



***RACING YACHT FLEETS SERIES, CHAMPIONSHIP AND SPECIAL REGATTAS  
BELMONT STATION  
MAY 15, 2010 -- SEPTEMBER 25, 2010***

***SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The class rules of each Chicago Yacht Club Racing Yacht Fleet shall apply except where changed in these Sailing Instructions (SI).
- 1.3 Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios and cellular telephones shall not apply. All boats are required to carry an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 16 and 73.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0910 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the race day before the change takes effect.
- 3.2 As a courtesy changes may be emailed to all competitors whose email addresses were provided to the race committee at registration. Failure to receive such an email notice are not grounds for a request for redress.

**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.
- 4.2 When signal flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in RRS Race Signals AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 All scheduled races are listed in Appendix A of these sailing instructions.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1145. 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. The race committee shall fly signal flag R at the conclusion of a race to indicate that their intention to start another race.
- 5.4 The warning signal for the first fleet in the start sequence (SI 12.7) shall not be initiated after 1530. Subsequent fleets in the start sequence may receive a warning signal after 1530. Fleets still racing at 1525 will not receive a warning signal.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

Fleet signals will be either the class insignia, or as follows:

International Etchells:	Numeral Pennant 1
Shields:	Numeral Pennant 2
Luders 16:	Numeral Pennant 3

**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 at Belmont Station.

## **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 acknowledgement 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 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 acknowledgement.
- 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 hailing 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 of these sailing instructions show the courses, including the signal flag that shall be flown to signal the course configuration, the approximate angles between legs, and the order in which marks are to be passed. Marks will be left to port.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing and distance to the first marks on a board along with the course to be sailed by 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.
- 9.4 The Etchells Fleet will always sail the long course. The Luders Fleet will always sail the short course. The Shields Fleet will sail the long course by default. Signal flag Alpha may be flown below the Whiskey course flag to indicate that the Shields Fleet will sail a WA course. Signal flag Bravo may be flown below the Whiskey course flag to indicate that the Shields Fleet will sail a short course.
- 9.5 A numerical pennant may be flown to indicate the number of legs for all fleets.
- 9.6 Signal flag Golf will be flown to indicate that gates will be used on the course. If a gate is signaled but one of the gate marks is absent, then the existing gate mark shall be rounded to port.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Original turning marks will be orange inflatable shapes.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be yellow. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white inflatable 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 Races will be started using RRS 26. All sound signals used in the starting sequence may be the same. This changes RRS 26.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 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.
- 12.5 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12.6 Fleets shall start the first scheduled race of the day in the order shown in SI 12.7. Any subsequent races shall be started no less than five minutes after that fleet has finished a race. At the discretion of the Race Committee, a fleet may be started while other classes are still racing. 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.

12.7 Start Sequence

1. International Etchells Class
2. Shields Class
3. Luders 16 Class

The Race Committee may elect to combine fleets on the water and will signal combined starts by flying fleet signal flags in combination.

### **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 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.

13.3 The Race Committee may not signal a course change of 5 degrees or less. The course change will continue to use the active mark. This changes RRS 33(a).

### **14 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port. This instruction shall not apply when RRS 32.2 applies.

### **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 A boat found to have broken SI 8.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class. A boat found to have broken SI 8.2 or 19.2 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20% of the number of competitors registered in her class. This changes RRS 63.1.

15.2 Late entries will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) for races already completed.

15.3 For the Etchells fleet rule 44.1 is changed so that the One-Turn Penalty replaces the Two-Turns Penalty unless the incident occurs in the Zone, in which case the Two-Turns Penalty applies.

### **16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

16.1 The race time limit for all fleets shall be two (2) hours. The Mark 1 time limit for all fleets shall be 45 minutes. The target race time for all fleets is one hour and fifteen 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 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A5.

16.4 Failure to meet target times are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

17.1 A boat intending to protest must notify the Race Committee at the finish of the race of her intent to protest and the identity of the protested party. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Committee office at Belmont Station. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

17.3 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the Race Committee finishing boat. This time limit applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 62.2.

17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.5 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 RRS 61.1(b).

- 17.6 Hearings may be conducted on the same day as the incident, subject to the availability of a protest committee. Hearings will be scheduled no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. In the event that a protest committee is not available, the hearing will be referred to the Chicago Yacht Club Protest Committee for scheduling and the parties will receive a notice of hearing from the Race Committee Coordinator.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 Two series races completed shall constitute a series.
- 18.2 The A, B and C Series shall be scored according to RRS A2. When seven (7) scheduled races for a series have been completed for a class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 18.3 The Season Championship is determined the combined result of all Series races and will be scored as follows:
- (a) When fewer than 10 races have been completed, a boat's Season Championship score will be the total of her Series race scores. Two completed races shall constitute a Season Championship. This changes RRS A2.
  - (b) When from 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's Season Championship score will be the total of her Series race scores excluding her worst score.
  - (c) When from 15 to 18 races have been completed, a boat's Season Championship score will be the total of her Series race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.
  - (d) When 19 or more races have been completed, a boat's Season Championship score will be the total of her Series race scores excluding her three worst scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 18.4 Special Regattas shall be scored with no excluded races. One race completed shall constitute a regatta. This changes RRS A2.
- 18.5 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring inquiry form available at the race office.
- 18.6 A boat's person in charge who volunteers to serve on race committee, and whose assistance is needed and accepted by the race committee, shall be awarded average points for his or her series races for each race of that day. Written notice of this action shall be made to the PRO that day and the scorer. Those average points shall only be awarded one time per series, and the boat awarded average points for race committee service shall not race on the day she provides race committee service.

## **19. TROPHIES**

- 19.1 Series, Season Championship and Special Regatta trophies shall be awarded. For those boats that place in the Season Championship; first, second and third place prizes will be awarded. For those boats that place in the Special Regattas; first, second and third place prizes will be awarded if more than two boats place. Otherwise, first and second place prizes will be awarded. In all cases, individual fleets may award more than three place prizes.
- 19.2 The Barb Cup perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the designated International Etchells races.
- 19.3 The Russ Moon 30th Anniversary perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the Russ Moon Regatta.
- 19.4 The Kennedy Cup perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the Kennedy Cup Regatta.
- 19.5 The Sheldon Clark perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the Sheldon Clark Regatta.
- 19.6 The Sir Thomas Lipton Competitive Cup will be awarded to the overall International Etchells Class winner of the Lipton Cup regatta.
- 19.7 The Sir John Nutting Cup will be awarded to the overall Shields Class winner of the Memorial Day Regatta, the Labor Day Regatta, and the Sheldon Clark Regatta.
- 19.8 The Evans Anniversary Trophy will be awarded to the overall Luders 16 Class winner of the Memorial Day Regatta, the Evans Cup II Regatta, the Labor Day Regatta, and the Sheldon Clark Regatta.
- 19.9 All perpetual trophies shall remain in the possession of Chicago Yacht Club. The name of the winning boat shall be added to the base. Owners will be awarded a presentation trophy to keep.