



NOTICE of RACE SKYLINE REGATTA 2026

August 3 - August 4

**Columbia Sailing School
Chicago, IL USA**

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The Organizing Authority is Columbia Yacht Club and Columbia Sailing School.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:
 - Club 420 Trapeze & Spinnaker
 - Optimist Green
 - Optimist RWB
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing registration on Clubspot found here:
- 2.3. Early Registration runs through July 20 at 1700. Registration will close Friday, July 31, 2026 at 1700.
- 2.4. Please indicate select on your registration if you are storing your boat at Chicago YC Monroe ("Class X – storage at Chicago YC-Monroe") or at Columbia (general "Class X" registration).

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$75 per C420 and \$50 per Opti.
- 3.2. The entry fee will increase \$15 after July 20.

4. SCHEDULE

August 3, 2026		August 4, 2026	
0730	Check In	0800	Launch
0800	Launch	0900	First start
0830	Competitors meeting	1300	No race to start after
1600	No race to start after		

*Athletes bring their own lunch; we will be eating on the water in between racing.

*Unfortunately, due to events at Columbia Yacht Club over the weekend, boats **CANNOT** be delivered prior to Monday, Aug 3.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be made available on Club Spot on or before July 31, 2026 at 1800.

6. VENUE

- 6.1. Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lake Shore Dr. Chicago, IL 60601.
- 6.2. The racing area will be east of the Monroe Harbor entrance.

7. SUPPORT BOATS

- 7.1. All competitors are required to have a Support Boat on their respective race course.
- 7.2. All Support Boats are required to act as safety boats for any competitor needing assistance.
- 7.3. Spectator and support boats shall keep clear of the race course, and only coaches from the designated area to leeward of the start/finish line between races. Green fleet coaches may coach the bottom half of the fleet during races, as needed, as long as they are not interfering with racing.
- 7.4. All coaches must wear an Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) and a USCG-approved floatation device while afloat.
- 7.5. No coaches or support staff are to operate above an idle speed within 100 feet of competitors in sailboats, or in the surrounding course area, unless responding to an emergency situation. The start, finish, and rotation areas all are no-wake zones.
- 7.6. Coaches not adhering to 7.4. and 7.5. will be required to anchor for the remainder of the regatta, or leave the racing area.

8. PRIZES

Prizes will be given first through third in each class.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

10. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

As a condition to participating in the regatta, competitors and their parents or legal guardians grant the Organizing Authority, and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, the irrevocable right and permission to use basic competitor information, photographs and video footage taken of themselves and their competing boat, without notification, for use or distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. Competitors agree to release, defend, and hold harmless Organizing Authority, all five constituent yacht clubs, and their agents, employees, sponsors, officers, members, committees, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 11.1. Competitors are responsible for their own lunches and snacks. Columbia Yacht Club will not be open for food, beverage, or ice service
- 11.2. Parking is available at DuSable Harbor Parking lot under Lake Shore Drive at Randolph Street for a daily fee.
- 11.3. Trailers can be stored here as well at no charge, but we have very limited space. Trailer storage must be arranged ahead of time - please contact sail@colyc.org directly regarding trailer storage.

11.4. All sailboats, support boats, and trailers must be removed after racing on Tuesday, Aug 5th unless permission is arranged ahead of time.

11.5. Questions can be directed at:

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