



2025 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DISTANCE RACES

Organizing Authorities (OAs): Burnham Park Yacht Club ("BPLYC"), Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club ("CCYC"), Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC"), Columbia Yacht Club ("COLYC"), Jackson Park Yacht Club ("JPYC"), Michigan City Yacht Club ("MCYC"), St. Joseph River Yacht Club ("SJRYC"), and Waukegan Yacht Club ("WYC").

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The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") and the notices of race.
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.1.
- 1.3. All rules listed in the CASRA Distance Notice of Race (NOR) or any of its amendments will apply.
- 1.4. [NP] All competitors shall follow governmental regulations and the OAs rules and regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on each event's website, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org/races, and a courtesy notification may be sent via e-mail and/or text message to all entered competitors.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be published on the official notice board for each event, available at www.chicagosailracing.org/races, and courtesy notifications may be sent via e-mail and/or text to all entered competitors.



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Additionally, the Race Committee may provide courtesy broadcasts during each race via VHF 78.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Organizing Authority's clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 75 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Information provided via code flags may also be sent as a courtesy via email and text message to skippers of all entered boats.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Schedules of Races will be as prescribed in Section 7 of the Notice of Races.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags are:

Class	Flag
JAM	D
T-10	0 (zero)
MWPHRF	5, 4, 3, 2, 1
Beneteau 36.7	6
Beneteau 40.7	7
J105	J
J109	9
J111	E
J88	K





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Double-Handed	Q
Multihull	F

7. RACING AREAS

All races will be conducted in the waters of Lake Michigan. The starting areas for each race are detailed in Appendix A.

8. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- 8.1. When arriving at the starting area, boats shall approach the Race Committee boat, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee.
- 8.2. If a boat withdraws from the race, it shall notify the Race Committee via VHF 78. If it does not receive a confirmation from the Race Committee of its withdrawal it shall also send an email, at the first reasonable opportunity, stating their withdrawal to the appropriate email address, if listed, in Appendix A.

9. COURSES

Courses will be as outlined in amendments to these Sailing Instructions for particular races.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange floating mark.
- 10.2. The Race Committee may set a guard mark off the stern of the signal boat. In such a case, boats shall not sail between the signal boat and the guard mark.
- 10.3. During the starting sequence, the Race Committee will fly the appropriate class flag, as set forth in the table below. Boats racing in JAM, MWPHRF, and Double-Handed classes shall fly the appropriate class flag on their backstay.





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- 10.4. Boats whose class signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 10.5. Any boat starting more than 10 minutes after its class start will be scored DNS.
- 10.6. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at its starting signal and it is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail its sail number via VHF 78. Failure to hail its number, failure of the boat to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of a finishing mark, which should be left to port. The Race Committee signal boat shall be left to starboard. The finish locations and requirements for each race are detailed in Appendix A.
- 11.2. Boats may be required to display a reflective sail number board within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing. Boats failing to display sail number boards when required shall be penalized in accordance with Section 12 of these Sailing Instructions. Number board requirements for each race are detailed in Appendix A.
- 11.3. Boats may be required to hail the race committee on VHF channel 78 prior to finishing (Radio Check-in). Hailing requirements for finishing are detailed in Appendix A.
- 11.4. Boats may be required to submit a Finish Report as detailed in Appendix A.

If required, finish reports shall be submitted within three hours of finishing, and shall include the following items:

- 1. Boat name
- 2. Sail number
- 3. Owner name
- 4. Finish time (timed or approximate)
- 5. Name and finish time of boat ahead (timed or approximate)

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6. Name and time of boat astern (timed or approximate).

For e-mailed finish reports, the subject line of the e-mail shall contain only the sail number of the boat reporting its finish.

11.5. If the Race Committee boat is absent from the designated finish line, an alternate finish line may be described in each race's amendment to these Sailing Instructions, and boats shall cross the alternate finish line. Upon doing so, the boat shall report its finish time (per its GPS) to the Race Committee via VHF 78.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. RRS 44.3 shall apply, modified as follows: "The corrected finish of a boat that accepts a penalty under RRS 44.3 shall be 20% of the number of boats started in that class, taken to the higher whole number, but such penalty shall place a boat no worse than last in its class. Its adjusted place, for determining its placement in its division, shall be one second greater than the time of the boat placing just before it in its division. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12.2. A boat successfully protested by the Race Committee for failing to properly display its class or sail number board as required, shall be penalized one place in its class. Its corrected time shall be the next boat to finish in its class, plus one second. This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.

13. TIME LIMITS

Time limits for each race are detailed in Appendix A.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1. A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgement.

14.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on the first weekday following the weekend's races. Protests shall be submitted via the appropriate portal on each Race's website.



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- 14.3. Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.
- 14.4. Violations of Section 4 of the Notice of Races are protestable only by the Race Committee.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Each race addressed herein will be scored individually.
- 15.2. Class breaks will be set by each Organizing Authority, and shall be posted on the Official Notice board no later than 2000 hours on the day prior to the event's start time.
- 15.3. Time-on-Time scoring will be applied using The following formula:
ToT Correction Factor = $650 / (550 + \text{MWPHRF ToD Rating})$.

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Races. Each Organizing Authority will provide information about award ceremonies via e-mail and/or text to all competitors.

17. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us for these races, and special thanks to our sponsors!





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APPENDIX A

Spring Opener | Saturday May 24 and Sunday May 25, 2025

Starting Area	41° 56.50' N 87° 34.0' W (Area C) Approx 108°T 3.5nm from Montrose Harbor Light Approx 090°T 3.0nm from Belmont Harbor Light Approx 022°T 3.3nm from Chicago Harbor Light
Finish Location	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.05' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68' N, 87° 37.74' W)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately ½ nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Not required.
Time Limit	1700 hours





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Gold Star Regatta | Saturday, June 14, 2025

Starting Area	41° 52.80' N 87° 34.46' W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Finish Location	41° 50.00' N, 87° 33.50' W Approx. 90° T, 2.0 NMI from entrance of 31st Street Harbor (Area G)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Not required.
VHF Check-In	Not required.
Finish Report	Not required.
Time Limit	1700 hours





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Chicago to Waukegan | Saturday, June 21, 2025

Starting Area	41° 56.50' N 87° 36.85' W Approx. 090°T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)
Finish Location	42° 21.70' N 87° 47.90' W Approx. 120° T, 0.5 NM from Waukegan Pierhead
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their port side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Not required.
Finish Report	Boats shall email finish reports to banosail@comcast.net
Time Limit	1800 hours





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DISTANCE RACES

Waukegan to Chicago | Sunday, June 22, 2025

Starting Area	42° 21.70' N 87° 47.90' W Approx. 120°T, 0.5 NM from Waukegan Pierhead
Finish Location	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.05' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41°57.68 N, 87°37.74 W)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately ½ nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Boats shall email finish reports to radianance@mac.com
Time Limit	1800 hours





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Chicago to Michigan City to Chicago | Friday, June 27, 2025

Starting Area	41° 52.80' N 87° 34.46' W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Finish Location	41° 52.80' N 87° 34.46' W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately 1 nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Boats shall email finish report to tom@hytry.net
Time Limit	1400 hours (June 29, 2025)





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Hobleman Regatta | Saturday, July 5, 2025

Starting Area	41° 56.50' N 87° 34.0' W Approx 108°T 3.5nm from Montrose Harbor Light Approx 090°T 3.0nm from Belmont Harbor Light Approx 022°T 3.3nm from Chicago Harbor Light (Area C)
Finish Location	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.50' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68' N, 87° 37.74' W)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately ½ nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Not required.
Time Limit	1700 hours





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Rainbow Regatta | Saturday, July 12, 2025

Starting Area	41° 52.80' N 87° 34.46' W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Finish Location	41° 52.80' N 87° 34.46' W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Not required.
VHF Check-In	Not required.
Finish Report	Not required.
Time Limit	2330 hours





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Third Coast Cup - Day 1 | Saturday, August 16, 2025

Starting Area	41° 56.50' N 87° 34.0' W Approx 108°T 3.5nm from Montrose Harbor Light Approx 090°T 3.0nm from Belmont Harbor Light Approx 022°T 3.3nm from Chicago Harbor Light (Area C)
Finish Location	Between a tetrahedron located approx. 090°T, 0.35 NM from the Northpoint Marina Entrance Lt. Approximate position of 42° 29.29' N, 87° 47.44' W) and a Race Committee Boat (Tetrahedron Mark passed to Starboard).
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their port side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately ½ nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Boats shall email finish reports to radiance@mac.com .
Time Limit	1900 hours





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Third Coast Cup - Day 2 | Sunday August 17, 2025

Starting Area	42° 29.29' N 87° 47.44' W Approx. 090°T, .35NM from the Northpoint Marina Entrance Light
Finish Location	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.05' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68' N, 87° 37.74' W)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately ½ nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Boats shall email finish reports to radiance@mac.com .
Time Limit	1900 hours





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Chicago to St. Joseph | Friday, August 29, 2025

Starting Area	41° 52.80' N 87° 34.46' W Approx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from Chicago Harbor Light (Area E)
Finish Location	42° 08.20' N 86° 30.00' W Approx. 349° T, 1.3 NM from St. Joseph North Pierhead Light
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately 1 nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Boats shall email finish reports to racing@jacksonparkyachtclub.org .
Time Limit	1300 hours (August 30, 2025)





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St. Joseph to Chicago | Sunday, August 31, 2025

Starting Area	42° 08.20' N 86° 30.00' W Approx. 349° T, 1.3 NM from St. Joseph North Pierhead Light.
Finish Location	41° 52.80' N 87° 33.00' W Approx. 333° T, 0.5 NM from Four Mile Crib (Area D)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately 1 nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Boats shall email finish reports to racing@jacksonparkyachtclub.org .
Time Limit	0100 hours (September 1, 2025)





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St. Joseph to Michigan City | Sunday, August 31, 2025

Starting Area	42° 06.60' N 86° 30.50' W Approx. 255° T, 0.8 NM from St. Joseph North Breakwater Light
Finish Location	41° 44.40' N 86° 54.70' W Appx. 045° T, 10.0 NM from Michigan City Harbor Entrance
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately 1 nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Boats shall email finish reports to dean@domanweb.com .
Time Limit	2000 hours





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Michigan City to Chicago | Monday, September 1, 2025

Starting Area	41° 44.00' N 86° 54.80' W Approx. 340° T, 0.4 NM from Michigan City Breakwater Light
Finish Location	41° 48.41' N, 87° 32.08' W Clemson Shoal Bell Buoy "4"
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately 1 nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Boats shall email finish reports to racing@jacksonparkyachtclub.org .
Time Limit	2000 hours





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Sheldon Clark Regatta | Saturday, September 13, 2025

Starting Area	41° 56.50' N 87° 36.85' W Approx. 090° T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)
Finish Location	41° 56.50' N 87° 36.85' W Approx. 090° T, 0.9 NM from Belmont Harbor Light (Area B)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Not required.
VHF Check-In	Not required.
Finish Report	Not required.
Time Limit	1700 hours





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Polonia Cup | Sunday, September 14, 2025

Starting Area	41° 57.74' N 87° 36.40' W Approx. 095°T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light (Area A)
Finish Location	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.05' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68' N, 87° 37.74' W)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Not required.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately ½ nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Not required.
Time Limit	1700 hours





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Fall Closer Regatta | Saturday, September 27, 2025

Starting Area	41° 57.74' N 87° 36.40' W Approx. 095°T, 1.1 NM from Montrose Breakwater Light (Area A)
Finish Location	Between an orange flag flown on shore located on the southern side of Montrose Point (at an approximate position of 41° 57.72' N, 87° 38.05' W) and a tetrahedron located approximately 300 yards offshore (at an approximate position of 41° 57.68' N, 87° 37.74' W)
Finish Requirements	
Number Board	Boats shall display reflective sail number board on their starboard side within one-half mile of the finish, and for at least five minutes after finishing.
VHF Check-In	Boats shall hail the race committee on VHF 78 when approximately ½ nautical mile from the finish, then provide sail number & boat name.
Finish Report	Not required.
Time Limit	1700 hours

