NOTICE OF RACE

COLORS Columbia Cup Regatta

August 1st – August 2nd, 2020
Organizing Authority (OA) - Columbia Yacht Club (ColYC)
Chicago, IL, USA
OFFSHORE / DISTANCE / RADIO-CONTROLLED

These Races are designed to provide high level 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. RULES

a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
b. The following prescriptions of the US SAILING national authority **will not** apply:
   1) RRS 63.2c.
   2) RRS 63.4b.
c. The following **will** apply:
   1) RRS Appendix T (Arbitration).
   2) US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident).
   3) CASRA Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements.
   4) One-Design classes shall digitally provide their National class rules to the OA.
   5) One-Design classes that intend to invoke their local class rules shall provide a digital copy of the local class rules to the OA.
   6) A boat, while racing, shall not operate a drone.
   7) For the R-C course, *disabled* boats shall be recovered at the end of the heat or regatta at the owner's expense. See RRS Appendix E.
   8) 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). In particular, all competitors shall:
      I. Employ six-foot social distancing procedures whenever possible;
      II. Wear face coverings during racing; and
      III. Adhere to the following crew limits: Boats 25 feet and less LOA shall carry no more than four adults and two children. Boats 26-36 feet LOA shall carry no more than six adults and two children. Boats greater than 36 feet LOA shall carry no more than eight adults and two children.
   9) 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 1c8 of this NOR may not be protested 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."

2. ADVERTISING

a. The Regatta is sponsored by Goslings Rum and Sierra Nevada Brewing Company.

b. There are no restrictions regarding advertising on racing yachts.
c. Racing yachts are requested to not display advertising for competing companies.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

a. The regatta is open to all boats of the below class(es):
   1) Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) which uses the LMPHRF rating system, and ORR classes with a current valid rating certificate, and minimum of 4 entries. The fleet may be comprised of the following classes.
      a) Spinnaker Classes - boats that may deploy while racing one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4.
      b) Non-Spinnaker Classes – boats that may not deploy spinnakers or gennakers.
   2) One-Design Classes of boats of the same Manufacturer Type. This includes but is not limited to the Viper 640, J/70, T-10, Farr 40, J/88, J/105, J/109, J/111, FT-10, Beneteau 36.7 and Beneteau 40.7 classes.
   3) One-design classes with a minimum of 3 entries.
      a) Entrants must meet and follow all class requirements, unless modified by the SIs.
      b) If there are less than the minimum number of required entries for a class, the OA will assign those boats into appropriate handicap classes.
      c) The OA's decision will be final.
   4) For the Radio-Controlled course only, Dragonforce 65
b. Notwithstanding any of the above; any group of TWO (2) or more boats, desiring to race as a separate class, may petition the OA for acceptance as a class. Petitions shall be made no later July 24, 2020.
c. PHRF Boats will be divided by handicap. The final handicap section breaks will be in the SIs. The expected section breaks based on PHRF rating are:
   1) 19 & below
   2) 21 to 57
   3) 60 to 73
   4) 74 & above
d. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at www.yachtscoring.com together with the required fee located in NOR 5 before July 30, 2020.

4. CLASSIFICATION

World Sailing Regulation 22 applies if national class rules state.

5. FEES

a. Required fees are as follows:
   1) Offshore is $50 for racing Saturday & Sunday
   2) Distance is $25 for racing Saturday
   3) Radio-Controlled is $10 for racing Saturday

6. SCHEDULE

a. Dates of racing and events:

Date:	Time	Item
Saturday, August 1	1030	Warning Signal – distance race
	1130	Warning Signal – first buoy race
	Approximately 2 hours after crewed event	Radio-Controlled Skipper's briefing – COLYC Dock (15 Minutes Duration)
	After RC Skipper's Brief	Radio-Controlled Race
Sunday, August 2	1030	Warning Signal – distance race (lay day, if needed)
	1100	Warning Signal – first race
	1430	No Warning Signal after this time

b. Maximum number of races
   1) OFFSHORE = 8 for the regatta
   2) DISTANCE = 1 for the regatta
   3) RADIO-CONTROLLED = to be determined at the skipper's briefing

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c. The intent of the Race Committee is to complete as many races as practical each day, which shall not exceed the number of races scheduled.
d. For the DISTANCE course, one race is scheduled for Saturday. Sunday is reserved in the event inclement weather forces cancellation of racing Saturday.

7. MEASUREMENT

a. Measurement and weigh-ins shall not be conducted by the OA.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

a. SIs will be available by July 24, 2020 at www.yachtscoring.com.
b. There shall be separate SIs for each type of racing (Offshore, Distance and Radio Controlled events).

9. VENUE AND COURSES

a. For the OFFSHORE and DISTANCE Events races, the racing area will be offshore due East of Monroe Street Harbor entrance.
b. The DISTANCE event will begin in the same area as the OFFSHORE course with an earlier start time.
c. The exact location and course descriptions will be in the Sailing Instructions.
d. For the OFFSHORE event, the course to be sailed will be windward-leeward with 2-6 legs.
e. For the OFFSHORE event, windward offset marks and leeward gates may be used.
f. For the RADIO-CONTROLLED event, racing will be conducted off the COLYC dock, with the final decision made at the skipper's briefing.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

a. RRS Appendix T is in effect.
b. US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 is in effect.

11. SCORING

a. The scoring system is as follows:
    1) For the Offshore, Distance and Radio Controlled events a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
b. PHRF classes sailing in the Offshore event will be scored Time-on-Time (TOT).
c. ORR classes will be scored based on course configuration.
d. PHRF classes sailing in the Distance event will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Distance (TOD).
e. For each class, one race completed will constitute a Regatta.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

a. While classes are racing, support boats shall stay at least 100 yards from all racing yachts and all race committee vessels.

13. BERTHING

a. There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at COLYC from 1500 hours Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, August 2.
b. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration, no rafting permitted.
c. Non-resident boats that are participating in the VERVE regatta will be offered a 50% discount on dockage fees through August 10, based on availability.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

a. 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 are not available to all boats.
b. Commercial pay services, i.e. XM Radio, SailFlow, PredictWind, are considered to be available to all boats.

15. PRIZES

a. Prizes to be awarded to the top finishers at a date, time, and venue to be announced.
b. For fleets with four or more boats, there shall be prizes for the top three finishers in each section.
c. For fleets with three or fewer boats, only the first-place overall section finisher will be awarded a prize.
d. In addition, there shall be a prize for the overall winner of all buoy races and the distance race as determined by the OA.
e. Awarding of the Columbia Cup will be to the overall winner of all buoy races.

f. Also, awarding of the Columbia Cup will be to the overall winner of the distance race.

16. DISCLAMER OF LIABILITY

a. 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.
b. Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

17. INSURANCE

a. Each participating boat in the Offshore or Distance courses shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $500,000 per event or the equivalent.
b. There is no insurance requirement for boats participating in the R-C course. Racing in the R-C course shall be at your own risk for damage and injury. Restitution for damage, replacement, and salvage shall be by arrangement of parties involved in the incident causing damage and / or sinking.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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19. CONSENT

a. Competitors consent to the use by organizing authority of their name, image, photo, voice or visual recordings of their images (“Recordings”), or any statements, whether oral or written, regarding the regatta (“Statements”) and for the organizing authority to use, sell, copy, distribute, perform, display, transmit, or otherwise, exploit the foregoing Recordings, Statements and personal identifiers by any means and in any media known or hereafter devised.
b. Competitors waive any rights of privacy or publicity in connection with the use of their name, Recordings or Statements waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recordings or Statements and acknowledge that they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.