



**Racing Yacht Fleets Series
Chicago Yacht Club
May 19, 2012 -- October 13, 2012
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60, 63.2, and 63.4.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station and as a courtesy on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1800 on the Wednesday before the change takes effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the staff at the east end of Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station. In addition, signals made ashore will be distributed to the email or text address listed in a boat's entry form.
- 4.2 When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 All scheduled races are listed in Appendix A.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.3 Up to three races for each class will be sailed each day. If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.
- 5.4 A fleet may elect not to sail the third race on any race day. The fleet representative shall notify the race committee of that election at the completion of that fleet's second race.
- 5.5 The warning signal for the first fleet in the start sequence (instruction 12.6) will not be initiated after 1500. Subsequent fleets in the start sequence may receive a warning signal after 1500. Fleets still racing at 1455 will not receive a warning signal.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be flags bearing the class insignias.

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area is located in Lake Michigan approximately two nautical miles east of the Belmont Harbor red nun buoy or as posted on the official notice board.

8 CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- 8.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing her sail number and receiving an oral acknowledgment from the race committee prior to her first race on each day of racing.
- 8.2 Within 1 hour of the official race committee docking time the person in charge of each boat without an auxiliary engine shall sign the fleet roster sheet located on the bulletin board outside the race committee room at Belmont Station to check out for the day. Boats may check out from the water by calling the race committee on the designated VHF channel and receiving an oral check out acknowledgment.
- 8.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.
- 8.4 VHF channel 73 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts. The race committee may change the hailing channel by posting a signboard on the signal boat prior to the first warning signal for each race or by posting on the official notice board near the race committee room at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Appendix B show the courses, the approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on a board the course, the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 and the distance to Mark 1 for each fleet.
- 9.3 Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel or by flags. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts or flags are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 9.4 A numeral pennant Five will be flown when the course is five legs.
- 9.5 Mark 2 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 9.6 Long Mark 1 may have an offset signaled by flag O. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Long Mark 1 shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Original turning marks will be orange shapes.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be green. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white shape left to port on the opposite side of the signal boat from starting line. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active long course weather mark.

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area is designated an obstruction:

The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.3 Boats on the course side at the start may be courtesy hailed by the race committee on the designated VHF channel. Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 12.5 Fleets shall start the first scheduled race of the day in the order shown in instruction 12.6. Any subsequent races will be started no less than five minutes after that fleet has finished a race. The race committee will alert boats prior to the warning signal for subsequent starts via the designated VHF channel and/or with short, rapid sound signals to draw the competitor's attention. Errors and omissions in the sound signals or the announcement are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.6 Start Sequence
 1. Farr 40
 2. J/111 Class
 3. Beneteau 36.7 Class
 4. International Etchells Class
 5. Tartan Ten Class
 6. Shields Class
 7. Luders 16 Class

The race committee may elect to combine fleets in a start and will signal combined starts by flying fleet signal flags in combination. The race committee will omit from the starting sequence any class not scheduled to race or any class that has elected not to start a scheduled race.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 Offset marks, if used as provided in instruction 9.7, will not be set on a changed leg of the course.
- 13.3 The race committee may broadcast a change on the designated VHF channel as a courtesy. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress.
- 13.4 The race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg change will continue to use the active mark. This changes rule 33(a).

14 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 to be left to port.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 A boat found to have broken instruction 8.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class. A boat found to have broken instruction 8.2 or 8.3 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class. This changes rule 63.1.
- 15.2 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except that the Two-Turns Penalty will apply to incidents in the Zone.

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The race time limit for all fleets will be two (2) hours. The Mark 1 time limit for each fleet will be 45 minutes.
- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned for that class.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within thirty minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Time Limit Expired' (TLE) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4.2, A5, and A11.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the race committee within the appropriate time limit. Protests and requests for redress may be filed by email to racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the race committee finishing boat. That time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes rule 62.2.
- 17.3 The hearing schedule will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes rule 61.1(b).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Two completed races in a series will constitute a series for a section.
- 18.2 A boat that comes to the starting area will be scored Did Not Start for all races she does not start that day. This changes rule A11.
- 18.3 When series A, B and C has been completed for a class, 80 percent of races, rounded to the nearest whole number, will count for a boat's series score. This changes rule A2.
- 18.4 A boat's score for the season championship will be the sum of her best races sailed and the number of races that will count towards her score will equal 80 percent of all races sailed by her fleet rounded to the nearest whole number. This changes rule A2.
- 18.5 Special regattas will be scored with no excluded races. One completed race will constitute a special regatta. This changes rule A2.


18.6 To request correction of an error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring inquiry form available in the race committee office at Belmont Station.

19 PRIZES

19.1 All prizes to be awarded are listed in Appendix C of these sailing instructions.

19.2 All perpetual trophies will remain in the possession of Chicago Yacht Club. The name of the winning boat will be added to the base. Owners will be awarded a presentation trophy to keep.

Appendix B

Class	Course 4	Course 5 
Farr 40 J/111 Beneteau 36.7	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
Tartan Ten	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
Etchells Shields Luders	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish

