



2026 Fall Frostbite Series
Chicago Yacht Club (OA)
October 3 – November 7, 2026
Belmont Station, Chicago, IL

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 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 Sonar Class rules shall not apply. Rules for handling boats will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1(b) and the Preamble to Part 5, Section B will not apply.
- 1.4 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.
- 1.5 **[DP]** Drones shall not be flown in the racing area except with prior authorization from the OA.
- 1.6 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
- 1.7 For provided boat classes, requests for redress based on breakdowns: The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally. ***This changes RRS 63.***
- 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. 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.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the online notice board at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/lcZky47EYO> prior to the first day of racing.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/lcZky47EYO>.
- 3.2 **[DP]** All keelboats 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 or orally. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Failure to make or receive courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 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 all boats of the J/70 and ILCA classes.
- 4.2 Sonar Classes:
- a) The Sonar classes are provided boat classes open to Chicago Yacht Club current members in good standing.
 - b) Each class is limited to the first 8 members to register after 12:00hrs CST on September 9, 2026.
 - c) After the first day of racing, any remaining boats will be available for the remainder of the series or daily at the discretion of the OA. Email regattamanager@chicagoyachtclub.org to inquire about availability and registration details.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, on <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/lcZky47EYO>.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows: Only daily rates will be charged after the first week of racing.

Fleet	Season Junior	Season Adult CYC Member	Season	Daily CYC Member	Daily
ILCA	\$35	\$70	\$95	\$20	\$25
J70	N/A	\$150	\$175	\$20	\$35
Sonar	N/A	\$600	N/A	N/A	N/A

- 5.2 All entry fees are non-refundable.
- 5.3 Boats paying the member entry fee must have a Chicago Yacht Club Member aboard for each race.
- 5.4 The Sonar class entry fee includes use of boat, sails, and equipment in addition to race admin costs.
- 5.5 A separate refundable damage deposit of \$2,500 is required for the Sonar Classes, payable by member charge.
- 5.6 ILCAs are available to charter from the club for CYC members only. Contact Alberto Olivo (aolivo@chicagoyachtclub.org) for more information.

6 Provided Boat Classes:

- 6.1 Up to 8 Sonar type boats will be provided by the OA for the Sonar Classes each sailing session (AM and PM).
- 6.2 Boats and equipment will be assigned by the OA on a weekly basis. Competitors shall not use any equipment not assigned to them for that week 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:

- a. The damage deposit (\$2,500) is the maximum payable by the skipper as the result of any one incident.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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 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 (Boat Handling Addendum). 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

- 8.1 Dates of Racing will be Saturdays Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Nov 7.
- 8.2 There will be two sessions of racing each day: AM and PM. Laser and J/70 Classes will only race the PM session. Sonars will have an AM and a PM session.
- 8.3 Daily Schedule:

0800-0845 AM Session Registration/ rigging
0930- AM Session First Warning
1130- AM Session no warning after
Post racing soup included in entry fee

12-1230 PM Session Registration/ Rigging
1300- PM Session First Warning
1500- PM Session no Warning after
Post racing soup included in entry fee

9 VENUE

The racing area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor or in the waters of Belmont Harbor.

10 COURSES

The course to be sailed will be windward/leeward using inflatable or robotic marks.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Eight (8) completed races constitute a series.
- 11.2 **RRS A2.1** is changed so that for every five races completed in the series, a boat may exclude her worst score.
- 11.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

12 COACHING

- 12.1 The organizing authority may provide on the water coaching while racing. ***This changes rule 41.***
- 12.2 A boat shall not seek redress for failure to receive specific coaching instruction or as the result of the consequences of a particular coaching instruction. ***This changes rules 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).***

13 BERTHING

- 13.1 Boats may be stored at no charge on the north dinghy docks at Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station for the duration of the series (limited to dinghies). Boats stored on the Belmont Station premises for this event shall be removed by Nov 8, 2026 at 1800.

14 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 PFDs appropriate for the conditions shall be worn properly secured from the time a boat leaves the dock until she returns to the dock.
- 14.2 Unless equipped with an engine, all boats shall have an attached bow line conforming to its class rules.
- 14.3 Boats equipped with daggerboards shall tether them to the boat.
- 14.4 Boats sailing from Belmont Harbor shall not launch before a safety boat is on the water.
- 14.5 When races are sailed in Belmont Harbor, a boat shall not leave Belmont Harbor unless privately owned and there is no more racing for the day, or the boat has retired from racing for the day.
- 14.6 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racecourse shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15 RISK STATEMENT

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

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Series prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers in each class if there are 8 or more entries in the class, top two finishers if there are 5 or more, top finisher if there 4 or fewer.
- 16.2 Daily prizes may be awarded for top finish places or other accomplishments at the discretion of the OA. Winner must be present to collect the prize.

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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