



2018 NOTICE OF RACES

DISTANCE RACES

This Notice of Races provides basic information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Distance Races ("Races"). These Races are designed to provide outstanding competition for boats wishing to race medium and long distances. Please join us for fun and competition on the lakefront this summer!

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND DATES

The Organizing Authorities for the Races are the Burnham Park Yacht Club ("BPYC"), the Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC"), the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club ("CCYC"), the Columbia Yacht Club ("COLYC"), the Jackson Park Yacht Club ("JPYC"); the Michigan City Yacht Club ("MCYC") and the Waukegan Yacht Club ("WYC"). The Organizing Authorities for these Races are as follows:

Date	Race	Organizing Authority
Saturday, May 26	Spring Opener Distance Race	CCYC
Saturday, June 16	Chicago to Waukegan	CCYC/WYC
Sunday, June 17	Waukegan to Chicago	CCYC/WYC
Friday, June 29	Chicago to Michigan City and Return	COLYC/BPYC
Saturday, July 7	Gold Star Regatta	JPYC
Sunday, August 19	Hobelman Regatta Distance Race	CCYC
Friday, August 31	Tri-State: Chicago to St. Joseph	COLYC
Sunday, September 2	Bi-State: St. Joseph to Chicago	JPYC
Sunday, September 2	Tri-State: St. Joseph to Michigan City	JPYC/MCYC
Monday, September 3	Tri-State: Michigan City to Chicago	JPYC
Saturday, September 8	Chicago Regatta Distance Race	CYC
Saturday, September 15	Herb Kaczmarek Distance Race	CCYC
Saturday, September 22	Sheldon Clark Distance Race	CYC
Saturday, September 29	Fall Closer (to JPYC)	JPYC
Saturday, September 30	Fall Closer (from JPYC)	JPYC

NOTE: CASRA clubs will sponsor other distance racing events in Chicago, including the Colors Regatta, the NOOD Regatta, the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac, the Columbia Cup, and the Verve Cup. These events will have separate registration portals and race documents.

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2. RULES

These Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 edition, as adopted by U.S. Sailing ("RRS"). However, power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted. This changes RRS 52.

3. ADVERTISING

Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat must be described in the Entry Form. Advertising deemed by Organizing Authorities not to be compliant with World Sailing Regulation 20 may be rejected. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supported by Organizing Authorities.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. These Races are open to all boats of at least 25 feet length overall. Boats must carry safety equipment in conformance with the CASRA Safety Regulations. Specifically, boats must comply with CASRA Nearshore Safety Regulations for all Races, except for the Chicago to Michigan City and Return, and all of the Bi-State and Tri-State Races, which require boats to comply with CASRA Offshore Safety Regulations.
- 4.2. Boats must sail with at least two crew members for each Race.
- 4.3. Boats may enter these Races by completing the Entry Form available on each Race's webpage, accessible via www.chicagosailracing.org. In order to participate in one or more of the Races, it must complete its entry, including payment of applicable entry fees, no later than 1200 hours on the Friday prior to that Race's start time.
- 4.4. One-design classes will be offered for each of the Races, provided that: 1) each one-design class requests a one-design section via an e-mail by the class's designated representative directed to chicago.sail.racing@gmail.com no later than May 1, 2018; and 2) at least four boats from that class enter that race no later than one week prior to the Race's start date.
- 4.5. For each Race, the Race Committee will provide separate sections for multihull and "jib and main" entrants.

5. FEES

The entry fee for each Race (other than the Chicago Regatta) is \$45 for all entries received by May 15, 2018, and \$55 for all entries received after May 15, 2018. For the Chicago Regatta, the entry fee shall be free to all entrants until August 23, 2018, and \$100 thereafter. All entry fees are refundable, subject to a \$10 administration fee. In order to receive a refund for a race, yachts must withdraw via Yachtscoring no later than 24 hours prior to the start of a race.

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6. SCHEDULE

Warning signals for each Race are scheduled as follows, expressed in Central Time (CT):

Spring Opener Distance Race:	1030 hours
Chicago to Waukegan:	0900 hours
Waukegan to Chicago:	0900 hours
Chicago to Michigan City and Return:	1930 hours
Gold Star Regatta Distance Race:	1230 hours
Hobelman Regatta Distance Race:	1030 hours
Tri-State: Chicago to St. Joseph:	1830 hours
Bi-State: St. Joseph to Chicago:	0800 hours
Tri-State: St. Joseph to Michigan City:	0930 hours
Tri-State: Michigan City to Chicago:	0900 hours
Chicago Regatta Distance Race:	1030 hours
Herb Kaczmarek Distance Race:	1030 hours
Fall Closer (to JPYC)	1130 hours
Fall Closer (from JPYC)	1130 hours

7. MEASUREMENT AND RATINGS

- 7.1. All boats competing in these Races must have a valid 2018 LMPHRF certificate, and race in full compliance with that certificate. All Races will be scored using each boat's LMPHRF general purpose rating. All scoring shall be time on time. Skippers shall upload a copy of their certificate via the CASRA rating validation site, available at www.chicagosailracing.org/ratingvalidation no later than 24 hours prior to the first race in which they participate. Skippers are responsible for ensuring that the certificate on file is valid for all Races in which they participate.
- 7.2. Boats racing in one-design classes offered by the Organizing Authorities are exempt from the requirement in Section 7.1. Such boats must comply with the following rules:
 - 7.2.1: T-10s must comply with the rules of the National T-10 Association and the local rules of Fleet Number 2. In the event of a discrepancy between the two, the latter shall control.
 - 7.2.2: Beneteau 36.7s must comply with the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One-Design Class Roles and the local rules of the Beneteau First 36.7 Lake Michigan Fleet.
 - 7.2.3: Beneteau 40.7s must comply with Beneteau First 40.7 North American One Design Class Rules.
 - 7.2.4: Farr 40s must comply with Farr 40 One Design Class Rules.
 - 7.2.5: J-105s must comply with J-105 Class Association Rules.
 - 7.2.6: J-109s must comply with J-109 Class Rules.
 - 7.2.7: J-111s must comply with J-111 Class Rules.

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8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions provide additional details concerning the conduct of each Race. General Sailing Instructions for the series will be available by May 1, 2018 at www.chicagosailracing.org. Organizing Authorities may issue amendments for each event, and will make them available at www.chicagosailracing.org and e-mail them to all entrants of record at the time of publication.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

The venue for these races will be the waters of Lake Michigan, with specific starting areas outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties will be assessed as per the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

Each Race will be scored individually and independently. Section breaks will be set by each Organizing Authority, and be transmitted to competitors by 1200 hours Thursday prior to each weekend's race(s).

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

13. DOCKING

To the extent possible, Organizing Authorities will make docking available to entered boats. Availability of docking for post-race parties and docking instructions will be outlined in amendments for each race.

14. PRIZES

For each Race, prizes will be given as follows:

0-2 starters in a section:	No prizes
3-4 starters in a section:	1 prize
5-6 starters in a section:	2 prizes
7-14 starters in a section:	3 prizes
15-19 starters in a section:	4 prizes
20 or more starters in a section:	5 prizes

Organizing Authorities may award additional prizes at their discretion.

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15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities 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.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit www.chicagosailracing.org for additional information.

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