



# 2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## CASUAL RACES

These Sailing Instructions provide additional information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Casual Races ("Races"), a fun, easy set of races for all to enjoy. Please join us for fun on the lakefront this summer!

### 1. RULES

Each Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 edition, as adopted by U.S. Sailing ("RRS").

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be published via each Race's webpage, accessible via [www.chicagosailracing.org](http://www.chicagosailracing.org), and will be sent via e-mail and/or text message to all entered competitors. Additionally, the Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts during each Race via VHF 71. These broadcasts are intended to assist all boats in understanding how the race is being conducted. Such broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

### 3. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be published on each Race's webpage, accessible at [www.chicagosailracing.org](http://www.chicagosailracing.org). As a courtesy, skippers of entered yachts may receive e-mails and/or text messages regarding changes. No changes will be made to the Sailing Instructions less than 24 hours prior to the start of a Race.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

In some cases, Organizing Authorities will need to signal information via code flags. Should that occur, the signals will be made at each Organizing Authority's clubhouse. However, the information will also be conveyed via e-mail and/or text message to skippers of all entered yachts. The Answering Pennant is a long red and white striped flag, used to signal that a Race is being postponed. When this flag is displayed onshore, and dropped, it signals that the Race will begin in one hour or later. The Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF 71 to assist sailors in understanding when the Race will begin. Failure to receive courtesy e-mails, text messages, or broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of Races will be as prescribed in Section 1 of the Notice of Series. Each Race will start at 1245 hours, unless postponed by the Race Committee.

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### 6. RACING AREAS

All Races will be conducted off Chicago's lakefront. Starting areas for each Race are as follows.

<b>Northerly Island Casual Race</b> (Saturday, June 23rd, 2018):	41° 52.80 North 87° 34.46 West Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
<b>Columbia Rail Deck Race</b> (Sunday, July 15th, 2018):	41° 52.80 N 87° 34.46 W Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
<b>Verve Cup Casual Race</b> (Saturday, August 11th, 2018):	41° 52.80 N 87° 34.46 W Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
<b>Hobelman Regatta Casual Race</b> (Sunday, August 19th, 2018)	41° 57.74 N 87° 36.40 W Appx. 095° T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light (Area A)
<b>Chicago Regatta Casual Race</b> (Saturday, September 8th, 2018)	41° 52.80 North 87° 34.46 West Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
<b>Lutz Regatta Casual Race</b> (Sunday, September 16th, 2018)	41° 52.80 North 87° 34.46 West Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)

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### 7. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

When arriving at the starting area, boats should approach the Race Committee boat, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. To facilitate safety of all competitors, if a boat must withdraw from the race, it must notify the Race Committee via VHF 71. Boats racing must fly a CASRA Casual Race Flag, available at the clubhouses of any of the five Organizing Authorities.

### 8. COURSES

8.1. Courses for each Race are designed to be simple and easy to follow, and are set forth below:

#### **Northerly Island Casual Race** (Saturday, June 23rd, 2018)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to PORT)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to PORT)
Orange Mark	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (round mark to PORT)
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to PORT)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

#### **Columbia Rail Deck Regatta** (Sunday, July 15th, 2018)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to STARBOARD)
Orange Mark	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (round mark to STARBOARD)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

#### **Verve Cup Casual Race** (Saturday, August 12th, 2017)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to PORT)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to PORT)
Orange Mark	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (round mark to PORT)
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to PORT)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

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### 8. COURSES (continued...)

#### Hobelman Regatta Casual Race (Sunday, August 19th, 2018)

Start	41°57.74 N, 87°36.40 W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to PORT)
Wilson Avenue Crib	41°57.97 N, 87°35.47 W (round crib to PORT)
Finish	41°57.74 N, 87°36.40 W

#### Chicago Regatta Casual Race (Saturday, September 8th, 2018)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to STARBOARD)
Orange Mark	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (round mark to STARBOARD)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

#### Lutz Regatta Casual Race (Sunday, September 16th, 2018)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to STARBOARD)
Clemson Shoal	
Lighted Bell Buoy 4	41° 48.40 N 87° 32.90 W (round to STARBOARD)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W (finish between mark and Race Committee boat)

8.2 Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on VHF 71. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

8.3 **The Race Committee may shorten the course by setting up a finish line at any mark, and raising code flag "S."** The Race Committee may broadcast courtesy announcements regarding the shortening of a course via VHF 71.

### 9. MARKS

Marks will be either government buoys or structures, or marks. When rounding a water intake crib, yachts shall stay outside of the white stakes surrounding each crib.

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### 10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between an orange floating mark on the port end of the line, and an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat on the starboard end of the line.
- 10.2 Each race shall begin at 1245 hours. If the Race Committee needs to postpone the race, it will fly the Answering Pennant. Once the Answering Pennant is lowered, the Race Committee will broadcast the new starting time via VHF 71.
- 10.3 At the start of each Race, the Race Committee will make ten long sounds, and raise the orange flag marking the signal boat end of the start line. Thereafter, the start line is open, and boats may start any time within 15 minutes of the start time. The Race Committee will note each boat's start time for scoring purposes. At the end of the 15 minute window, the Race Committee will again make ten long sounds. Boats may not start after this time.

### 11. 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, which should be left to port. The Race Committee signal boat should be left to starboard.

### 12. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race will be 1600 hours, plus the amount of any postponement.

### 13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgment.
- 13.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on the first weekday following the weekend's races. Protests must be filed via e-mail to [protests@chicagosailracing.org](mailto:protests@chicagosailracing.org).
- 13.3 Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.
- 13.4 Violations of Section 3 of the Notice of Series are protestable only by the Race Committee.

### 14. SECTION BREAKS AND SCORING

Each yacht will receive an elapsed time from the Race Committee, derived by subtracting its start time from its finish time. Calculation of start times is not protestable by competitors. CASRA ratings will be applied to finish times in order to derive scores. Section breaks will be established by the Race Committee for scoring purposes, and may be established after the completion of the race. Boats racing in "Jib and Main" sections will be scored separately from boats racing in "Spinnaker" sections.

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### 15. PRIZES

Prizes for individual races will be awarded as described in the Notice of Series. Each Organizing Authority will provide information about prize-giving ceremonies via e-mail and/or text message to all competitors. Series prizes will be awarded at the CASRA Town Hall Meeting and End of Season Celebration.

### 16. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us, and special thanks to our sponsors!

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