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2020 NOTICE OF SERIES

This Notice of Series provides basic information about the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association's Social Distancing Races ("Races"). These Races are designed to provide a fun and relaxed competition for boats wishing to race during the 2020 season while adhering to the mandates of the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago during the COVID-19 pandemic. All competitors are urged to use good sense and adhere to all appropriate governmental advice concerning health and safety during the pandemic.

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND DATESS

The Organizing Authorities for the Races are the Burnham Park Yacht Club ("BPYC"), the Chicago Yacht Club ("CYC"), the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club ("CCYC"), the Columbia Yacht Club ("COLYC"), and the Jackson Park Yacht Club ("JPYC"). Dates and Organizing Authorities for each Race are set forth below:

Social Distancing Series Race No. 1: Sunday, July 5th, 2020 (CCYC)
Social Distancing Series Race No. 2: Sunday, July 12th, 2020 (BPYC)
Social Distancing Series Race No. 3: Saturday, July 18th, 2020 (CYC/JPYC)
Social Distancing Series Race No. 4: Saturday, July 25th, 2020 (COLYC)

2. RULES

2.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 edition, as adopted by U.S. Sailing ("RRS"). U.S. Sailing prescriptions will apply, except for the prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and RRS 63.4.

2.2 RRS 52 is changed as follows: Power-driven winches and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted.

2.3 All applicable governmental regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control shall be strictly followed by all competitors, specifically including any crew limits and requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE).

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2. RULES (continued)

2.4 COVID-19 can be a serious health concern and each competitor should judge his or her own ability to participate in light of this health threat. Violations of Section 2.3 of this Notice of Series shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority. Competitors are reminded of Racing Rule of Sailing 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

3. ADVERTISING

Any advertising proposed to be carried by a boat must be described in the Entry Form. Advertising deemed by Organizing Authorities not to be compliant with World Sailing Regulation 20 may be rejected. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supported by Organizing Authorities.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. These Races are open to all boats of at least 22 feet length overall. Boats shall comply with CASRA **Nearshore** Safety Regulations for all Races.

4.2. Boats may not sail with more crew members than are permitted by the State of Illinois or the City of Chicago. The person in charge shall be the sole person responsible to determine if the boat can race safely given these crew limits.

4.3. Boats may enter these Races by completing the Entry Form and Waiver available on each Race's website, accessible via www.chicagosailracing.org. In order to participate in one or more of the Races, it must complete its entry in the Series, including payment of applicable entry fees, no later than 1200 on the Friday prior to that Race's start time.

4.4. For each Race, Organizing Authorities will offer single-handed, double-handed, and "jib and main" sections. One-design classes may be offered for each of the Races at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

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5. FEES

The Entry Fee for this Series is $50. Entry fees are non-refundable.

6. SCHEDULE

The start of the Casual section for each Race is scheduled for 1200 hours CDT. The first warning signal for subsequent sections in each Race is scheduled for 1215 hours CDT.

7. MEASUREMENT AND RATINGS

Because boats are of different sizes and speeds, it is necessary to use a handicapping system to properly score each Race. Each boat that enters one or more of the Races will receive a CASRA handicap rating for this purpose. To assist in the rating process, a member of the CASRA Handicap Committee may contact owners to obtain additional information about their boat, including information as to modifications that have been made from its original condition. This rating is only valid for the events described in this Notice.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions provide additional details concerning the conduct of each Race, and will be available on or before Monday, June 29th, 2020 at www.chicagosailracing.org. Organizing Authorities may issue amendments for each event, and will make them available at www.chicagosailracing.org and make best efforts to e-mail them to all entrants of record at the time of publication.

9. VENUE AND COURSES

The venue for these races will be the waters of Lake Michigan, with specific starting areas outlined in the Sailing Instructions. It is expected that the Organizing Authorities may run these races with reduced or no race committee. Some events may be run with pursuit starts, and some may be run with competitors taking their own finish times. The sailing instructions for each race will state any such restrictions and limitations.

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10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties will be assessed as per the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

Each Race will be scored individually. Section breaks will be assigned for scoring purposes, and may be set after the completion of each Race. Boats will have the option of racing in a "Jib and Main" division, or a "Spinnaker" division. Each division will be scored separately. In addition, all four races will be scored as a series, using a boat's best three races. The Low Point System Appendix A4 will be used to determine overall winners.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

13. DOCKING AND PARTIES

Consistent with health guidance from the State of Illinois and the City of Chicago, Organizing Authorities will not provide any docking or social events before or after any of the Races.

14. PRIZES

For each Race, prizes will be given as follows:
1-4 starters in a section: 1 prize
5-6 starters in a section: 2 prizes
7-14 starters in a section: 3 prizes
15-19 starters in a section: 4 prizes
20 or more starters in a section: 5 prizes

Organizing Authorities may award additional prizes at their discretion.

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15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. The Organizing Authorities and the Chicago Area Sail Racing Association will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16. 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.

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

Visit www.chicagosailracing.org for additional information.

19. THANKS

Thanks to all sailors for joining us for these Races, and special thanks to Manitowoc Marina and North Sails for their sponsorship of the Social Distancing Series!

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