



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

The Chicago Yacht Club shall be the organizing authority.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2009-2012.
- 1.2 The rules of the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) and the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4, as modified by the organizing authority, will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A description of any advertising carried by any boat must be provided to the organizing authority via email at racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org prior to August 1, 2010.
- 2.2 Advertising deemed by the organizing authority not to be compliant with ISAF Regulation 20.2.2 and 20.2.3 maybe rejected. Competitors that are permitted to display advertising are urged to refrain from displaying advertising that competes with the sponsors of this event.
- 2.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 All owners and/or skippers of boats participating in the Verve Distance Race must be members of their national sailing body. (US Sailing: www.ussailing.org)
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to all boats of 25 feet LOA or greater that hold a current Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) Handicap Certificate.

If a boat holds a valid 2010 LMPHRF Certificate but does NOT hold a valid 2010 ORR Certificate, the organizing authority will attempt to acquire a temporary ORR Certificate, valid solely for the Verve Distance Race, when the boat's entry into the Verve Distance Race is completed by August 7, 2010 and its current, valid LMPHRF Certificate is submitted with the entry form.

- 3.3 The boats shall be assigned sections according to Handicap Ratings and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found at www.chicagoyachtclub.org (click on Verve Cup Logo on home page) or www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required fee by August 7, 2010. Late fees will apply to entries received after August 7, 2010 up to the entry deadline of August 13, 2010.
- 3.4 An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received as prescribed below and, if applicable, a valid 2010 ORR rating is provided.
- 3.5 **CRUISING DIVISION:** In addition to the “Racing Division”, a “Cruising Division” at the discretion of the Organizing Authority may, if a minimum of 8 boats request entry, create a Cruising Division for the Verve Distance Race. Boats entering in the Cruising Division shall comply with the following mandates:
- a) Boats shall be monohulls and race with a minimum of two (2) crew members.
 - b) Boats shall submit valid ORR Certificates.
 - c) Boats shall be of a seaworthy offshore type construction of at least twenty-five (25) feet LOA
 - d) Boats shall be limited to carrying two roller furling headsails.
 - e) Power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted. This changes RRS 52 and modifies ORR 4.09.
 - f) A whisker pole may be used to wing-out a headsail, the luff of which must be attached to a headstay. A whisker pole or spinnaker pole may not be used to wing-out an asymmetrical spinnaker.
 - g) Staysail(s) attached to a separate permanently attached or removable intermediate stay are allowed. The stay shall be tacked between the mast and headstay. Staysails are in addition to the two permitted roller furling headsails.
 - a) Boats shall be limited to carrying two asymmetrical spinnakers. No more than one spinnaker may be flown at a time. The Tack Point of Spinnaker (“TPS”) must be attached at the centerline of the boat at the stem or on a bowsprit. In no event shall TPS exceed 125% of “J”. The spinnaker may be used with or without a pennant, adjustable tack line, snuffer, or furler. Sail measurements and tack point must be reflected in the ORR certificate. No other spinnakers are allowed.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Required entry fee for all boats is U.S. \$2 per foot prior to June 1, 2010. Between June 1, 2010 and August 7, 2010 the fee is U.S. \$2.50 per foot.
- 4.2 In addition to the entry fee, a late fee of U.S. \$75 will be required for all entries received after August 7, 2010 and before August 13, 2010.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes access to all social events for skippers and crew on Saturday, August 21.
- 4.4 An administrative fee of \$35 shall apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 13, 2010.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration: Each skipper or his/her representative must register at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, Thursday, August 19, 2010 between 1200 hours and 1900 hours.
- 5.2 There will be a skipper’s meeting at Chicago Yacht Club, Monroe Street Station, at 1830 hours, Thursday, August 19, 2010.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for August 21 is 09:55 .

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat racing on a handicap basis shall produce a valid 2010 ORR Handicap Certificate. Applications for an ORR Certificate may be obtained from: US Sailing (www.ussailing.org)
- 6.2 No handicap or rating changes will be accepted after 1800 hours, August 13, 2010.

7. SECTION BREAKS

Handicap section breaks will be available at registration and online beginning August 19, 2010. Section breaks will be based on ORR.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at Registration and online beginning August 19, 2010.

9. VENUE

Boats will be assigned to one of the racing areas, which will be from 3-6 miles from Monroe Street Harbor.

10. THE COURSE

The course will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PROTESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

Pre-hearing arbitration will be required for all protests involving rules of Part 2, with the exception of protests involving more than 2 boats or where a contact has occurred. In addition to hearing protests, the Protest Committee will have final authority in resolving conflicts of eligibility and/or compliance with entry requirements. This changes RRS 63.1, 63.6, and 66.

12. SCORING

Each boat shall be ranked by her corrected time in Section. The lowest corrected time wins. The corrected times shall be calculated using Single Number time-on-time scoring using the ORR Offshore Course All Purpose number.

13. 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 mobile telephones and other mobile data devices. VHF channels 6, 9, 16, 68, 71, 72, 73, 78 and 79 may be used for communication with the fleets.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded by section. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each section.
- 14.2 The 8 Mile Buoy Trophy will be awarded to the boat whose corrected time is the lowest across all sections.

15. SPECIAL DOCKING INSTRUCTIONS

- 15.1 All slips will be assigned by the organizing authority and the Chicago Yacht Club dockmaster.
- 15.2 The eastern slips will be assigned to boats whose LOA is forty (40) feet or greater. The western slips are available for all smaller boats that can access the area.
- 15.3 Slips will be available only for out-of-town boats participating in the Verve Cup from 2200 hours Wednesday, August 18, 2010 until 1000 hours Friday, August 20, 2010. Any Chicago harbor system boat using the slips during this period shall be subject to protest by the organizing authority. A 10% placement penalty for entrant's first race finished will apply.
- 15.4 After racing on Friday, August 20, 2010, through 1500 hours on Sunday, August 22, 2010, all slips will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for ONLY those boats participating in the Verve Cup.
- 15.5 No personal gear or boat equipment may be left on the docks while participating in the Regatta. Violators shall be subject to protest by the organizing authority. A 10% placement penalty for entrant's first race finished on the day of the protest will apply.

16. 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.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 liability insurance per event or the equivalent. Insurance certificates shall be available for inspection upon request.

18. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The organizing authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendment will be posted on the Official Notice Board and online. Copies will be available at registration.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Email = racecoordinator@chicagoyachtclub.org

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CYC Web site = www.chicagoyachtclub.org

Add'l web site = www.yachtscoring.com