

Race Committee Charge Privileges
Approved by the CYC Board for 2015 Season
February 25, 2015

The Race Committee provides a service to the Chicago Yacht Club in support of its stated purpose, "To promote the sport of yacht racing." The Club runs an aggressive racing program from March through November. This calls for a large number of trained race officers and supporting volunteers to manage, set, and officiate at regattas. The Chicago Yacht Club Race Committee utilizes the volunteer services of both CYC members and non-members. To recognize the valuable contribution of non-member volunteers, in recognition of those who meet an attendance requirement a charge privilege is offered subject to Article I Section 13 of the CYC By-laws.

1. In order to qualify for the charging privileges, the volunteers must have served two years with the equivalent of at least 19 "days on-the-water," as documented and certified by the Chairperson of the Race Committee.
 - a. We currently use a point system where each full day is worth 10 points. Half days, meetings, and other tasks are assigned less points and some activities may be awarded bonus points
 - b. Training classes may also qualify as "day's on-the-water".
 - c. Scoring and regatta management activities performed by the race committee may be awarded points.
2. This privilege extends from January 1st to December 31st of the year after the volunteer has served the required days. The membership card must be presented when using services.
3. Upon qualification, the volunteer will be allowed to submit an ACH Authorization Form for charges incurred while using the Club. The Club will invoice monthly the Race Committee member for any charges, then The Club will auto-debit the RC member's account for the prior month's balance due on or around the 15th of the following month. ACH withdrawals returned due to insufficient funds are subject to a \$25 fee and result in an automatic suspension of charging privileges until full payment is remitted. If insufficient fund problems happen more than once, the privileges will be withdrawn.
4. It is the intention of this policy to allow race committee volunteers to eat and drink at the Club on days on which they provide services, either on the water or in the Club, attending training or meeting with sailors or other Race Committee members. The charging privileges are for a limited time and subject to various restrictions as established from time-to-time by the Commodore and the Club's Board of Directors.
5. Other privileges afforded to members will not be included, such as lockers, dinghy spaces, parking, certain club events and reciprocity with other clubs.