



3 Crib Fiasco - NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA) – Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC)
Chicago, IL USA



This Notice of Race provides basic information about the **Columbia Yacht Club - 3 Crib Fiasco**, a fun pursuit race, whose course takes you around a number of the Chicago Water Cribbs, **in whichever direction the skipper chooses**. The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the notice of race (NoR) means that the rule shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 60.1. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the penalty for breaking this rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be more or less than a single disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

1. RULES

- a. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
- b. RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply.
- c. The US Sailing Prescription for RRS 63.1 does not apply.
- d. Boats shall comply with US Coast Guard safety requirements located in the Clubspot Notice Board
- e. If there is a difference between the NOR or the SI, the more restrictive rule shall apply.
- f. A boat shall not operate a drone while racing.
- g. RRS 60.5(c) adds, "(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single disqualification."
- h. RRS A10 Adds "TLE - Finishing Window Time Limit Expired." This changes RRS A10.
- i. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) If it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions including courses will be available on or before September 4, 2026, at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/w8CazBK0vP>.
- b. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will not be available as paper copies at the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

- a. The official notice board is located at the relevant Clubspot event page.
- b. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on marine VHF channels.
- c. [NP] On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on Marine VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to the competitor and failure to hear such a hail will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- d. To facilitate sharing of information and learning, boats are permitted to make voice or data transmissions via VHF radio and may provide advice and coaching to competitors. This changes RRS 41.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. The Race is open to all boats of 24 feet LOA or greater.
- b. All boats shall register by Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at Clubspot.com.

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- c. Boats will be divided into classes. Entrants will be asked to self-identify as one of the following four classes with minimum of 2 vessels per class:

Class	Description
Racing Spin	Competitive racing boats - Spinnaker
Racing JAM	Competitive racing boats - Jib and Main
Green Fleet Spin	Cruisers and occasional racers - Spinnaker
Green Fleet JAM	Cruisers and occasional racers - Jib and Main
Short Handed	1 and 2 Crew

- d. There will be no class or division changes allowed after Wednesday, September 9, 2026.
- e. Because boats are of different sizes and speeds, it is necessary to use a handicapping system to properly determine the starting times for this pursuit race. Midwest Performance Fleet (MWPHRF) Random Leg or non-Spinnaker handicaps will be used if they exist.
- f. [NP] Boats that do not have a valid MWPHRF certificate or will be racing in a configuration different from that declared for the MWPHRF certificate shall apply for a temporary handicap by submitting a rating request to the regatta manager, no later than Friday, September 4, 2026. The assignment of 3 Crib Fiasco temporary handicaps are offered as an accommodation and such handicaps are not grounds for redress.
- g. Shorthanded (sailing vessels with 1 and 2 crew), with a minimum of 2 entries.
- Power-driven winches, mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices permitted. This changes RRS 52.
 - If there are a minimum of 2 single handed entrants and 2 double handed entrants, then a separate section will be created for each.
 - While racing each crew member in a shorthanded section must have a PFD, properly fitted and worn when not below decks or while briefly changing gear/clothing. Display of flag Y is not required. This changes RRS 40.2

5. FEES

- a. Entry fee for this race is \$60

6. ADVERTISING

Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

7. SCHEDULE

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Time	Activity
1055	First Warning
1100	First Start

8. VENUE AND COURSES

- a. The starting area will be North of Navy Pier and West of Harrison-Dever Crib.
- b. The long course will be sailing around three Chicago Cribs (Wilson Ave, Harrison-Dever and Four Mile) in either direction.
- c. The short course will be sailing around Wilson, Harrison-Dever Cribs and the Purdue Meteorological Buoy in either direction.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- a. a. RRS Appendix T shall apply
- b. b. RRS Appendix V shall apply

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- c. A lesser penalty than DSQ (which may include no penalty) may be given at the discretion of the protest committee for an infringement of the rules other than the Rules of Part 2 or RRS Rule 2 or Rule 31. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

10. SCORING

- a. Boats will be scored in order of finishing place, as the starting times account for handicaps.

11. BERTHING

There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available Saturday, September 12, 2026, for attending activities at COLYC. Please contact the dock staff via VHF channel 78 upon approach. For overnight docking please fill out the form here: colyc.org/visit.

12. PRIZES

- a. Prizes will be given for first, second, and third places for the classes below.
 - i. Racing Fleet Jib and Main
 - ii. Green Fleet Jib and Main
 - iii. Racing Fleet Spinnaker
 - iv. Green Fleet Spinnaker
 - v. Short Handed

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Organizing Authority	Regatta Manager	Dockmaster
Columbia Yacht Club 111 N. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, IL 60601	Dan Cooley 3crib@colyc.org 708-903-0251	dock@colyc.org

15. CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

- a. Competitors consent to the use by organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice or visual recordings of their images ("Recordings"), or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta ("Statements") and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, perform, display, transmit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised.
- b. Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings or Statements waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recordings or Statements and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

16. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT

- a. THIS DISCLAIMER HAS IMPORTANT LEGAL CONSEQUENCES. 1. My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read RRS 3, Decision to Race and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk. 2. I acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee, nor their members, will be responsible for: (a) any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or (b) any injury to myself or my crew, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of myself, my crew and the boat in this event. 3. I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, race officers, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law. 4. I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself, my crew and the entered

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boat are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable. 5. I understand this document has important legal consequences and have consulted such legal and other advisors as I deem appropriate. By entering the regatta, entrants accept the terms herein.

- b. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - SOCIAL

Regatta participants are invited to attend a post-race awards event at Columbia Yacht Club.