



2013 Verve Cup Regatta



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Sailing Instructions

**Verve Cup Regatta
August 9-11, 2013
Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Station
Chicago, IL**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta 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.
- 1.3 Appendix T1 will apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 1.4 Appendices T2 and T5 will apply.
- 1.5 The Offshore Rating Rule will apply for handicap sections.
- 1.6 The Local Rules of the Chicago T-10 Association will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station. Information may also be available at Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscore.com).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located northeast of the center of the Monroe Station clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Friday, August 9
 - 0955 First warning (all circles)
- Saturday, August 10
 - 0955 First warning (Racing Area B)
 - 1025 First warning (Racing Area A)
- Sunday, August 11
 - 0955 First warning (all circles)
 - 1400 No warning after this time
- 5.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

6 CLASS FLAGS

Section breaks and initial starting order will be available on line no later than Wednesday August 7. They will also be available at registration.

7 RACING AREAS

The diagram contained in Addendum A provides the approximate starting location for each division. The starting areas are as follows:

Racing Area A Approximately 5.1 nautical miles at a heading of 040° from the inner Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41° 56' North and 87° 32' West.

Racing Area B Approximately 4.5 nautical miles at a heading of 082° from the inner Monroe Harbor entrance. The approximate coordinates are 41° 53' North and 87° 30' West.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course, the approximate compass bearing, and the distance of the first leg.

8.3 Mark 1 will have an offset. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Mark 1 shall be left to port. 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.

8.4 Offset marks will not be set for a change of course.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, and G will be orange inflatable marks.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark will be replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

9.3 The starting mark will be green, except that the starting mark for the Tartan 10 section will be yellow.

9.4 The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active long course weather mark. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be white.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: areas restricted by the U.S. government. Refer to the most recent Local Notice To Mariners.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.3 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.

11.4 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the designated hailing channel.

11.5 The race committee may combine sections for a start.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 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.

12.2 A course change of 5 degrees or less may not be signaled by the race committee. The course change will continue to use the active mark. This changes rule 33(a).

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendices T1, T2 and T5 will apply.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

The time limit will be two and one-half hours. Boats failing to finish within one-half hour after the first boat sails the course (time adjusted in ORR sections) and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the protest desk at Monroe Station within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 A boat's protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the race committee boat that finished her.

16.3 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

16.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

17.1 A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule A2.

17.2 One completed race constitutes a regatta.

17.3 ORR scoring shall be in accordance with the ORR handicap certificate in effect on August 2. 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.

17.4 A boat scored TLE will receive points equal to the number of finishers in her section plus two points. This changes rules A4.2 and A5.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A boat may notify the race committee using the designated VHF hailing channel.

19 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising, including removable adhesive stickers, chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to communication technologies.

22 COURTESY BROADCASTS

22.1 The courtesy VHF broadcast channels will be as follows:

Racing Area A CH 78

Racing Area B CH 73

22.2 A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes rule 62.1(a).

23 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance to the notice of race.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

26 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.

ADDENDUM A

Course Assignments	4 Legs	5 Legs
LL (long, long)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
LS (long, short)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
SS (short, short)	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish

