



**Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL
August 7 - 9, 2026
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
Dragonforce 65 Racing

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 In addition to other rules changed in this document, the following rules are changed:
 - 1. RRS 60.4 (a) adds, “(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP].”
 - 2. 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.”
 - 3. RRS 61.3 adds, “or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP].”
 - 4. 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...
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.1(b) and the Preamble to Part 5, Section B shall not apply.
- 1.4 The ORC Rating Rules and Midwest Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (MWPHRF) will apply for the respective handicap classes.
- 1.5 [DP] Drones shall not be flown in the racing area except with prior written authorization by the OA.
- 1.6 [NP] [DP] Crew substitutions or changes shall be recorded online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/CNipkLWuYn> prior to the start of racing each day.
- 1.7 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) by July 24, 2026 in order for them to apply.
- 1.8 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.**

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the online Notice Board on or before August 5, 2026 at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/CNipkLWuYn>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/CNipkLWuYn>.
- 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 certificate or is a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the Organizing Authority.
- 4.2 The DragonForce65 class is open to all remote-controlled sailboats complying with the [restricted class rules](#) only. A+ rigs are prohibited.
- 4.3 [NP] A boat sailing under ORC may be assigned to a class according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 4.4 A minimum of five (5) bona fide entries must be received by 1800 on July 24, 2026 for a class to be recognized (including DF65). If this requirement is not met, the Organizing Authority will assign these boats to an appropriate handicap class meeting the minimum entry requirement, in which case a valid ORC or PHRF certificate shall be furnished no later than August 3, 2026, or a refund can be issued if a boat chooses not to sail in their assigned handicap class.
- 4.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/CNipkLWuYn> and paying the required fee by August 3, 2026. An entry is not valid until the entry form is completed, the fees are received, waivers are completed, and, if applicable, a valid 2026 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	DF65	Perks!
May 23	\$315	\$190		Buoy and TOC - \$50 worth of regatta F&B tickets TOC Only - \$20 worth of regatta F&B tickets
July 18	\$365	\$215		Buoy and TOC - \$25 worth of regatta F&B tickets TOC Only - \$10 worth of regatta F&B tickets
August 5	\$415	\$240	\$15	

- 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
- 5.3 An administrative fee of \$35 may apply to cancellations (\$5 for DF65). There will be no refunds after July 31, 2026.

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 6
1700-1900

On Site Check In by any boat representative for all divisions



Friday, August 7

1055	First warning (Buoy Racing)
After Racing	Friday Night Party
1700-1900	On Site Check In by any boat representative for Tour of Chicago Distance Race Only

Saturday, August 8

1055	First warning Tour of Chicago Distance Race (All Divisions)
After Racing	Verve Swerve Party with Live Music
1630	Dragonforce 65 Racing
1800	Awards for Tour of Chicago and Dragonforce 65

Sunday, August 9

1055	First warning (Buoy Racing)
1400	No warning after this time
1530/After Racing	Awards Presentation

8 MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Each boat competing in an ORC handicap class shall provide an ORC certificate that is valid starting on or before July 24th, 2026. Certificates shall be submitted to the RC no later than 1800 August 3, 2026.
- 8.2 [NP] Each boat competing in a PHRF class shall provide a valid MWPHRF certificate to the RC no later than 1800 Aug 3, 2026. Competitors without a valid certificate may request an event rating from the CYC Regatta Manager by emailing regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org by 1800 Aug 3, 2026. These ratings are non protestable or redressable.

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 or modified Olympic using inflatable and/ or robotic marks. Classes who wish to sail modified Olympic courses shall have their fleet captain email regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org to make the request.
- 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.

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 Windward- Leeward
 - b) Tour of Chicago Distance Race: Triple Number AP
- 12.4 [NP] 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.



- 12.5 MWPHRF scoring shall be in accordance with the MWPHRF handicap certificate using Time-on-Time (ToT) based on the following formula: $\text{ToT Rating} = 650 / (550 + \text{MWPHRF ToD Rating})$. ToD ratings used in the calculation will be as follows:
- a) Buoy Racing: HCP
 - b) Tour of Chicago Distance Race: DHCP
 - c) Non Spinnaker: NHCP- Boats sailing in this configuration shall declare on their registration form or notify the RC by the rating deadline by emailing: regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org.
- 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 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. 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**
- RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 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 (defined as no more than 50% of the crew shall be males older than 18) in any one-design class with a minimum of 8 boats registered.



18.6 [NP] 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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