



**Women's Offshore Challenge
Chicago Yacht Club
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL
August 29, 2026**

NOTICE OF RACE

[NP] Rules that are not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat but may be protested by a *Committee* or the Organizing Authority. ***This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1.***

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The rules of Midwest PHRF (MWPHRF) will apply for MWPHRF handicap sections.
- 1.3 The US Prescriptions to RRS 63.1(b) and the Preamble to Part 5, Section B shall not apply.
- 1.4 [DP] Drones shall not be flown in the racing area except with prior authorization by the OA.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing will be posted on the official notice board at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/6G05U8K9fr>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/6G05U8K9fr>
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio.
- 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. Failure to make or receive these transmissions will not be grounds for redress. ***This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).***

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This race is open to monohull keelboats with an LOA of 22' or greater skippered by women.
- 4.2 [NP] While valid LMPHRF certificates are encouraged, the CYC Regatta Manager will assign ratings to boats without certificates. These ratings are not grounds for protest or redress. ***This changes Rules 60.1, 61.1(a,) and 61.4(b)(1).***
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration form and paying the entry fee at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/6G05U8K9fr>.

5 FEES

The entry fee is \$150 except for skippers under 25 whose entry fee will be \$75 (use discount code "U25" at checkout).

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Crews shall consist of 2 or more persons.

- 6.2 Except in case of emergency, a female sailor shall always be at the helm of each boat while *racing*.

7 SCHEDULE

Friday, August 28

1700 Skipper meeting in the Belmont Station Sailing School East Classroom

1730 Introduction to race documents and Q+A with the Race Officer

*Zoom option available for these sessions

Saturday, August 29

1100 First Start

1500 Race time limit- all boats not finished by this time will be scored TLE

1600 Awards & Party will be held on the Belmont station patio

An optional round table discussion and debrief will immediately follow the awards ceremony

8 VENUE, FORMAT, and COURSES

- 8.1 The race will be held on the open waters of Lake Michigan starting and finishing east of the Belmont Harbor entrance.
- 8.2 This will be a pursuit style distance race with each boat being assigned a starting time based on their handicap and the course length.
- 8.3 The course may consist of government marks, inflatable, or robotic marks at the discretion of the RC as published in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 PHRF ToD scoring system will be used using the boat's DHCP rating.
- 9.2 Scratch Sheet of entries with their starting time will be available on the official notice board by 08:00 the morning of the race.
- 9.3 Boats scored TLE shall be scored number of finishers +2. ***This Changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.***
- 9.4 Should the weather conditions make it unlikely to finish within the time limit, the RC at its discretion may shorten the course per RRS 32.2 and score the race using the new course length and boat's assigned start time.

10 [NP] PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers.
- 10.2 A prize will be awarded to the top finisher of any four (4) or more boats registered of the same design.
- 10.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in any of these Races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 INSURANCE

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

13 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.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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