



## **Columbia Cup Regatta**

*Offshore Buoy – Distance – Beneteau 40.7 Lake Michigan Championship*

August 3 – August 4, 2019

Organizing Authority (OA) - Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)

Chicago, IL, USA

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the notice of race [NoR] means that the penalty for a breach of that rule, may at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### **1. RULES**

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- b. The following prescriptions of the US SAILING national authority will not apply:
  - i. RRS 63.2c.
  - ii. RRS 63.4b.
- c. The following will apply:
  - i. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration).
  - ii. RRS Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident).
  - iii. US Coast Guard safety requirements and US Sailing Near Shore safety requirements.
  - iv. One-Design classes shall digitally provide their National class rules to the OA.
  - v. One-Design classes that intend to invoke their local class rules shall provide a digital copy of the local class rules to the OA.
  - vi. A boat, while racing, shall not operate a drone.
- d. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
  - i. RRS 55: add this sentence to the end of the existing rule, "Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash under this rule."
  - ii. RRS 61.2(e): add to the end of the sentence, "and at least one phone number that the protestor representative will be available."
  - iii. RRS 61.3: the word "delivered" means:
    1. Hand delivery of the protest to the protest desk within the time limit.
    2. Digitally submitted via email by photographing the protest and emailing the photograph to the email address provided in the SIs within the time limit.

3. Protests submitted digitally must also be presented to the protest desk on arrival at COLYC.
4. Protestors submitting protests digitally shall be present at the protest desk within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- iv. RRS 62.1(a): Courtesy broadcasts are not considered to be grounds for Redress.
- v. RRS 62.2: The second sentence is changed to “If the request is based on an incident in the racing area, it shall be delivered to the protest desk within the protest time limit.”
- vi. RRS 63.6, add this sentence to the end of the rule, “Images from a drone vehicle shall not be admissible in a protest or redress hearing.”
- vii. Add to RRS Appendix A4.3, “A boat that did not finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in their class that sails the course and finishes a race will be scored Time Limit Exceeded (TLE) without a hearing. Boats recorded as TLE will be scored two places greater than the number of boats finishing that race, not to exceed one place greater than the total number of boats entered for that class.” This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A4.
- viii. NOR 1.d.vii. does not apply to handicap classes.

## **2. ADVERTISING**

- a. There are no restrictions regarding advertising on yachts.

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- a. The Columbia Cup will have three different racecourses. Competitors may register for one of these courses. The courses are:
  - i. Offshore
  - ii. Beneteau 40.7 (Lake Michigan Beneteau 40.7 Fleet Championship)
  - iii. Distance (boats that meet the relevant safety requirements, including GLSS)
- b. The regatta is open to all boats of the below class(es):
  - i. 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 (B 36.7) and Beneteau 40.7 (B 40.7) classes.
    1. B 40.7 boats sailing in the Lake Michigan Beneteau 40.7 Fleet Championship, shall be members of the Lake Michigan Beneteau 40.7 Fleet and adhere to the class rules of the fleet.
    2. B 40.7 boats will be assigned to a separate racecourse.
    3. B 40.7 boats will also compete as a fleet in the competition for the Columbia Cup.
  - ii. Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) which uses the LMPHRF rating system. The fleet may be comprised of the following classes.
    1. Spinnaker Classes - boats that may deploy while racing one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4.
    2. Non-Spinnaker Classes – boats that may not deploy spinnakers or gennakers.
  - iii. Short-handed (GLSS, doublehanded) with a valid rating certificate as required by GLSS and a minimum of 3 entries.
  - iv. Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet and ORR classes with a valid rating certificate and a minimum of 5 entries.
  - v. 30 and under
    1. Boats that measure 30’ or less
    2. Have a LMPHRF rating greater than 114

- 3. Minimum number of entries - 3
- c. One-design classes with a minimum of 3 entries.
- d. Entrants must meet and follow all class requirements, unless modified by the SIs.
- e. If there are less than the minimum number of required entries for a class, the OA will assign those boats into appropriate handicap classes.
  - i. The OA's decision shall be final.
- f. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of TWO (2) or more boats, desiring to race as a separate class, may petition the OA for acceptance as a class. Petitions shall be made no later July 31, 2019.
- g. PHRF Boats will be divided into classes by handicap. The final handicap section breaks will be in the sailing instructions (SIs).
- h. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) together with the required fee located in NOR 5 before August 2, 2019.

**4. FEES**

- a. Entry fees are as follows:
- b. Buoy races, Saturday & Sunday, entry fee is \$100.
- c. Distance race, Saturday, entry fee is \$50.

**5. SCHEDULE**

- a. Dates of racing and events:

Date:	Time	Item
Saturday, August 3	1100	Warning Signal – first race - Distance
	1145	Warning Signal – first race – Circle 1
	1130	Warning Signal – first race – B 40.7
Sunday, August 4	1100	Warning Signal – first race – Circle 1 and B 40.7
	1015	Warning Signal – Distance – alternative date
	1430	No Warning Signal after this time

- b. Maximum number of races = 8 for the event
- c. The intent of the Race Committee is to complete as many races as practical each day, which shall not exceed the number of races scheduled.
- d. For the Distance course, one race is scheduled for Saturday. Sunday is reserved in the event weather conditions do not allow a race to be completed on Saturday.

**6. MEASUREMENT**

- a. Measurement and weigh-ins shall not be conducted by the OA.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. SIs shall be available by August 1, 2019 at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).

**8. VENUE AND COURSES**

- a. Offshore Buoy and B 40.7
  - i. The racing area will be offshore due East of Monroe Street Harbor entrance.
  - ii. The exact location will be in the Sailing Instructions.
  - iii. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 2-6 legs.

- iv. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.
- b. Distance
  - i. The racecourse will be posted with the sailing instructions.
  - ii. The racing area will be offshore east of Monroe Street Harbor entrance. The exact location will be in the sailing instructions.

#### **9. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- a. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) shall apply.
- b. RRS Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) shall apply.

#### **10. SCORING**

- a. The scoring system is as follows:
  - i. Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.
  - ii. PHRF classes sailing in the offshore buoy races shall be scored Time-on-Time (TOT). ORR classes shall be scored based on course configuration. PHRF classes sailing in the Distance race will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Distance (TOD).
  - iii. For each class, one race completed will constitute a Regatta.

#### **11. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**

- a. While classes are racing, support boats shall stay at least 100 yards from all racing yachts and all race committee vessels.

#### **12. BERTHING**

- a. There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at COLYC from 1500 hours Thursday, August 1 through Sunday, August 5.
- b. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted alongside at least 2-3 deep.
- c. Non-resident boats that are participating in the VERVE regatta will be offered a 50% discount on dockage fees through August 12, based on availability.

#### **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

- a. 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 are not available to all boats.
- b. Commercial pay services, i.e. XM Radio, SailFlow, PredictWind, are considered to be available to all boats.

#### **14. PRIZES**

- a. For fleets with four or more boats, there shall be prizes for the top three finishers in each section.
- b. For fleets with fewer than four boats, only the first-place overall section finisher will be awarded a prize.
- c. In addition, there shall be a prize for the overall winner of all buoy races, the distance race, and awarding of the Columbia Cup to the overall buoy race winner, as determined by the OA.

#### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- a. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.
- b. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

#### **16. INSURANCE**

- a. Each participating boat in the Offshore or Distance courses shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

#### **17. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- a. For further information please contact:

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## **18. CONSENT**

- a. Competitors consent to the use by organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice or visual recordings of their images (“Recordings”), or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta (“Statements”) and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, perform, display, transmit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised.
- b. Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings or Statements waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recordings or Statements and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

## **19. SOCIAL**

- a. Saturday, August 3: post race party under the aft deck tent with presentation of distance race awards, open to all participants and their guests.
- b. Sunday August 4: post race party under the aft deck tent with presentation of buoy races awards and awarding of the Columbia Cup, open to all participants and their guests.