



Verve Cup Inshore Regatta And CYC Associates Regatta

Chicago Yacht Club
August 21 – 23, 2026
Belmont Station, Chicago, IL

Notice of Race (NoR) Amendment 1

Amendments are also in red in the body of the document below

NoR 4.2 in Eligibility and Entry is struck and replaced with:

Classes that do not meet the minimum requirements in NoR 4.1 will be combined into a handicap class utilizing the Portsmouth Yardstick system.

Add to NoR 11 in Scoring:

11.6 Boats in classes scored with Portsmouth Yardstick will be scored with their DPN rating.

More information the Portsmouth Yardstick system can be found here:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/dpn/>.

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The Organizing Authority is the Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association.

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, 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 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.
- 1.5 Sonar Class Rules shall not apply. The Sailing instructions will provide boat handling rules for provided boat classes.
- 1.6 [NP] [DP] Bow numbers may be assigned and supplied by the OA during check-in for certain fleets. If provided, bow numbers shall be retained on both sides of the hull throughout the event.
- 1.7 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.8 For the J70 Class and any other class utilizing RaceSense per NoR 1.8.7 :
 - 1. The RC will utilize Vakaros RaceSense. RaceSense information is available to all boats. This changes RRS 41.
 - 2. Each boat shall have a Vakaros Atlas 2/ Atlas Edge device configured for Race Sense at Check-in. Atlas 2's will be available to rent. This device shall be mounted as specified by RaceSense personnel and shall be powered on while racing.
 - 3. All teams must have an active Race Sense License
 - 4. Competitors are responsible for updating their Vakaros device firmware shortly prior to racing and applying any updates required during the event.
 - 5. Competitors are responsible for calibrating their Vakaros device shortly prior to racing and maintaining calibration throughout the event.
 - 6. The Sailing Instructions will have an addendum detailing use of the system and applicable changes to the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
 - 7. Other classes wishing to utilize Race Sense may request it for their class by having the fleet captain emailing regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org by July 1 unless extended by the OA.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or before August 19, at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/RS9bw4J2MF>.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/RS9bw4J2MF>.

- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies. This changes International Etchells Class Rules C.5.2(b) and Shields Class Rule Section IV-10.9 and may change other classes' rules.
- 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 This event is open to one-design sailboats of 30 feet 6 inches LOA or shorter that is a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the Organizing Authority provided that at least four (4) boats in each respective class enter by 1800 on August 17, 2026.
- 4.2 **Classes that do not meet the minimum requirements in NoR 4.1 will be combined into a handicap class utilizing the Portsmouth Yardstick system.**
- 4.3 To be eligible to enter the Sonar provided boat class, registrants shall be members in good standing of Chicago Yacht Club.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/RS9bw4J2MF>, by August 17, 2026.
- 4.5 Individual sailors interested in sailing as part of a Sonar crew for the Associates Regatta, put together by the Associates Committee OTW Chair may register their interest here: <https://forms.gle/wQ2K3QNVWjpQU6pt9> by August 18th. Confirmation of boat assignment and payment details will be sent by August 20th.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

J/70 and J/88 Classes (3 Days of Racing)	\$375
CYC SONAR (Provided Boat Class, 2 Days of Racing)	\$225
Laser and 2.4 Meter Class (2 Days of Racing)	\$90
All other Classes (2 Days of Racing)	\$195

- 5.2 An administrative fee of \$35 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 17, 2026.

6 PROVIDED BOAT CLASSES:

- 6.1 Up to 8 Sonar type boats will be provided by the OA and available on a first come first served basis.
- 6.2 Boats and equipment will be assigned by the OA for the entire event. Competitors shall not use any equipment not assigned to them unless otherwise directed by the OA.
- 6.3 After the warning signal for a race, a current CYC member in good standing shall always be at the helm of the boat, except in an emergency.
- 6.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. ***This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).***
- 6.5 Damage Deposit:
- The damage deposit (\$2,500) is the maximum payable by the skipper as the result of any one incident.
 - In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the Deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat and other assigned equipment unless the responsibility is otherwise assigned by the PC or, in the event of equipment failure, the OA determines the failure is not due to sailor error or misuse of the equipment.
 - If the registered skipper assigns another sailor to helm the boat at any time, the registered skipper is still responsible for the damage deposit even if they are not on board during the incident.
- 6.6 [DP] All damage shall be reported to the CYC bosun on the water or immediately following sailing through the process detailed in the SIs.

- 6.7 The Sailing Instructions will detail permitted, prohibited, and required actions for use of provided boats. Failure to comply with these instructions may result in deductions from the damage deposit.

7 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 SCHEDULE

All on shore events will take place at CYC Belmont Station:

Thursday, August 20

1400-1900 Onsite check-in (J/88 and J/70)

Friday, August 21

1025 J/88 and J/70 First warning signal

1700-1900 Sat/Sun classes onsite check-in

Saturday, August 22

1025 First warning signal all classes
Sponsored Pour after racing at CYC And
Presentation of the Knud Reimers Trophy for the Associates Regatta

Sunday, August 23

1025 First warning signal all classes
1400 No warning signal after this time
Awards after racing at CYC
Sponsored Pour after racing at CYC

9 VENUE

The races shall be sailed in the open waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.

10 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward courses using drop or robotic marks.

11 SCORING

11.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta

11.2 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded. ***This changes RRS A2.***

11.3 The RC at its sole discretion may start more than one class at a time. Each class will still be scored separately.

11.4 Letter scoring TLE will be defined in the sailing instructions that will ***change RRS Appendix A.***

11.5 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

11.6 Boats in classes scored with Portsmouth Yardstick will be scored with their DPN rating.

12 [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

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.

13 [DP] HAUL-OUT AND BERTHING RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race or technical committees.
- 13.2 All boats shall be kept in their assigned places in Belmont harbor throughout the duration of the event unless granted prior written permission of the race or technical committees.
- 13.3 Docking will be provided at CYC Belmont Station for competing boats only.
- 13.4 Competitors should contact dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org prior to the event with their anticipated arrival and departure dates.

14 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.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA. This requirement does not apply to provided boat classes.

16 [NP] AWARDS

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded by class for the top three finishers.
- 16.2 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 class with a minimum of 8 boats registered.
- 16.3 The Knud Reimers Trophy will be awarded to the Sonar with best score of Saturday's races that is helmed by an Associate member of CYC in good standing with at least one other Associate member crewing.
- 16.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA

17 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.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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