



COLUMBIA CUP REGATTA

The Columbia Cup overall champion will be decided by the participants in the Buoy races on Saturday and Sunday.

BUOY COURSE

NOTICE OF RACE

August 4-5, 2018

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2017-2020 (RRS)
- 1.2. Rule 63.7 sentence two shall be changed to “In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.”
- 1.3. Boats competing in Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) classes shall meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and comply with US Sailing Near Shore safety requirements.
- 1.4. For One Design Classes, the rules and regulations of their local class rules shall apply, and they shall meet all class safety regulations.
- 1.5. Alteration of Rules.

The following racing rules are changed. These changes will also appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

- 1.5.1. Rules 35 is changed to “If one boat sails the course as required by rule 28 and finishes within the time limit, if any, all boats that finish shall be scored according to their finishing places unless the race is abandoned. Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in its section finishes shall be scored did not finish. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race.”
- 1.5.2. Courtesy broadcasts are not considered to be grounds for Redress according to RRS 62.1(a).



1.5.3. The second sentence of Rule 62.2 is changed to “If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit.”

2. FLEETS AND CLASSES RACING.

The following fleets are invited to participate in this race.

- 2.1. Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) which uses the LMPHRF rating system. The fleet may be comprised of the following classes.
 - 2.1.1. Spinnaker Classes - boats that may deploy while racing one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4.
 - 2.1.2. Non-Spinnaker Classes – boats that may not deploy spinnakers or gennakers.
- 2.2. One-Design Classes of boats of the same Manufacturer Type. This includes but is not limited to the Viper 640, J/70, T-10, Farr 40, J/88, J/105, J/109, J/111, FT-10, Beneteau 36.7 and Beneteau 40.7 classes.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. All boats racing shall have a current, valid Rating Certificate issued by the fleet handicapping authority of the classes within which they are competing.
- 3.2. LMPHRF boats will initially be divided into four (4) sections with ratings of 19 & below, 21 to 57, 60 to 73, and 74 & above. Final section breaks will be in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of TWO (2) or more yachts, desiring to race as a separate class, may petition the organizing authority for acceptance as a class. Such petitions must be made no later **August 1, 2018**.

4. FEES

Eligible boats shall complete online registration and payment via credit card on www.yachtscoring.com no later than **August 3, 2018**.

The entry fee is \$100 for the buoy races as a standalone event.

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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

Saturday, August 4	1130	Warning signal
	1700	Post-race Party
Sunday, August 5	1100	Warning signal
	1700	Post-race Party

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Sailing Instructions will be available online at www.yachtscoring.com before 0800 on **August 3, 2018**.

7. REGATTA VENUE AND COURSES

- 7.1. The closed courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 2-6 legs. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.
- 7.2. The racing area will be offshore due East of Monroe Street Harbor entrance. The exact location will be in the Sailing Instructions.

8. SCORING

One race completed will constitute a series.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1. There shall be prizes for the top three finishers in each section. For fleets with fewer than four boats, only the first-place overall section finisher will be awarded a prize. erall
- 9.2. There shall be a prize for the overall winner of all buoy races.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

11. 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.



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Follow racing both Saturday and Sunday Columbia will be hosting a party under the Aft tent of the ship, open to all participants and their guest.

DOCKING

There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at Columbia Yacht Club from 1500 hours Thursday, August 2 through Sunday, August 5. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted alongside at least 2-3 deep.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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