



**Racing Yacht Fleets Series
Chicago Yacht Club
May 14 - October 8, 2016
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60, 63.2, and 63.4.
- 1.3 Appendix T1, T2 and T5 will apply.
- 1.4 Class rules prohibiting the use of marine band radios and cellular telephones will not apply. All boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in these events. This changes International Etchells Class Rule C.5.2(b)(8) and Shields Class Rule 10.9.
- 1.5 Class rules prohibiting GPS navigation devices will not apply. The following conditions will apply to the use of GPS navigation devices: when class rules prohibit the use of a GPS while racing, such a device may be used provided that it is installed in a position or covered in such a way that no data may be taken from it while sailing. Data produced by such device may be viewed only at the dock or on shore. This changes International Etchells Class Rules C.5.1(b) and Shields Class Rule 10.9.
- 1.6 Class rule I.1 (spare gennaker) is invoked for the J/70 class.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station and as a courtesy on the event website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org/ryf.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 1800 on the Wednesday before it will take effect.

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. In addition, signals made ashore will be distributed, as a courtesy, to the email or text address listed in a boat's entry form.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 All scheduled races are listed in Addendum A.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

- 5.3 The warning signal for the first class in a start sequence (instruction 12.6) will not be initiated after 1500. Subsequent classes in the start sequence may receive a warning signal after 1500. Classes still racing at 1455 will not receive a warning signal.
- 5.4 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means “No more racing today.”

6 CLASS FLAGS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
J/111	Flag J
J/105	Numeral Pennant Five
Farr 40	Flag F
Beneteau 36.7	Numeral Pennant Six
International Etchells	Class Insignia
J/70	Numeral Pennant Seven
Tartan Ten	Numeral Pennant Zero
Shields	Class Insignia
Luders 16	Class Insignia

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.

8 CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- 8.1 Each boat shall check in by sailing past the race committee signal boat, hailing or displaying her sail number, and receiving an acknowledgment from the race committee prior to her first race on each day of racing. A boat found to have broken instruction 8.1 may receive a scoring penalty for her first race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class.
- 8.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course or, if that is impracticable, immediately after arriving ashore. A boat found to have broken instruction 8.2 may receive a scoring penalty in every race that day equal to 20 percent of the number of competitors registered in her class. This changes rule 63.1.
- 8.4 VHF 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 Addendum B shows the courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which the marks are to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on course boards:
- the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1
 - the distance to Long Mark 1
 - the distance to Short Mark 1
 - the number of legs to be sailed
 - the course assignment for each class

- 9.3 Course information may be repeated by courtesy broadcasts on the designated VHF channel. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 9.4 Mark 2 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward Mark 2 shall be left to port.
- 9.5 Long Mark 1 will have an offset at race committee discretion. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward Long Mark 1 shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Original turning marks will be orange shapes.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.7 and 13.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 10.3 The starting mark will be green. The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white mark to be left to port on the opposite side of the signal boat from the 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 Harrison -Dever pumping station (crib) and the marks placed around it by the Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks or between the marks and the crib.

12 THE START

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 12.4 Classes shall start the first scheduled race of the day in the order shown in instruction 12.5. Any subsequent races will be started no less than five minutes after that class has finished a race. 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. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.5 Initial Start Sequence
1. Farr 40 Class
 2. J/111 Class
 3. J/105 Class
 4. Beneteau 36.7 Class
 5. International Etchells Class
 6. J/70 Class
 7. Tartan Ten Class
 8. Shields Class/Luders 16 Class

- 12.6 The race committee may combine classes in a start. The race committee will signal combined starts by simultaneously flying the class flags of the starting classes. The race committee will omit from the starting sequence any class not scheduled to race or any class that is not present to start a scheduled race. The starting sequence will be displayed on the course board and may change from race to race.
- 12.7 Change of First Mark Between Starts - When signal flag C is displayed on the signal boat before the warning signal accompanied by repetitive sounds Mark 1 will be a new mark as defined in section 10.2 and revised bearing and distances will be displayed. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

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 Offset marks, if used as provided in instruction 9.5, will not be set on a changed leg of the course.
- 13.3 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. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 13.4 The race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg will continue to use the active mark. This changes rule 33(a).

14 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark to be left to port.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendices T1, T2 and T5 and the penalty provisions of Section 8 - Check-In/Check-Out will apply.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The time limit for all classes will be two hours. The Mark 1 time limit for each class will be 45 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 class sails the course and finishes will be scored 'Time Limit Expired' (TLE) and scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that did finish the race without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4.2, A5, and A11.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the race committee in the Belmont Station race committee office or filed by email to regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the docking time of the race committee finishing

boat.

- 17.3 The hearing schedule will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
- 17.4 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 rule 61.1(b).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Two completed races in a series will constitute a series for a class. When only one boat starts a race, her score will not be counted toward her series score. This changes rule A2.
- 18.2 A boat that comes to the starting area will be scored Did Not Start for all races she does not start that day. This changes rules A9 and A11.
- 18.3 When the season has been completed for a class, 80 percent of races, rounded to the nearest whole number (rounding 0.5 upward), will count for a boat's season championship score. This changes rule A2.
- 18.5 Special regattas will be scored with no excluded races. One completed race will constitute a special regatta. This changes rule A2. Races on days designated for the Lipton Cup and Barb Cup (Etchells), Nutting Cup and Kennedy Cup (Shields) and Evans Trophy and Moon Trophy (Luders) are special regattas stated in Notice of Race - Addendum B - Schedule of Prizes

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - ADDENDUM A

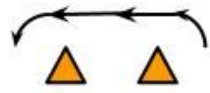
Race Schedule

Date	J111	36.7	J105	F40	T-10	J-70	Etchells	Shields	Luders	Notes/Other Events
14-May	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Nutting Cup	Yes	
21-May	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes Niyad Trophy	Yes	Yes Nutting Cup	Yes	
28-May						Yes	Yes Barb Cup	Yes Nutting Cup	Yes	Memorial Day Weekend
4-June						Yes	Yes	Yes Nutting Cup	Yes	Colors Regatta
11-June										America's Cup
18-June										NOOD
25-June						Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes & Evans Cup	
2-July										Independence Day & Queen's Cup to St. Joseph
9-July	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
16-July						Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Port Huron Mackinac
23-July										CYC Chicago to Mackinac
30-July										Mac Return & Harbor Springs
6-Aug	Yes					Yes	Yes Lipton Cup	Yes Kennedy Cup	Yes	
13-Aug										Verve Cup Offshore
20-Aug	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Air/Water Show
27-Aug										Verve Cup Inshore
3-Sept										Labor Day Weekend
10-Sept										Farr 40 NA's
17-Sept						Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sheldon Clark Offshore & Distance Races (Area 3 events) Sheldon Clark Inshore (RYF & Dinghy events)
24-Sept	Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Russ Moon	Talbot, Autumn Classic
1-Oct										Star NA's
8-Oct		Yes				Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - ADDENDUM B

Courses

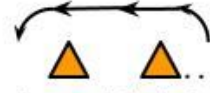
Course Assignments	4 Legs	5 Legs
LL (long, long)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
LS (long, short)	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Long Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish
SS (short, short)	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Finish	Start - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Short Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish



Long Mark 1



Short Mark 1

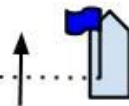


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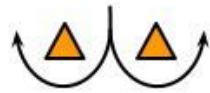


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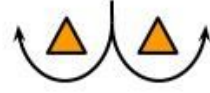
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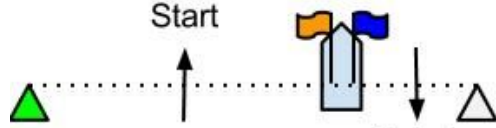
Mark 2



Mark 2



Start



Finish

Start

