



COLORS Notice of Race

May 30 - 31, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA) - Columbia Yacht Club (CoLYC) Chicago, IL
BUOY / DISTANCE



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

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2025-2028.
 - 1.1.1 RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply, except that "24 hours" is changed to "48 hours."
 - 1.1.2 The US Sailing Prescription for RRS 63.1(b) does not apply.
 - 1.1.3 Boats shall comply with US Coast Guard safety requirements; see Documents section at the applicable page of <https://racing.theclubspot.com> event page.
 - 1.1.4 One-Design classes that intend to invoke local class rules shall provide a digital copy of local class rules to the Organizing Authority (OA) by 22-MAY-26. If there is a difference between a class rule, local fleet rule, the NOR, or the SI, the more restrictive rule shall apply.
 - 1.1.5 A boat shall not operate a drone while racing.
 - 1.1.6 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."
 - 1.1.7 RRS A10 Adds "TLE - Finishing Window Time Limit Expired." This changes RRS A10.
 - 1.1.8 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

- 2.1 The SI will be available by 22-MAY-26 at the relevant <https://racing.theclubspot.com> event page.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at the relevant <https://racing.theclubspot.com> event page.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a marine 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 for each event will be stated in SI.
 - 3.3.1 The race committee (RC) may report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the courtesy channel for each circle. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors. The failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 3.4 [DP] From the warning signal of the first race of the day until the end of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. Commercial pay services are considered to be available to all boats.
- 3.5 The Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) are at [Link TBD] and will not be available as paper copies at the event.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of 25 feet LOA or greater.
- 4.2 Boats may register for the Buoy or Distance events in the following classes:

Buoy		Distance
J/88	Beneteau 36.7	PHRF – Spinnaker
J/105	Beneteau 40.7	PHRF – Shorthanded Spinnaker
J/109	PHRF – Spinnaker	ORC – Spinnaker
J/111	ORC – Spinnaker	PHRF – Cruising Spinnaker
T-10		PHRF – Jib and Main

- 4.3 The regatta is open to all boats in NoR 4.2 with the following conditions:
 - 4.3.1 One-design classes with a minimum of 3 entries as of 27-MAY-26. Entrants must meet and follow all class rules, unless modified by the SI. If there are less than the minimum number of required entries for a class, the OA will assign those boats into appropriate ORC or MWPHRF classes.

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- 4.3.2 [NP] MWPHRF or ORC boats must have valid rating certificates and a minimum of 3 entries. A boat sailing ORC or MWPHRF will be assigned a section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the OA. A valid ORC or MWPHRF certificate shall be provided to the OA no later than 27-MAY-26.
- 4.3.3 [NP] Distance Jib and Main (JAM) and Cruising Spinnaker boats, with a minimum of 2 entries. Boats in these 2 classes of the distance event will race with club assigned handicaps. Boats in these sections must enter the regatta by 22-MAY-26 to provide the OA time to evaluate and provide a handicap.
- 4.3.4 Distance Cruising Spinnaker shall comply with the following:
 - 4.3.4.1 Boats shall be limited to carrying two roller furling headsails. A whisker pole may be used to wing out the headsail and boats may use a spinnaker.
 - 4.3.4.2 Power-driven winches, mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices permitted. This changes RRS 52.
- 4.3.5 Distance Shorthanded (sailing vessels with 1 and 2 crew), with a minimum of 2 entries:
 - 4.3.5.1 Power-driven winches, mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices permitted. This changes RRS 52.
 - 4.3.5.2 If there are a minimum of 2 single handed entrants and 2 double handed entrants, then a separate section will be created for each.
 - 4.3.5.3 While racing, each crew member in a shorthanded section must have a Personal Flotation Device, properly fitted and worn at all times except when below decks or while briefly changing gear/clothing. Display of flag Y is not required. This changes RRS 40.
- 4.4 [NP] Any group of three or more boats, desiring to race as a separate class, may petition the OA for acceptance as a class. Petitions shall be made no later than 22-MAY-26.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at <https://racing.theclubspot.com> together and submitting the required fee by 27-MAY-26.
- 4.6 Boats entering but not paying the entry fee will be removed before racing begins.

5. FEES

Required fees are as follows:

Course	Paid by 1-MAY-26	Paid by 27-MAY-26	Refund before 27-MAY-26
Buoy – Two Days	\$170	\$185	Full Refund
Distance – One Day (Full Crew)	\$80	\$95	Full Refund
Distance – One Day (Shorthanded)	\$50	\$55	Full Refund

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 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

7.1 Dates of racing and events:

Date:	Buoy	Distance
Saturday, 30-MAY-26	1145 Warning Signal – first race	1045 Warning Signal
Sunday, 31-MAY-26	1100 Warning Signal – first race 1430 No Warning signal after this time	Reserve day if day 1 cancelled. 1000 Warning Signal

7.2 Maximum number of races for each course:

	Buoy	Distance
Number of Races	8	1

- 7.3 For Buoy courses, the intent of the RC is to complete as many races as practical each day, not exceeding the maximum.
- 7.4 For the Distance course, one race is scheduled for Saturday, 30-MAY-26. Sunday, 31-MAY-26 is reserved if for any reason the Distance race cannot be sailed on Saturday 30-MAY-26.

8. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT and EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Measurement and weigh-ins will not be conducted by the OA.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

9.1 The events to be sailed will be on the waters of Lake Michigan as follows:

	Buoy	Distance
Location	Start will be east of Monroe Harbor.	Start will be east of Monroe Harbor.

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Courses to be sailed	Windward-Leeward type races. Windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.	One race around a combination of drop marks and fixed marks over several miles.
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9.2 Location coordinates for each course associated with each event will be designated in the SI.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 RRS Appendix T shall apply.

10.2 Penalty at the time of the Incident:

10.2.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 shall apply.

10.3 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 class rules or rules other than the Rules of Part 2 or RRS Rule 2 or Rule 31. This changes RRS 60.5(c).

10.4 Participants (parties, party representatives and witnesses) may request to appear by videoconference at a hearing or arbitration conducted by the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee has sole discretion to grant such requests. Participants attending hearings by videoconference must make themselves available at the time designated by the Protest Committee. Participants attending by videoconference have the responsibility to obtain access to internet connectivity and a device configured for videoconferencing, including audio and video capability.

11. SCORING

11.1 The scoring system is as follows:

11.1.1 For Buoy and Distance events, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded for either the Buoy or Distance events. This changes RRS A2.

11.1.2 For Buoy and Distance events, one race completed will constitute a Regatta.

11.1.3 ORC and PHRF classes on the Buoy course shall be scored Time-on-Time (TOT). Boats entered in ORC classes will be utilizing the 5-Band scoring option for Windward/Leeward courses.

11.1.4 ORC and PHRF classes on the Distance course shall be scored Time-on-Time (TOT). Boats entered in ORC classes will be utilizing the 5-Band scoring option for All Purpose courses.

11.1.5 ORC and PHRF classes shall be scored based on course configuration.

The selection of the ORC scoring options used for each race will be at the sole and absolute discretion of the RC and not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1)

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 [DP] While classes are racing, support boats shall stay at least 100 yards from all racing yachts and race committee vessels.

13. BERTHING

13.1 There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available on 30-MAY-26 and 31-MAY-26 for attending activities at ColYC. For boats wishing to stay overnight, fill out the form at colyc.org/visit. Boats cannot be unattended overnight on the dock.

14. PRIZES

14.1 For classes with more than three boats entered, there will be prizes for the top three finishers in each class. For classes with three or fewer boats entered, only the first-place finisher for that class will be awarded a prize.

14.2 Buoy and Distance prizes will be awarded on the last day of racing for each event. Prizes can be collected at the ColYC awards event or up to 2 months later at the ColYC office.

15. INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat in the Buoy or Distance courses shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information contact the Organizing Authority: Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, IL 60601. Regatta Managers: Dom Merritt and Brad Horn, regattachair@colyc.org.

17. CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

17.1 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.

17.2 Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings or Statements and 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.

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18. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 18.1 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 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.
- 18.2 [DP] 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

Post-race awards event and celebration will be held on each day after racing at Columbia Yacht Club.