



**Offshore Fleet Championships
Chicago Yacht Club
Chicago, IL
June 1, 2024 – September 14, 2024**

NOTICE OF SERIES

1. RULES

1.1 *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024* shall govern.

1.2 The Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for each Qualifying Event (as defined below) shall govern. If there is any conflict between any such Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions and *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024*, such Notices of Race or Sailing Instructions shall govern but only to the extent necessary to resolve that conflict.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS

There are two Offshore Championship divisions: (1) the Buoy Division; and (2) the Distance Division. A boat may compete in both Divisions.

3. QUALIFYING EVENTS AND THEIR DATES

3.1 The Qualifying Events for the Buoy Division and their dates are:

- Skyway Yacht Works COLORS Regatta – June 1-2
- Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Buoy Races – June 7-9
- Columbia Cup Regatta – August 3-4
- Verve Cup Regatta Offshore Buoy Races – August 9-11
- Chicago Regatta Buoy Races – September 7
- Sheldon Clark Regatta Offshore Buoy Races – September 14

3.2 The Qualifying Events for the Distance Division and their dates are:

- Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Distance series – June 8-9

- Chicago to Waukegan Race – June 22
- Chicago-Michigan City-Chicago Race – June 28
- CYC Race to Mackinac Cruising Divisions – starts July 12
- CYC Race to Mackinac Racing Divisions – starts July 13
- Verve Cup Regatta Offshore Distance (tour) Race or 100mi– August 10
- First leg of Tri-State/Bi-State race from Chicago to St. Joseph, MI – Aug. 30
- Chicago Regatta Offshore Distance Race – September 7
- Sheldon Clark Regatta Distance Race – September 14

3.3 Special note on the Verve Cup. Boats racing all three days, their races on Friday and Sunday will count for the buoy series. All boats racing on Sat will be scored for the distance series

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 This series is open to all boats belonging to the Chicago Yacht Club Offshore Sailing Yacht Fleet or the CYC Cruising Sail Fleet that enter Buoy or Distance Division Qualifying Events.

4.2 To be eligible for the Buoy Division Championship, a boat must start at least four Buoy Division events.

4.3 To be eligible for the Distance Championship, boat must start at least five Distance Division events including the CYC Race to Mackinac.

5. ENTRY

Eligible boats will be entered automatically.

6. SCORING

6.1 Qualifying Buoy Division Races

For each Qualifying Buoy Division define “NS” as the number of all boats (CYC and other boats) that compete in each Section of that Race. Each eligible boat will be scored in her section for each Qualifying Event as follows:

Finishing Place Raw Score/NS converted to a percentile score as follows:

$$(\text{Finish Place Raw Score}/\text{NS}) \times 100$$

A boat's Buoy Division series score will be the average of her four lowest percentile scores in Qualifying Buoy Division races.

6.2 Qualifying Distance Division Races

For each Distance Races define "NS" as the number of all boats (CYC and other boats) that compete in each Section of that Race. Each eligible boat will be scored in her Section for each Qualifying Event as follows:

Finishing Place Raw Score/NS converted to a percentile score as follows:

$$(\text{Finish Place Raw Score}/\text{NS}) \times 100$$

A boat's Distance Division series score will be the average of her five lowest percentile scores in Qualifying Distance Division Races.

6.3 Boats that do not finish (DNF) a Qualifying Event will be scored as follows:

$$(\text{NS} + 1)/\text{NS} \times 100$$

6.4 Boats that do not start (DNS) or compete in (DNC) a Qualifying Event will not be scored for that Event and will not be included in the number of boats competing (NS). Boats that compete in an Event but are not scored (OCS or DSQ for example) will not be scored but will be included in the number of boats competing in that Event.

6.5 Series rankings

The boat with the lowest series score in a Division will be the winner of that Division. All other eligible boats in that Division will be ranked by their series score. The tiebreaker will go to the boat with the lowest percentile score in any Qualifying Event in that Division. Should that not break tie, the tiebreaker will go to the boat with the lowest average of its two lowest percentile scores in any Qualifying Events for that Division.

7. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in each Division.

8. FURTHER INFORMATION

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