



2023 NOTICE OF RACES

ROOKIE REGATTA SERIES

Organizing Authorities (OAs): Burnham Park Yacht Club (BPLYC), Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club (CCYC), Chicago Yacht Club (CYC), Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC), and Jackson Park Yacht Club (JPYC)

July 1 – September 16, 2023

Notice of Races

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 This Series will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (“RRS”) (available at www.ussailing.org), except for RRS 63.2, and that part of RRS 52 banning power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices.
- 1.2 [NP] All competitors shall strictly follow all applicable governmental regulations and all the OA rules regarding health, safety and infectious disease control.
- 1.3 Boats shall not fly drones while racing or while in the racing area.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Races and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

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3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board for this Series is located at www.railmeets.com.
- 3.2 All boats must carry a fixed VHF radio and a handheld VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
- 3.3 To facilitate learning, boats may, while racing, make voice or data transmissions via VHF radio and may provide advice and coaching to each other. This changes RRS 41.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The races in this Series are open to all sailboats with an overall length of at least 22 feet.
- 4.2 To be eligible to race in this Series, a boat must submit a completed online entry form for this Series, and must pay the required Entry Fee. Online entry forms are available at <https://casra.railmeets.com/regattas>. Registration will open by June 15, 2023.
- 4.3 A boat must complete and submit its registration no later than 1200 hours CDT the day before the first race it enters. A boat need register only once during the sailing season.
- 4.4 It is recommended, but not required, that each boat have a valid 2023 MWPHRF Handicap Certificate (more information may be found at <http://mwphrf.org>). Each boat with such a Certificate must race in compliance with that Certificate. Boats without a valid 2023 MWPHRF certificate will be assigned handicaps by the OAs. Boats assigned handicaps cannot protest, nor seek redress for, their assigned handicaps. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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- 4.5 All boats must have auxiliary power and must carry enough fuel to motor for three hours at cruising speed.
- 4.6 All boats must carry the safety equipment required by the United States Coast Guard recreational safety regulations. Each OA may require boats carry additional safety equipment.
- 4.7 All boats must sail with at least two crew members.
- 4.8 Boats in this Series will race jib and main (JAM) only.
- 4.9 To participate in a Race, a boat must submit to the OA for that Race, no later than 1200 hours CDT the day before the Race, a completed Helmsperson Information Form in the form attached as Exhibit A, and the information contained in that Form must be accurate, complete and correct.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee for this Series is \$50. This fee may be paid online at www.railmeets.com.
- 5.2 This Entry Fee is refundable, subject to a \$10 administration fee, but any boat seeking a refund must do so by June 30, 2023.

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6. 2023 SCHEDULE

Date	OA	1 st Warning (CDT)	Start line opens (CDT)
July 1	CYC (Monroe)	1255	1300
July 15	JPYC	1255	1300
July 16	COLYC	1255	1300
July 30	CCYC	1255	1300
August 26	BPYC	1255	1300
August 27	JPYC	1255	1300
September, 16	CYC (Belmont)	1255	1300

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7. COURSES

The courses in this Series may use one or more of the following government structures in the waters of Lake Michigan near Chicago. Additional course information for each race will be provided in the Sailing Instructions and any posted amendments to those Sailing Instructions.

Designation	Approximate Latitude and Longitude
Four Mile Crib	4152.40' N, 87
Harrison-Dever Crib	4155.00' N, 87
Wilson Ave. Crib	4158.00' N, 87
68 th St. Crib	4147.18' N, 87
Clemson Shoal Buoy ("4")	4148.41' N, 87

8. THE START

The start line for each race will open at the times specified in paragraph 6, unless postponed by the Race Committee, and will stay open for 15 minutes. A boat may start at any time the start line is open. This changes RRS 26.

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9. SCORING

- 9.1 **The Low Point System described in Appendix A of the 2021-2024 RRS will apply.**
- 9.2 Any boat whose helmsperson was the principal helmsman for any boat with an overall length of 22 feet or longer for more than four (4) CASRA weekend races in the past year will not be scored.
- 9.3 A boat violating Section 4.8 will not be scored.
- 9.4 Each race will be scored separately. All seven (7) races will be scored as a series, using a boat's four (4) best races. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 9.5 Time-on-time (ToT) scoring will be applied using the following formulas:
 - a. Correction factor equals $650 / (550 + \text{ToT Rating})$
 - b. Corrected Time equals Correction Factor times elapsed time.

10. 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 Series each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks, and agrees and acknowledges that the OA(s) will not be liable for any material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race in this Series.

11. INSURANCE

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

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12. PRIZES/SOCIAL

There will be a party following each race at the sponsoring yacht club. See the Sailing Instructions for details.

Prizes will be given for first, second, and third places for each race. OAs may award additional prizes at their discretion. Series prizes will be awarded at the CASRA end-of-the-season award party to the boats placing first, second, and third overall in the Series.

13. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

By racing in this Series competitors agree to give absolute right and permission for photographs or video footage taken of them or their competing boat to be published in any media for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in any press information.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit www.chicagosailracing.org for additional information or to ask any questions about this Series.

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