



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL  
August 9-11, 2019**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the Organizing Authority for the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta. Chicago Yacht Club is the host.

**2 RULES**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, 2017-2020 edition.
- 2.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 2.3 The Offshore Rating Rule (ORR) will apply for handicap sections.
- 2.4 Class Rules – Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply.
- 2.5 Bow numbers may be provided by the OA depending on fleet size.

**3 ADVERTISING**

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The person-in-charge shall be a member of their national authority. The U.S. national authority is US Sailing.
- 4.2 The regatta is open to any sailboat of 29 feet LOA or greater that holds either a current Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) handicap certificate or is a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the organizing authority. A boat sailing under ORR will be assigned to a section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 4.3 A minimum of five bona fide entries must be received by August 5, 2019 for a one design section to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the organizing authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORR section, in which case a valid ORR certificate shall be furnished no later than August 5, 2019.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at <https://www.vervecup.com> and paying the required fee by August 5, 2019.
- 4.5 An entrant may participate in the Verve Distance Race by marking the entry form accordingly. No additional entry fee will apply. A Verve Distance Race competitor will be scored DNC for that day's Verve Cup Offshore Regatta races.



- 4.6 An entire one-design section may compete in the Verve Cup Distance Race if the fleet captain informs the organizing authority of its decision no later than August 5, 2019. The Verve Cup Distance Race results will be scored as part of that section’s Verve Cup Offshore Regatta results, but no boat within that section will be eligible for the overall Verve Cup Trophy.
- 4.7 Entrants shall maintain to the best of their ability an accumulative crew list with email addresses for further communication throughout the event. A protest for this requirement may only be initiated by the Race Committee and an accurate crew list presented any time before a hearing, at the time of hearing or at the time of appeal shall exonerate the boat.

**5 FEES**

5.1 Required Fees are as follows:

<u>Fee received by</u>	<u>Fee per foot</u>	<u>Max fee</u>
May 1, 2019	\$12	\$625
July 4, 2019	\$14	\$730
August 5, 2019	\$15	\$780

A boat’s LOA should be rounded to the lower whole number (e.g. 35’ 8” = 35’) to determine fees. There will be no social fee.

5.2 Your entry fee includes:

- Entry to the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
- Docking at the Chicago Yacht Club during the Regatta
- Complimentary drinks that will be served for a portion of each day after racing
- Saturday Night Verve Party including, DJ, complimentary snacks, additional giveaways

5.3 An administrative fee of \$125 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 5, 2019.

**6 SCHEDULE**

Thursday, August 8

1700-1900 Competitor Registration

Friday, August 9

1055 First warning (all circles)

Saturday, August 10

1055 First warning (all circles)

Sunday, August 11

1055 First warning (all circles)

1400 No warning after this time

After racing Awards presentation

**7 MEASUREMENT**

Each boat competing in a handicap section shall provide a valid ORR certificate no later than 1800 August 5, 2019.

**8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on or before August 5, 2019 at the Chicago Yacht Club website at <https://www.vervecup.com>.



8.2 Racing Area Assignment, Section Breaks, Starting Order and Flag Assignments will be published in Addendum B to the Sailing Instructions no later than 1700 August 8, 2019.

## **9 VENUE**

9.1 Regatta harbor is Monroe Harbor which is located at 400 E Monroe Drive, Chicago, IL 60603.

9.2 Addendum A to the Sailing Instructions will show the location of the racing areas.

## **10 SCORING**

10.1 Boats entered under ORR will be scored using that rule, all other boats will be scored without handicap. ORR scoring shall be in accordance with the ORR handicap certificate in effect on August 6. ORR scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) scoring utilizing the ORR 50% windward/50% leeward rating for downwind finishes and the 60% windward/40% leeward rating for upwind finishes.

10.2 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. This changes rule A2.

10.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta. This changes rule A2.

## **11 PRIZES**

11.1 Prizes will be awarded by section. The Verve Cup will be awarded as an overall prize to the winner of the section with the tightest competition determined by formula.

11.2 Corinthian prizes will be awarded to classes that have the Corinthian division included in their respective class rules and the winning boat conforms to that rule.

## **12 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.

## **13 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

## **14 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.

## **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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