

Columbia Yacht Club

2018 Chicago Beer Can Series

Notice of Race

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. Columbia Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for the Chicago Beer Can Series.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta series shall be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, this Notice of Race (NOR), and the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2. The rules listed below shall be changed. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 2.2.1. The first sentence of rule 63.7 shall be changed to “If there is a conflict between two or more rules that must be resolved before the protest committee makes a decision, the committee shall apply the rule that it believes will provide the fairest result for all boats affected. however in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.”
 - 2.2.2. LMPHRF and T-10 Class Rules on crew limitations do not apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all sailboats 20 feet or longer which are equipped with:
 - 3.1.1. a working GPS and
 - 3.1.2. a VHF radio capable of broadcasting and receiving on VHF channel 69
- 3.2. Eligible boats must meet US Coast Guard safety requirements for nearshore sailing at night
- 3.3. Eligible boats must complete the online registration at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 3.4. Boats that do not have a Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) Certificate or will be racing in a configuration different from that declared for the LMPHRF Certificate must apply for a rating by submitting a rating application to the Columbia Yacht Club Main Office no later than seven days prior to that boat’s first race. The rating application is available on www.yachtscoring.com.
 - 3.4.1. Assignment of handicaps is offered as an accommodation and as such handicaps are not subject to competitor initiated review or protest.

- 3.5. 3.5. The Chicago Beer Can Series shall be raced in five divisions. Each division, except for the T-10 division, may be divided into classes subject to the number and ratings of entered boats. A Beer Can time on distance handicaps shall be assigned by Columbia Yacht Club taking into consideration PHRF handicaps assigned by other rating authorities. Final class breaks shall be specified in the Sailing Instructions.
 - 3.5.1. T-10
 - 3.5.2. Spinnaker
 - 3.5.3. Jib and Main (JAM): Boats competing in the Jib and Main Division may only use a headsail with a mid-girth no greater than 50% of the foot. This modifies RRS 50.4.
 - 3.5.3.1. Spinnakers including Code 0 and cruising spinnakers are prohibited. This modifies RRS 50.4.
 - 3.5.3.2. A whisker or spinnaker pole of any length may be used.
 - 3.5.4. Green: The Green Division can use whatever sails they declare. The Beer Can Co-chairs must approve Green Division entries and have the authority to reassign boats to separate divisions.
 - 3.5.5. Turbo
- 3.6. Skippers and crew from each eligible boat are strongly encouraged to attend the Beer Can Orientation and Starting Gun Party held at Columbia Yacht Club on Wednesday May 9, 2017 at 19:00.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fee for all boats is \$75.00 which should be paid on the Columbia Yacht Club Chicago Beer Can Series portal on www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.2. Unregistered boats that have not completed online registration as per NOR 3.3 nor paid the fee designated in NOR 4.1 above shall not be started, finished, or scored.
- 4.3. Fees include access to all social events for skippers and crew.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration opens March 1, 2018 and closes on September 11, 2018.
- 5.2. Beer Can Orientation & Kickoff Party on May 9
- 5.3. Dates of racing: One race is scheduled every Wednesday evening with a first warning at 1840 as follows.
 - 5.3.1. Tune Up Race: May 16
 - 5.3.2. Official Beer Can Series: May 23-September 12 (14 races)
 - 5.3.3. No Racing: July 4, 18, 25

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than one week prior to racing on the Columbia Yacht Club website www.BeerCanSeries.org, and www.yachtscoring.com.

7. VENUE AND COURSES

7.1. The races shall be held on the Chicago Beer Can Series Race Course. This is a circle of permanent marks southwest of the Four-Mile Crib with the center mark SA7 located at N41 51.17' W87 33.41'.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. Time on distance scoring shall be utilized.
- 8.2. Each individual race shall be scored using low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A.
- 8.3. Boats serving as Race Committee signal boat (other than for races abandoned prior to the first warning) shall be scored as having raced and finished first place in their respective division for that evening's race. The scores of other boats shall not be changed. Therefore, there may be two boats scored in a first-place tie for a race.

9. PRIZES

9.1. Weekly prizes will be awarded after completed races each Wednesday at Columbia Yacht Club as follows, regardless of the owner's Yacht Club affiliation.

Number of Starters In Section	Number of Awards Per Section
0-1	0
2-3	1
4-5	2
>5	3

Weekly prizes will be given at the discretion of the organizing authority to maximize fun and reward participation, which may not be prizes for top finishers. Prizes will be available for pick-up until 1600 hours Wednesday of the week following after which time they will be forfeit.

9.2. Prizes shall be awarded to top finishers for the overall season as follows:

Average Number of Starters In Section*	Number of Awards Per Section
0-2	0
3-4	1
4-6	2
7-14	3
>14	4

**The “average number of starters” in a section is defined as [total number of boats that started in completed races in the series] divided by [number of completed races in the series].*

10. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

10.1. 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.

11. **INSURANCE**

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

12. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

12.1. The series is intended for recreation and crew development.

12.2. For additional information, please contact:

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