



Women's Offshore Challenge

Chicago Yacht Club,
Belmont Harbor, Chicago IL
August 29, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Including Amendment 1

ABBREVIATIONS

[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 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 and the Notice of Race, the following rules are changed:
 - (a) RRS A10 adds "TLE-Finishing Window Time Limit Expired." ***This changes RRS A10.***
 - (b) RRS A5.4 is added, "A boat that is scored TLE by the race Committee shall be scored points for the finishing place 2 more than the number of boats that sailed the course and finished prior to the finishing window expiration." ***This changes RRS 35.***
 - (c) RRS 60.4 (a) adds, "(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."
 - (d) 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."
 - (e) RRS 61.3 adds, "or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."
 - (f) 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 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted:
 - (a) By 2000 on the day before a schedule change will take effect,
 - (b) Before 0900 on the day the change will take effect or,
 - (c) In the event of AP posted ashore, no later than 15 minutes before AP is lowered ashore.

- 2.2 Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by advising all competitors verbally via VHF 80A.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/6G05U8K9fr>
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 80A.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat or support person shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not medically necessary or freely available to all boats.
- 3.4 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the US public VHF channels.
- 3.5 Information broadcast by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitors' responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the RC will not be grounds for granting redress. ***This change is added to RRS 61.4(b)(1).***

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 [NP] Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CYC-Belmont flagpole located at the northeast corner of CYC-Belmont.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, August 29

1055 First warning
1100 First start
1500 Race time limit
1600 Post-Race Party & Awards

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor

8 CHECK-IN

Prior to the race, each boat shall check-in by:

- a) Sailing past the Race Committee signal vessel and hail her sail number.
- b) The RC will attempt to acknowledge her hail.
- c) **No drive by check-ins after the first warning signal.** If a boat has not checked in by the first warning, then they may do so via VHF channel 80A or while in their starting sequence.
- d) **Keep the starting boxes clear while other boats are starting**

9 COURSES

- 9.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course to be sailed by hoisting a numeral pennant on the signal vessel.
- 9.2 A diagram of the courses are attached in Addendum A, including the approximate locations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark(s) are government navigation aids, semi-permanent white spar racing buoys, pumping station cribs, inflatable shapes, or robotic marks.
- 10.2 Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. ***This changes RRS 27.2, 61.1(a), and 61.4(b)(1).*** Routine movement includes marks maintaining the intended location and returning to station after having been moved by a boat. (Note Rule 31 still applies).

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following area(s) are designated as an obstruction:

- a) The area around the pumping stations (cribs) and the marks placed around them by the US Coast Guard. Boats shall not sail between the marks.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Boats will start at the time indicated, determined by their MWPHRF Rating. Faster boats starting later. Starting Times will be included in the SI Addendum.
- 12.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of an inflatable buoy or MarkSetBot at the port end.
- 12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified; the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. ***This changes RRS 61.1(a).***
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. ***This changes RRS 35 and A5.***
- 12.5 In the event of a delay, the RC will call via VHF radio, to indicate the amount of time that should be added to each boat's starting time.
- 12.6 The official scratch time (TIME OF THE FIRST START ONLY) will be communicated using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Minutes before "Scratch Time"	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
5	W Flag	One	Warning signal
4	P Flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	P flag removed	One long	One minute
0	W flag removed	One	"Scratch Time"

- 12.7 No drive by check-ins after the first warning, but boats can check in while in the starting sequence. See SI 8c.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side an inflatable buoy or MarkSetBot.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V shall apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 1500 on the day of the race.

15.2 Any boat finishing after 1500 will be scored TLE without a hearing.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the docking of the race committee signal vessel.

16.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed on the event website, in person at the protest desk at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station, or emailed to regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org within the appropriate time limit.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.4 In accordance with RRS 60.2(d), notices of protests by a committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.1 and 60.2(2).

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

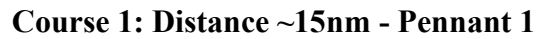
18 PRIZES

Prizes will be given in accordance with the Notice of Race.

19 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.**

Locations are approximate and visual aids are not for navigation.



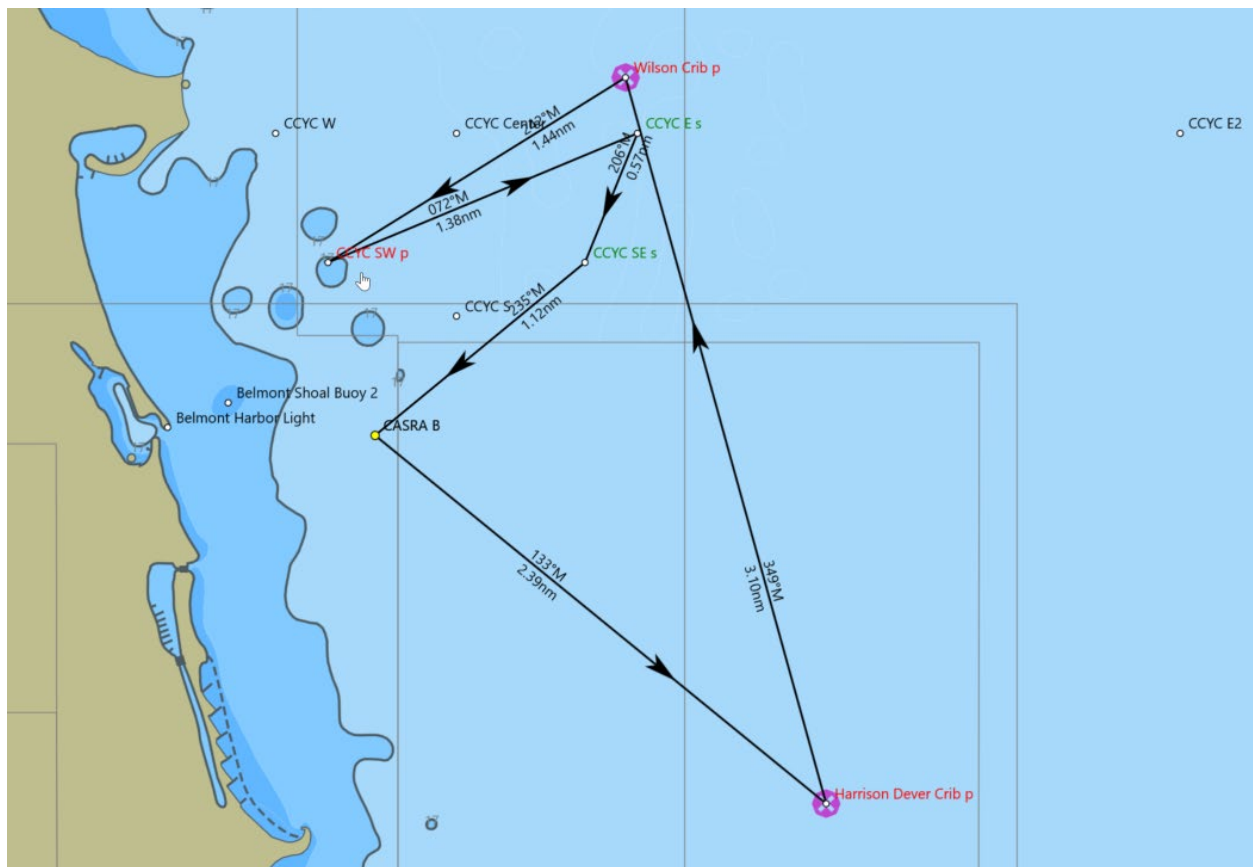
The map illustrates the proposed CCYC mooring field in Belmont Harbor, Massachusetts. Key features include the coastline, Belmont Harbor Light, Belmont Shoal Buoy 2, and several mooring locations. Distances between moorings are provided in miles (M) and nautical miles (nm).

From	To	Distance (M)	Distance (nm)
Wilson Crib p	CCYC E2 p	280	2.29
CCYC E2 p	CCYC SE2 s	289	3.32
CCYC SE2 s	CCYC S	181	3.57
CCYC S	CCYC SE p	074	3.54
CCYC SE p	CCYC SW p	274	1.06
CCYC SW p	CCYC S s	112	0.57
CCYC S s	CCYC S	210	0.99



Course 2: Distance ~10nm - Pennant 2

	Direction	Description	Approximate Location	Bearing (°M)	Range (NM)
Start – CASRA B			41° 56.50' N, 87° 36.85' W		
Harrison-Dever Crib	Leave to Port	LL No 20040	41° 54.98' N, 87° 34.35' W	133	2.39
Wilson Crib	Leave to Port	LL no. 20135	41°57.97' N 87°35.46' W	349	3.1
CCYC SW	Leave to Port	White Spar Buoy	41°57.21'N 87°37.11' W	242	1.44
CCYC E	Leave to Starboard	White Spar Buoy	41°57.74'N 87°35.40' W	72	1.38
CCYC SE	Leave to Starboard	White Spar Buoy	41°57.21'N 87°35.69' W	206	0.57
Finish – CASRA B			41° 56.50' N, 87° 36.85' W	235	1.12



Start Times:

			Course 1	Course 2
Sail Number	Boat Name	Handicap	Start Time	Start Time
3015	Scarlett	171	11:00:00	11:00:00
<i>497</i>	<i>Step Brutus</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>11:00:45</i>	<i>11:00:30</i>
6649	Providence	159	11:03:00	11:02:00
<i>180</i>	<i>Love Birds</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>11:06:30</i>	<i>11:04:20</i>
76	Mise en place	136	11:08:45	11:05:50
411	Minister	126	11:11:15	11:07:30
15630	Amateur II	126	11:11:15	11:07:30
41513	Daydream	117	11:13:30	11:09:00
<i>52478</i>	<i>WALRUS</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>11:14:00</i>	<i>11:09:20</i>
52999	No Rush	106	11:16:15	11:10:50
295	Kinship	84	11:21:45	11:14:30
<i>381</i>	<i>Peregrine</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>11:21:45</i>	<i>11:14:30</i>
129	Nyctosaur	84	11:21:45	11:14:30
50638	Esprit d'Ecosse	84	11:21:45	11:14:30
492	Significant Otter	84	11:21:45	11:14:30
424	Flying Pig	84	11:21:45	11:14:30
82	Erica	81	11:22:30	11:15:00
33	Handsome Pete	81	11:22:30	11:15:00
<i>61063</i>	<i>Ohana</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>11:22:45</i>	<i>11:15:10</i>
<i>45367</i>	<i>GAUCHO</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>11:24:00</i>	<i>11:16:00</i>
251	Endeavor	75	11:24:00	11:16:00
4444	Nomad	75	11:24:00	11:16:00
1313	PROGRAM	75	11:24:00	11:16:00
11508	MASKWA	69	11:25:30	11:17:00
56606	On the Brink	67	11:26:00	11:17:20
60657	Scarlet Begonias	62	11:27:15	11:18:10
51219	Rhumb Runner	54	11:29:15	11:19:30
51377	Vayu	54	11:29:15	11:19:30
50134	Sirocco VI	51	11:30:00	11:20:00
40048	Team Inferna	-12	11:45:45	11:30:30
43011	Margot	-30	11:50:15	11:33:30
70844	Pommes Frites	-39	11:52:30	11:35:00
73232	Sagamore	-142	12:18:15	11:52:10

Boats in red are added as part of Amendment 1.