

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



REGATTA
June 4-5, 2011

Hosted by
COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB
CHICAGO, IL



— URBAN SAILING —

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING and the rules of the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR), except as these are changed by this 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 competing must meet all class safety regulations. All boats entered must meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and comply with ISAF Category 4 safety requirements.
- 1.4. ALTERATION OF RULES
 - 1.4.1. RRS 35, Time Limit is modified to include a time limit for the benefit of the regatta.
 - 1.4.2. RRS 51, Movable Ballast will be modified to allow the movement of sails not in use while racing.
 - 1.4.3. RRS 41, Outside Help is modified for the Farr 40 One Design Class to allow active on the water coaching while racing

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Racing Notice Board located on the port side of the rail deck on the Columbia Club ship and as a courtesy on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Racing Notice Board before 0830 CDT on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 CDT on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the stern mast of the Club Ship.
- 4.2. Code Flag "AP" means "The race is postponed". The warning will be made not less than 75 minutes after "AP" is lowered. This modifies RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

5.1. Schedule of races and events is as follows:










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| Fri 3 June | 1700 – 1930 | Last Minute registrations. Free 312 beer and pizza |
| | 1930 | Distance Race Skipper's meeting |
| Sat 4 June | 1030 | Warning signal for first race |
| | 1700 | Free 312 beer and Mexican dinners. Live band |
| Sun 5 June | 1000 | Warning signal for first race |
| | 1600 | Prize givings and beer |

5.2. Six races are scheduled of which one must be completed to constitute a series.

- 5.3. Racing each day will consist of windward/leeward courses with as many races completed as practical.
- 5.4. At the finish of each race, the Race Committee will indicate its intent to conduct a subsequent race by displaying the 2nd Substitute flag.
- 5.5. No warning signal shall be given after 1400 hrs on Sunday June 5, 2011.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. One Design Classes need not fly class flag
- 6.2. The class flags for the purpose of signaling the start of each class shall be designated by the international code flags as follows:

| CLASS | CLASS FLAG | CLASS FLAG |
|----------|------------|---|
| T-TEN | 0 |  |
| J/105 | Juliet |  |
| BEN 36.7 | 6 |  |
| J/109 | 9 |  |
| BEN 40.7 | 7 |  |
| J/111 | 3 |  |
| ORR | 2 |  |
| FARR 40 | 4 |  |
| PHRF | 1 |  |

- 6.3. Competitors are advised that classes may be combined in the starting order, but be scored separately.

7. RACING AREA and COURSES

- 7.1. The racing area will be LMSRF Starting Area 3 (SA 3). Note that SA3 has been moved ¼nm West from its previous position. SA3 is now located at N 41° 54.330 W 087° 32.380.
- 7.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 4 to 6 legs. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used. The diagrams in Illustration A show a typical 4 leg course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The official length of the Course shall be determined by the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for redress.
- 7.3. For each course there will be two windward marks. The T-10, J/105, BEN 36.7 classes will sail a shorter course as follows: S, W1, L W1, F. The J/109, BEN 40.7, J/111, ORR, FARR40 and PHRF classes will sail a longer course as follows: S, W2, L, W2, F.
- 7.4. The leeward mark (gate) will be approximately 0.10nm to windward of the starting line. For windward finishes, the finish line will be approximately 0.10nm to windward of Mark W2.

- 7.5. The Course selected, the number legs, the approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the first rounding mark (Marks W1 and W2) will be displayed from a sign-board on the Race Committee Signal Boat with or before the Warning Signal.
- 7.6. Signal flag G (Golf) will be flown to indicate that a gate will be used on the leeward end of the course. If a gate is signaled but one of the gate marks is absent, then the existing gate mark shall be rounded to port.
- 7.7. The Race Committee may change the course of any leg that begins at a rounding mark or gate by 5 degrees or less without any visual or sound signals. The course change will continue to use the active marks. This changes RRS 33(a).

8. MARKS

The starting mark will be yellow. The marks of the buoy race course will be orange. The finish mark will be white. New marks will be of a different color than the mark it is replacing (yellow or orange).

9. THE START

9.1. The starting sequence is as follows

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| Sequence | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| Class | T-10 | J/105 | BEN 36.5 | J/109 | BEN 40.7 | J/111 | ORR | FARR 40 | PHRF |

- 9.2. The Race Committee may elect to combine classes in a start and will signal combined starts by flying class flags in combination.
- 9.3. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The Race Committee may elect to insert a 5 minute delay between the T-10 start signal and the warning signal for the J/105.
- 9.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and an orange tetrahedron at the port end of the line.
- 9.5. The Race Committee may set a guard mark attached to the stern of the Signal Boat.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1. In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on the Race Committee VHF channel 78. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1 (a).)
- 10.2. General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The warning signal for restart of a class following a General Recall shall made 1 min. after the first substitute is removed

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Signal Boat and the finishing mark. The Finish Line will be on the side opposite of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM, PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 12.1. The Protest Desk will be located on the raildeck of COLYC club ship. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Desk within the protest time limit.
- 12.2. The Protest Time Limit is sixty (60) minutes after the Race Committee Signal Boat has docked. This changes RRS 61.3
- 12.3. Notices will be posted near the Protest Desk as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are a party or named as witnesses.
- 12.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 12.5. On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - a. within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total score of all her races. There will be no discards, modifying Rule A2.
- 13.2 ORR Division. Time-on-time scoring using Windward/Leeward 50/50 AP ratings will be utilized.
- 13.3 PHRF Division. Time on distance scoring will be utilized
- 13.4 Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall be awarded one point more than the number of boats that finished within 45 minutes of the first boat. This changes RRS A4.1 and A4.2.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes, or finishes within two and a half (2½) hours of the start shall be abandoned. Any boats not finishing within 45 minutes of the finish time of the first boat will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS 35.
- 14.2 If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the next start, the race committee may order the race terminated for that boat, and score the boat points equal to last place.

15 WITHDRAWAL

Boats that retire from a race or do not intend to start a subsequent race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course. Boats that cannot communicate with the Race Committee, shall call Columbia Yacht Club at 312-939-3625 (312-WET-DOCK), as soon as possible.

16 RACE COMMITTEE COURTESY BROADCASTS

The Race Committee may attempt to report visual signals displayed and other pertinent information over VHF Channel 78 VHF. The Race Committee may change the channel by posting on a signboard on the signal boat prior to the first warning signal of each race. This information is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter their responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

17 FARR 40 COACH BOAT REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Each support boat shall display a Farr 40 One Design Class
- 17.2 The driver(s) of a support boat will be responsible for the control of the boat at all times and will be held responsible for any inappropriate behaviour, dangerous actions or improper practices affecting the fairness of competition
- 17.3 All coach boats shall monitor the Race Committee's VHF channel 78 while in the sailing area so they may be contacted by the Race Committee.
- 17.4 At all times the driver(s) of a support boat shall comply with directions given by the race committee. In particular this includes assisting with rescues when requested to do so.
- 17.5 Coach boats should proceed around the race area in a way to minimise the effect of their wake will have on boats racing.
- 17.6 Any coach boat obstructing or otherwise interfering with any boat racing will be referred to the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee may impose any penalty it deems necessary including disqualification of any boats associated with the coach boat at time of infraction and removal of coach boat privileges for the Farr 40 Class.

18. SOCIAL

Columbia YC will host a party on Saturday night courtesy of Goose Island. Refreshments and a free Keg of 312 beer after the races on Sunday.

19. DOCKING

There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at Columbia YC from 1500 hrs, Friday, June 4 through Sunday, June 6. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration on the East and South (Outer) sides of the dock.

20. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

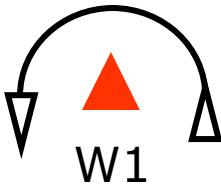
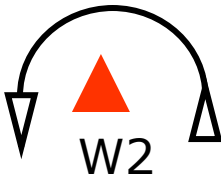
21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) 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. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

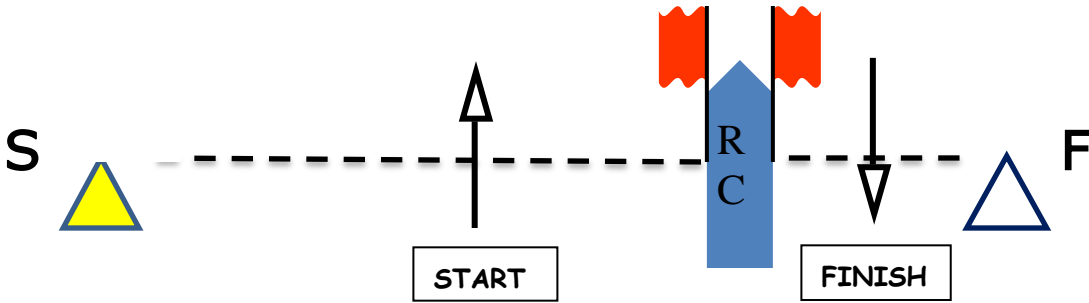
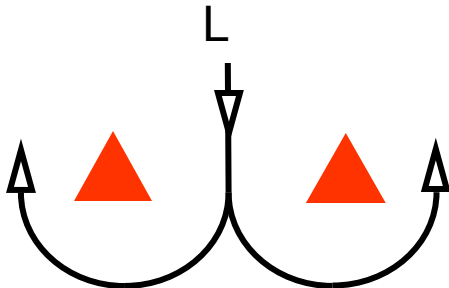
22. INSURANCE

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

COURSE DIAGRAM



NOT TO SCALE



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| T-10, J/105, B36.7: | S-W1-L1-W1-F |
| J109, B40.7, J/111, ORR, F40, PHRF: | S-W2-L1-W2-F |