



3 Crib Fiasco

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday, September 12, 2026
Organizing Authority (OA) – Columbia Yacht Club
Chicago, IL



The 3 Crib Fiasco is designed to be a fun pursuit style race where skippers can choose to sail north or south along the same course. In a Pursuit race your handicap is figured into your start time. Slower boats start earlier, faster boats later. **Short and long courses will have different start times for the same boat.** The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SI's) 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).

1.0 RULES

- The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
- Boats shall comply with US Coast Guard safety requirements located in the Clubspot Notice Board.
- The buoys around the pumping stations (cribs) are hereby designated as obstructions. Boats shall not sail inside the buoys around a crib.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors and scheduled protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/w8CazBK0vP>.

3.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

Race is on Saturday, September 12, 2026

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
First Warning	10:55 AM
First Start	11:00 AM

4.0 RACING AREAS

- The start and finish area will be east of North Avenue Beach, approximately 41°55.11' N, 87°35.56' W.
- The racing area will be around several Chicago water intake cribs, which cribs depend on which course is chosen.

5.0 COURTESY BROADCASTS

- [DP] Boats shall have their VHF radio on channel 71. It will be the primary means that the RC intends to communicate information to the racers.
- [NP] Errors or omissions on the part of the RC courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1)

6.0 CHECK-IN

- Check in will be done at the dedicated check in boat, flying the Lima (L) flag.
- The dedicated check-in boat will be located approximately .1 nm west of the starting area.

7.0 COURSES

- There are two courses, Long and Short, which will be announced on a white board displayed on the RC Signal boat and as a courtesy broadcast on VHF channel 71. In each course, Skippers must choose the north or south route.

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- The starting line will be bi-directional, allowing racers to start northbound or southbound. The line will be divided into two sections by the RC Signal boat.
- North route starts west of the RC Signal boat and all mark roundings are to starboard.
- South route starts east of the RC Signal boat and all mark roundings are to port.
- RACE DISTANCE: Long is 13.5 NM, Short is 11.3 NM
- If a mark is not on station then turn around the approximate location of the mark as listed in 8.1 or 8.2.
- If the Purdue Meteorological Buoy is not on station then it may be replaced with an orange tetrahedron.

8.0 MARKS

- The coordinates included in this section are approximate. Competitors should check the current USCG Great Lakes Light List for exact coordinates of fixed marks.

8.1 LONG COURSE

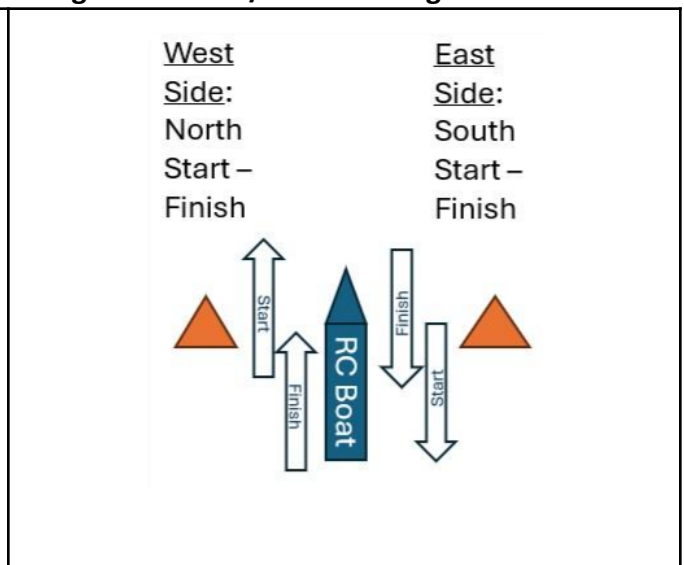
Skippers choose the north or south route.

Mark	North Route	South Route
1	Start Area: 41° 55.11' N, 87° 35.56' W	Start Area: 41° 55.11' N, 87° 35.56' W
2	Wilson Avenue Intake Crib Light: 41° 58.00' N, 87° 35.50' W	Four-Mile Crib Light: 41° 52.40' N, 87° 32.70' W
3	CCYC Mark SE2: 41° 55.83' N, 087° 31.63 W	CCYC Mark SE2: 41° 55.83' N, 087° 31.63 W
4	Four-Mile Crib Light: 41° 52.40' N, 87° 32.70' W	Wilson Avenue Intake Crib Light: 41° 58.00' N, 87° 35.50' W
5	Start/Finish: 41° 55.11' N, 87° 35.56' W	Start/Finish: 41° 55.11' N, 87° 35.56' W

Figure 1: Route – Long Course



Figure 2: Start / Finish – Long Course



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8.2 SHORT COURSE

Skippers choose the north or south route.

Mark	North Route	South Route
1	Start Area: 41° 55.11' N, 87° 35.56' W	Start Area: 41° 55.11' N, 87° 35.56' W
2	Wilson Avenue Intake Crib Light: 41° 58.00' N, 87° 35.50' W	Purdue University Meteorological Buoy 1A: 41° 53.55' N, 87° 33.78' W
3	CCYC Mark SE2: 41° 55.83' N, 087° 31.63 W	CCYC Mark SE2: 41° 55.83' N, 087° 31.63 W
4	Purdue University Meteorological Buoy 1A: 41° 53.55' N, 87° 33.78' W	Wilson Avenue Intake Crib Light: 41° 58.00' N, 87° 35.50' W
5	Start/Finish: 41° 55.11' N, 87° 35.56' W	Start/Finish: 41° 55.11' N, 87° 35.56' W

Figure 3: Route – Short Course

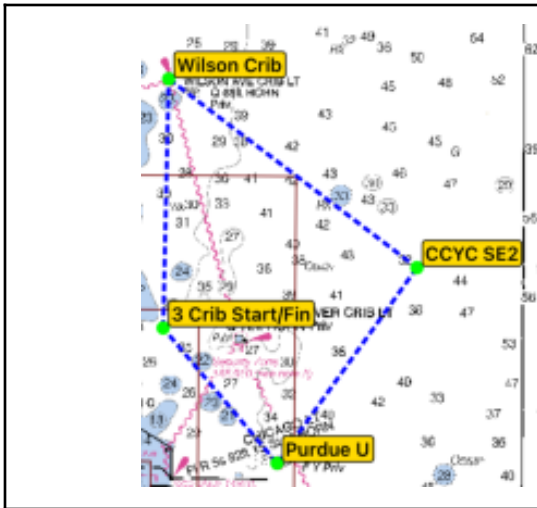
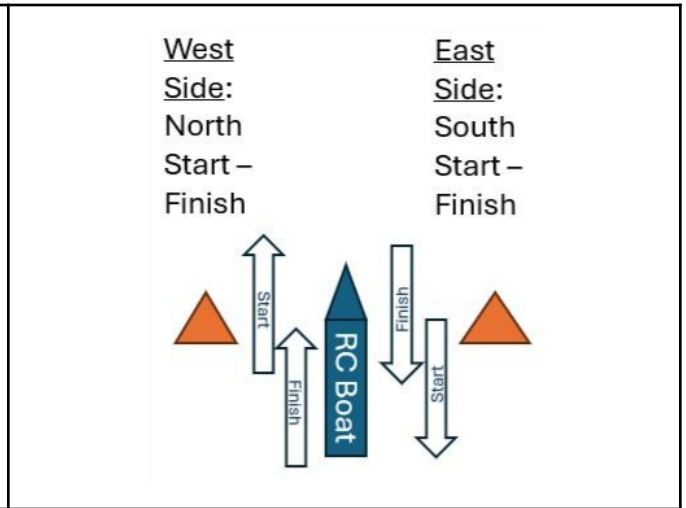


Figure 4: Start / Finish – Short Course



9.0 THE START

- Starting times will be posted in an SI Amendment on or before Friday, September 11, 2026. A boat's starting time will be determined by their MWPHRF Rating.
- All starting times referenced in the SI amendment are determined by NIST time at <https://www.time.gov>.
- The starting sequence for each boat begins 5 minutes before their published start time identified in the SI amendment. There will be no visual or audible signals made. This changes RRS 26.
- The starting line for the South route will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of polyhedron on the east side of the Signal boat.
- The starting line for the North route will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of a polyhedron on the west side of the RC signal boat.
- [NP] In the event of a postponement, the RC will hail via VHF radio, to indicate the amount of time that should be added to each boat's starting time. Failure to hear such hail will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

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10.0 RECALLS

[NP] In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS (on course side) may be announced on the VHF channel 71 and the race committee will display flag X with one sound. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 61.4(b)(1).

11.0 FINISH

- a. North route finishes west of the RC Signal boat between a blue flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of the polyhedron.
- b. South route finishes east of the RC Signal boat between a blue flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of the polyhedron.
- c. Boats are requested to note their finish time as determined by NIST time at <https://www.time.gov> and the sail number or name of the boat(s) finishing just ahead and behind them.

12.0 TIME LIMIT

- a. 1600 on the day of the race.
- b. Any boat finishing after 1600 will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1. A score of TLE will receive the points equal to the number of finishers in her class plus one point.

13.0 HEARING REQUESTS

- a. For boats that finish, the protest time limit is forty five minutes after the boat's finish time.
- b. For boats that retire, the protest time limit is forty five minutes after the boat's retirement time.
- c. For boats that do not finish within the time limit, (1600 hours on the day of the race) the protest time limit is 16:45.
- d. For the requirements stated in RRS 60.3(b) or RRS 61.2, Hearing Requests and considerations for reopening a hearing (RRS 63.7 (b)) by a boat may be met by emailing the information required by RRS 60.3 or RRS 61.2, and a valid monitored phone number of the boat's representative, to the protest committee at protest@colyc.org within the time limit stated in the sailing instructions.
- e. The Protest Desk will be located on the lower salon deck of ColYC.
- f. Hearing request forms (Protest forms) will be available at the Protest Desk.
- g. Hearings will be held at Columbia Yacht Club.
- h. Notices of Hearings will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes after the protest time limit (45 minutes after the last boat finishes or 1645, whichever is earlier, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be scheduled as soon as practical.
- i. Competitors who are parties to a hearing shall check in with the Jury Secretary at or before their hearing time. Competitors unable to make their scheduled hearing time shall contact the jury secretary prior to the hearing time and may request a delay or rescheduling of the hearing; however, the protest committee may at their discretion proceed with the hearing in their absence per RRS 63.1(b).
- j. The conduct of a hearing or arbitration may, at the discretion of the Chief Judge and consent of the parties, be virtual. The parties to a hearing and their witnesses must have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability. Virtual hearings will be conducted using Zoom video conferencing software.

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- i. The procedure for conducting a protest virtually is provided in the Virtual Hearing & Arbitration (VHA) document published at ClubSpot documents repository for this regatta.
- k. A boat accepting a Post-Race Penalty may deliver a written statement, in person or via email, that she accepts the penalty by emailing the information required by RRS Appendix T1 (c) to the Chief Judge at protest@colyc.org, prior to her scheduled protest time.

14.0 WITHDRAWAL

- a. [DP] Boats that retire from the race shall notify the RC before leaving the racecourse on VHF Channel **71**.
- b. [DP] Boats that cannot communicate with the RC via VHF shall email 3crib@colyc.org as soon as practical or upon getting ashore, whichever is earlier.