



2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CASUAL RACES

These Sailing Instructions provide additional information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Casual Races ("Races"), a fun, easy set of races for all to enjoy. Please join us for fun on the lakefront this summer!

1. RULES

Each Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 edition, as adopted by U.S. Sailing ("RRS").

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be published via each Race's webpage, accessible via www.chicagosailracing.org, and will be sent via e-mail and/or text message to all entered competitors. Additionally, the Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts during each Race via VHF 71. These broadcasts are intended to assist all boats in understanding how the race is being conducted. Such broadcasts are not grounds for protest. This changes RRS 41.

3. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be published on each Race's webpage, accessible at www.chicagosailracing.org. As a courtesy, skippers of entered yachts will receive e-mails and/or text messages regarding changes. No changes will be made to the Sailing Instructions less than 24 hours prior to the start of a Race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

In some cases, Organizing Authorities will need to signal information via code flags. Should that occur, the signals will be made at each Organizing Authority's clubhouse. However, the information will also be conveyed via e-mail and/or text message to skippers of all entered yachts. The Answering Pennant is a long red and white striped flag, used to signal that a Race is being postponed. When this flag is displayed onshore, and dropped, it signals that the Race will begin in one hour or later. The Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF 71 to assist sailors in understanding when the Race will begin.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of Races will be as prescribed in Section 1 of the Notice of Races. Each Race will start at 1230 hours, unless postponed by the Race Committee.

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6. RACING AREAS

All Races will be conducted off Chicago's lakefront. Starting areas for each Race are as follows.

Abe Jacobs Regatta (Sunday, June 25th, 2017):

41° 52.80 North
87° 34.46 West
Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from
Chicago Harbor Light

Columbia Yacht Club Casual Race (Sunday, July 9th, 2017):

41° 52.80 N
87° 34.46 W
Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from
Chicago Harbor Light

Verve Cup Casual Race (Saturday, August 12th, 2017):

41° 52.80 N
87° 34.46 W
Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from
Chicago Harbor Light

Air Show Regatta (Sunday, August 20th, 2017):

41° 51.17 N
87° 33.41 W
Appx. 090° T, 2.2 NM from
Burnham Harbor Entrance

Hobelman Regatta Casual Race (Sunday, August 27th, 2017)

41° 57.74 N
87° 36.40 W
Appx. 095° T, 1.1 NM from
Montrose Breakwater Light

Chicago Regatta Casual Race (Saturday, September 9th, 2017)

41° 52.80 North
87° 34.46 West
Appx. 128° T, 0.9 NM from
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7. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

When arriving at the starting area, boats should approach the Race Committee boat, hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee. If a boat must withdraw from the race, it must notify the Race Committee via VHF 71.

8. COURSES

8.1. Courses for each Race are designed to be simple and easy to follow, and are set forth below:

Abe Jacobs Casual Regatta (Sunday, June 25th, 2017)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to PORT)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to PORT)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W

Columbia Yacht Club Casual Regatta (Sunday, July 9th, 2017)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to STARBOARD)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W

Verve Cup Casual Race (Saturday, August 12th, 2017)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to PORT)
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to PORT)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W

Air Show Regatta (Sunday, August 20th, 2017)

Start	41°51.17 N, 87°33.41 W
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to PORT)
Mark 7	41°51.17 N, 87°34.87 W (round to PORT)
Mark 5	41°50.08 N, 87°33.41 W (round to PORT)
Finish	41°51.17 N, 87°33.41 W

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8. COURSES (continued...)

Hobelman Regatta Casual Race (Sunday, August 20th, 2017)

Start	41°57.74 N, 87°36.40 W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to PORT)
Wilson Avenue Crib	41°57.97 N, 87°35.47 W (round crib to PORT)
Finish	41°57.74 N, 87°36.40 W

Chicago Regatta Casual Race (Saturday, September 9th, 2017)

Start	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41°54.59 N, 87°34.23 W (round crib/guard marks to STARBOARD)
Four Mile Crib	41°52.22 N, 87°32.45 W (round crib to STARBOARD)
Finish	41°52.80 N, 87°34.46 W

- 8.2 Course information may be signaled by courtesy broadcasts on VHF 71. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.3 The Race Committee may shorten the course by setting up a finish line at any mark, and raising code flag "S."

9. MARKS

Marks will be either government buoys or structures, or marks. When rounding a water intake crib, yachts shall stay outside of the white stakes surrounding each crib.

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 Each race shall begin at 1230 hours. If the Race Committee needs to postpone the race, it will fly the Answering Pennant. Once the Answering Pennant is lowered, the Race Committee will broadcast the new starting time via VHF 71.

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10. THE START (continued...)

10.3. At the start of each Race, the Race Committee will make ten long sounds. Thereafter, the start line is open, and boats may start anytime within 30 minutes of the start time. The Race Committee will note each boat's start time for scoring purposes. At the end of the 30 minute window, the Race Committee will again make ten long sounds. Boats may not start after this time.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark, which should be left to port. The Race Committee signal boat should be left to starboard.

12. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each race will be 1600 hours, plus the amount of any postponement.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 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 acknowledgment.

13.2 Protests and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on the first week day following the weekend' races. Protests must be filed using the Race's website, accessible via www.chicagosailracing.org.

13.3 Protest and redress hearings will be scheduled by each Organizing Authority's Protest Committee.

13.4 Violations of Section 3 of the Notice of Race are protestable only by the Race Committee.

14. SECTION BREAKS AND SCORING

Each yacht will receive an elapsed time from the Race Committee, derived by subtracting its start time from its finish time. Calculation of start times is not protestable by competitors. CASRA ratings will be applied to finish times in order to derive scores. Section breaks will be established by the Race Committee for scoring purposes, and may be established after the completion of the race. Boats racing in "Jib and Main" sections will be scored separately from boats racing in "Spinnaker" sections.

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15. PRIZES

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

16. THANKS

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