



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL  
August 8 - 10, 2025  
Notice of Race (NoR)**

*The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the Organizing Authority.  
Chicago Yacht Club is the host.*

**RACING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Buoy Racing + Tour of Chicago Distance Race  
Tour of Chicago Distance Race  
100-mile Overnight Race

**ABBREVIATIONS**

**[NP]** Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority. **This changes RRS 60.1.**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to the Preamble to Part 5, Section B and rule 63.1(b) shall not apply.
- 1.3 The ORC Rating Rules and Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) will apply for the respective handicap classes.
- 1.4 **[DP]** Drones shall not be flown in the racing area except with prior authorization by the OA.
- 1.5 **[DP]** Crew substitutions or changes shall be recorded online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/yhgHRyv6rt> prior to the start of racing each day.
- 1.6 Boats racing in an approved One Design Class shall be subject to their Class Rules and Local Fleet Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, Local Fleet Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply. A copy of the Local Fleet rules shall be provided to the Regatta Manager ([regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org)) by July 25, 2025 in order for them to apply.
- 1.7 For boats sailing singlehanded or doublehanded:
  - a) Competitors are required to wear personal flotation devices at all times while on deck except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. Display of flag Y is not required. **This changes RRS 40.**
  - b) Use of wind vanes and/or auto-pilots is permitted while racing. **This changes RRS 52.**
- 1.8 For boats participating in the 100-mile Overnight Race:
  - a) "Coastal" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements will apply. (<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>)
  - b) Compliant personal flotation devices shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck in the following situations:
    1. From sunset to sunrise
    2. While 2 or fewer crew are on deck
    3. While on deck during daylight hours unless the Person-in-Charge instructs that they may be removed.



## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the online Notice Board on or before August 6, 2025 at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/yhgHRyv6rt>.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/yhgHRyv6rt>.
- 3.2 **[DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 **[DP]** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to any sailboat of 26 feet LOA or greater that holds either a current ORC handicap certificate, a valid MWPHRF certification, or is a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.2 **[NP]** A boat sailing under ORC or MWPHRF will be assigned to a class according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.3 A minimum of five (5) bona fide entries must be received by 1800 on July 25, 2025 for a class to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the Organizing Authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORC or MWPHRF class, in which case a valid ORC or MWPHRF certificate shall be furnished no later than August 4, 2025.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/yhgHRyv6rt> and paying the required fee by August 4, 2025. An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received, waivers are completed, and, if applicable, a valid 2025 ORC or MWPHRF certificate has been issued.

## 5 FEES

5.1 Required Fees are as follows:

Fee Received Before 2359 on	Buoy Racing and Tour of Chicago	Tour of Chicago Distance Race Only	100- Mile Overnight Race	Perks!
May 24, 2025	\$315	\$190	\$190	Circles - \$50 worth of regatta beverage tickets Distance - \$20 worth of regatta beverage tickets
July 1, 2025	\$365	\$215	\$215	Circles - \$25 worth of regatta beverage tickets Distance - \$10 worth of regatta beverage tickets
August 5, 2025	\$415	\$240	\$240	

5.2 Your entry fee includes:

- Entry to the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
- Docking at the Chicago Yacht Club during the Regatta
- Complimentary access to the Sponsored Pours
- Complimentary access for you, your crew, and your family to the Friday and Sunday parties
- Complimentary access for you, your crew, and your family to the Saturday night Verve Swerve party
- Trophies
- 1 drink ticket per boat upon successful completion of on-site check in (including completion of all crew waivers).

5.3 An administrative fee of \$35 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after July 25, 2025.

## 6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

6.2 Bow numbers may be provided by the OA depending on fleet size.

## 7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedule is as follows:

### Thursday, August 7

1700-1900 On Site Check In by any boat representative for all divisions

### Friday, August 8

1055 First warning (Buoy Racing)

1700/After Racing Friday Night Party

1755 100-mile Overnight Race First Warning

1700-1900 On Site Check In by any boat representative for Tour of Chicago Distance Race Only

### Saturday, August 9

1025 First warning Tour of Chicago Distance Race (All Divisions)

After Racing Verve Swerve Party with Live Music

### Sunday, August 10

1055 First warning (Buoy Racing)

1400 No warning after this time

1530/After Racing Awards Presentation

## 8 MEASUREMENT

Each boat competing in a handicap class shall provide an ORC certificate or MWPHRF certificate that is valid starting on or before July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Certificates shall be submitted to the RC no later than 1800 August 4, 2025.

## 9 VENUE

Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan.

## 10 COURSES

10.1 Friday and Sunday buoy racing courses will be windward/leeward for one design classes and modified Olympic courses for PHRF and ORC classes using inflatable or robotic marks. One design classes may select to sail modified Olympic courses by emailing [regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org).

10.2 Saturday's Tour of Chicago Distance Race will be a random-leg distance race using fixed, government, inflatable marks, and/ or robotic marks that will be designated in the Sailing Instructions for all classes.

10.3 The course for the 100-mile Overnight Race will be an overnight long-distance race of approximately 100 nautical miles using fixed government or waypoint marks starting and finishing in the vicinity of the Chicago Harbor South End Light.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

## 12 SCORING

- 12.1 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. ***This changes RRS A2.***
- 12.2 One (1) completed race constitutes a regatta.
- 12.3 ORC classes shall be scored in accordance with the ORC handicap certificate. ORC scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) scoring options as follows:
  - a) Buoy racing 5- Band AP
  - b) Tour of Chicago Distance Race: Triple Number AP
  - c) The 100-mile Overnight Race: Chicago- Mac AP, Upwind, Downwind; Triple Number AP; constructed course; or Weather Routed Scoring as announced by 12:00 the day of the race.
- 12.4 The selection of the ORC Scoring Options as described in 12.3 used for each race will be at the sole and absolute discretion of the RC and not be grounds for redress. ***This changes 61.4(b)(1).***
- 12.5 MWPHRF scoring shall be in accordance with the MWPHRF handicap certificate using Time-on-Time (ToT) based on the following formula:  $ToT\ Rating = 650 / (550 + MWPHRF\ ToD\ Rating)$ . ToD ratings used in the calculation will be as follows:
  - a) Buoy Racing: HCP
  - b) Tour of Chicago Distance Race: DHCP
  - c) 100-mile Overnight Race: DHCP
- 12.6 Letter scoring TLE will be defined in the sailing instructions that will ***change RRS Appendix A.***
- 12.7 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

### **13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

**[DP]** Support person vessels shall register with the Regatta Manager prior to racing by emailing [regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org) with their name, the competitor(s) they are supporting, and a description of their support vessel. No dockage will be provided at CYC for support vessels; Chicago Harbors uses [Dockwa](#) to book transient docking.

### **14 BERTHING**

Boats wishing to utilize CYC Monroe or Belmont station docks during the regatta shall make reservations prior to the regatta with the respective CYC Dockmaster. CYC Monroe 312-296-2042 or 312-867-7777 x3781, CYC Belmont 312-617-6997, or email [dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org](mailto:dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org). If space is available during the regatta, it will be on a first come/first serve basis.

### **15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

**[DP]** Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee.

### **16 RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, 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 a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

### **18 PRIZES**

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded by class.



- 18.2 The Verve Cup will be awarded as an overall prize to the winner of the racing class with the tightest competition over all 3 days of racing.
- 18.3 The 8-Mile Trophy will be awarded as an overall prize to the winner of the racing class with the tightest competition during Saturday's Tour of Chicago Race.
- 18.4 Corinthian prizes will be awarded to classes that have the Corinthian division included in their respective class rules and the winning boat conforms to that rule.
- 18.5 A prize will be awarded to the top Mixed Plus Team (50% + female) in any one-design class with a minimum of 8 boats registered.
- 18.6 The interpretation of the requirements and terms of any award(s) for all trophies and prizes will be made by the OA, whose decision is final.

**19 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS**

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

**20 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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