



# 2025 NOTICE OF RACES

## ***DISTANCE RACES***

Organizing Authorities (OA's): Burnham Park Yacht Club (BPYC), 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).

**May 24- September 27, 2025**

### **NOTICE OF RACES - DISTANCE RACES**

This Notice of Races provides basic information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Distance Events. These events are designed to provide outstanding competition for offshore boats wishing to race medium and long distance races. Please join us for fun and competition on the lakefront this summer!

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

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS").
- 1.2. U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.1.
- 1.3. For double-handed racers, boats participating in the Chicago to Waukegan Race, Waukegan to Chicago Race, Chicago - Michigan City - Chicago Race, Third Coast Cup and the Bi-State and Tri-State Races, shall have a functional mechanical (wind vane) or electrically operated auto-pilot installed and ready for use while racing. For all other races listed it is strongly recommended that boats have a functional auto-pilot installed and ready for use. Wheel and tiller locks do not meet this rule.
- 1.4. [NP] All competitors shall follow governmental regulations and all the OAs rules and regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control.

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### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after April 20, 2025 at <https://www.chicagosailracing.org/documents>.
- 2.2. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Races and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. Links to the online official notice boards for each event are located at <http://www.chicagosailracing.org/races>.
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 78.
- 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. Failure to receive courtesy emails, text messages, or broadcasts from the Race Committee is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.
- 3.5. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.6. Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a paid or free basis, is allowable.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. These events are open to any boat of at least 25 feet length overall with a valid 2025 MWPHRF certificate, and boats must race in full compliance with that certificate.
- 4.2. MWPHRF Distance Handicap (DHCP) rating applies to all boats, except those boats sailing in a Jib and Main (JAM) section in which the non-spinnaker (NSHCP) rating will apply.
- 4.3. Boats must sail with at least two crew members for each race.





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- 4.4. For each Race, the OA(s) will provide separate classes for multihull and Jib and Main (JAM) racers if sufficient entrants exist.
  - 4.4.1. Boats racing double-handed shall register online in the appropriate One-Design class or Handicap section for which their boat is eligible and also register online with the OA as a double-handed competitor.
- 4.5. Groups of four or more one-design boats desiring to race in a separate class may petition the OA(s) for acceptance as a class. Petitions should be addressed to [info@chicagosailracing.org](mailto:info@chicagosailracing.org), and shall be made no later than 14 days prior to the start of the event.
- 4.6. One-design boats accepted as a class by an OA(s) must race in compliance with the following rules:
  - 4.6.1. T-10s must comply with the rules of the National T-10 Association and the local rules of Fleet Number 2. In the event of a discrepancy between the two, the latter shall control.
  - 4.6.2. Beneteau 36.7s must comply with the Beneteau First 36.7 North American One-Design Class Rules and the local rules of the Beneteau First 36.7 Lake Michigan Fleet.
  - 4.6.3. Beneteau 40.7s must comply with Beneteau First 40.7 North American One Design Class Rules.
  - 4.6.4. All other one design classes must comply with their respective class rules.
- 4.7. Boats shall carry safety equipment in conformance with the CASRA Nearshore Safety Regulations.
- 4.8. Boats participating in the Chicago-Michigan City-Chicago Race, and the Bi-State and Tri-State Races, shall comply with CASRA Offshore Safety Regulations.





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- 4.9. Eligible boats may enter any one or more of these events by completing the online entry form at each event's website, accessible via [www.chicagosailracing.org](http://www.chicagosailracing.org).
- 4.10. To be considered an entry in any of these events, a boat must complete all registration requirements and pay all fees no later than 1200 on the day prior to an event's start time.

### **5. FEES**

- 5.1. The Regular Entry Fee for each one day event is \$70 and \$90 for a two day event.
- 5.2. Boats entering and paying for a race by May 1, 2025, or 30 days or more in advance of the Race's start date (whichever is later) will be entitled to pay an Early Entry Fee of \$50 for a one event day and \$70 for a two event day.
- 5.3. All entry fees are refundable, subject to a \$10 administration fee. In order to receive a refund for a race, yachts must withdraw via The appropriate Race registration system used or email to the OA of that event no later than 24 hours prior to the start of a race.

### **6. ADVERTISING**

- 6.1. Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat must be described in the Entry Form.
- 6.2. Advertising deemed by Organizing Authorities not to be compliant with World Sailing Regulation 20 may be rejected.





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### 7. SCHEDULE & VENUE

7.1. All times listed below are CDT.

7.2. The venue for these races will be the waters of Lake Michigan, with specific starting areas and courses outlined in the Sailing Instructions (SI). A diagram of the approximate locations of the starting areas (SA) indicated below can be found in Appendix A.

Date	Event	SA	OA(s)	1st Warning
<b>Near Shore</b>				
Saturday, May 24 & Sunday, May 25	Spring Opener	C	CCYC	1000
Saturday, June 14	Gold Star Regatta	E	JPYC	1130
Sunday, July 5	Hobelman Regatta	C	CCYC	1000
Saturday, July 12	Rainbow Regatta	E	JPYC	1900
Saturday, September 13	Sheldon Clark	B	CYC	1030
Sunday, September 14	Polonia Cup	A	CCYC	1100
Saturday, September 25	Fall Closer	A	CCYC	1000





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Date	Event	SA	OA(s)	1st Warning
<b>Port to Port</b>				
Saturday, June 21	Chicago to Waukegan	B	CCYC/WYC	0930
Sunday, June 22	Waukegan to Chicago	See SI	CCYC	0900
Friday, June 27	Chicago - Michigan City - Chicago	E	COLYC/ BPYC	1830
Saturday, August 16 Sunday, August 17	Third Coast Cup Chicago to Winthrop Harbor Winthrop Harbor to Chicago	C See SI	CCYC / BPYC	0900 0900
Friday, August 29	Tri-State: Chicago to St. Joe	E	COLYC/ SJRYC/JPYC	1830
Sunday, August 31	Bi-State: St. Joe to Chicago	See SI	JPYC	0800
Sunday, August 31	Tri-State: St. Joe to Michigan City	See SI	BPYC/MCYC	0900
Monday, September 1	Tri-State: Michigan City to Chicago	See SI	JPYC	0930

### 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Measurement and weigh-ins will not be conducted by the OA's.

### 9. SCORING

9.1. Each race will be scored individually and independently.

9.2. Class breaks will be set by each OA and transmitted to competitors by 1200 hours Thursday prior to each weekend's race(s).





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9.3. Time on time scoring will be applied using the following formula. Time Correction Factor =  $650 / (550 + \text{MWP} \text{HRF ToD Rating})$ .

### 10. DOCKING

To the extent possible, Organizing Authorities will make docking available to entered boats. Availability of docking for post-race parties and docking instructions will be outlined in amendments for each race.

### 11. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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.**

### 12. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

### 13. PRIZES

For each event, prizes will be given as follows:

Starters in a Class	Prizes
1 - 4	1
5 - 6	2
7 - 14	3
15 - 19	4
20 or more	5





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### **14. 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.

### **15. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Visit <https://www.chicagosailracing.org> for additional information. Please direct any questions to [info@chicagosailracing.org](mailto:info@chicagosailracing.org).

### **16. THANKS**

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



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### APPENDIX A: APPROXIMATE STARTING AREAS

