infringement of the rules (including the Class Rules and World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4) other than rules of Part 2 will be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee in consultation with the Class Representative, and may be other than disqualification. **This changes RRS 64.1.**

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all of her race scores with no discard. **This changes RRS Appendix A2.**
- 12.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 On the last day of racing the Race Committee shall endeavor to broadcast updated scoring on VHF 73 after the first race of the day and subsequent races prior to the final race of the series.

### **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 A specially engraved half hull model will be awarded to the owner of the yacht placing first overall. Trophies for the Farr 40 North Americans will be awarded for first through third place overall, first through third Corinthian boats, the top overall boat each day, the first boat with an owner and spouse sailing on board and the boat with the most female crew on board.

### **14 DOCKAGE**

- 14.1 Boats may start arriving at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station after 1800 hours on September 25 and all boats shall be docked in their assigned berths from 1700 hours September 26 until the end of the event, and must vacate by 0900 October 2. They shall remain at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station at all times when not practicing or test sailing, racing, or transiting to and from the racecourse.
- 14.2 Dockage for this period is included in the entry fee. Boats arriving earlier or staying later may make arrangements with Chicago Yacht Club's Regatta Manager in advance.
- 14.3 Parking for Support Trailers and Vans must be arranged with Chicago Yacht Club's Regatta Manager in advance.

### **15 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 15.1 Competitor's attention is drawn to the applicable Class Rules and Interpretations.
- 15.3 While racing, the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) by any team or persons associated with, supporting or employed by a team, is prohibited within the area described in Class Rule Interpretation 63 and extended vertically. A breach of this rule is not open to protest by boats and may only be protested by the Race Committee, Protest Committee, or Organizing Authority.
- 15.3 Support and Media boats shall register with the OA.
- 15.4 Dockage for support boats must be arranged with Chicago Yacht Club in advance.

### **16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Yachts may be hauled out only with the prior written permission of the Protest Committee, and under such terms as they may decide. Normally, the Protest Committee shall grant such permission only if necessary to repair damage. While hauled out, bottoms and foils shall not be sanded, polished, washed or otherwise worked on except in the area of repair, as permitted by the Protest Committee. Hulls and appendages may be cleaned in the water.

### **17 MEDIA AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER**

- 17.1 By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing yachts grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the OA, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, the Chicago Yacht Club, and other sponsors.
- 17.2 The Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, the Chicago Yacht Club and other sponsors shall not use the names, voices, images, likenesses or biographical material of an owner (charterer) or crew member in a way that constitutes an endorsement of products unless the competitor or crew member is otherwise engaged by main sponsor or affiliated companies to endorse its products or otherwise gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

17.3 Owners (charterers) and crew members shall acknowledge and accept the granting of media rights referred to in this paragraph 17 by signing the Declaration contained on the Appendix 5 Crew Declaration Form.

## **18 DISCLAIMER**

18.1 All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. The owner (charterer) and each crew member:

(a) acknowledges and accepts the risks (including the risk of harm to persons and property and the risks associated with the perils of the sea and the seaworthiness of any boat) associated with participation in this regatta and waives all rights against and releases, the Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, the Chicago Yacht Club, and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members in respect of any loss of life or injury to persons, or loss of or damage to property, suffered in connection therewith;

(b) acknowledges that participation in this regatta by him or her is on the basis that participation is entirely at his or her risk and responsibility and that the Organizing Authority, the Farr 40 Management Group, Stagg Yachts, the Farr 40 Executive Committee, the Chicago Yacht Club, and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members are not responsible for any boat or its crew;

(c) acknowledges and agrees that this form is governed by the laws of the United States and that any liability for harm to persons that results from breach of an express or implied warranty that this regatta and all services relating thereto will be conducted or rendered with reasonable care and skill is excluded.

18.2 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”. All competitors shall acknowledge this by signing the Declaration contained on the Appendix 5 Crew Declaration Form.

## **19 INSURANCE**

19.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners’ representative. It is the responsibility of the owner to provide insurance for the yacht covering eventual damage to persons or property.

19.2 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party insurance of minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 US. It is the owner or owners’ representative’s sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

## **20 FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACTS**

Farr® 40 Class Association

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