Tri-State Fly-By Distance(d) Race
Friday September 4th, 2020
Organizing Authority (OA) - Columbia Yacht Club (COLYC) &
Jackson Park Yacht Club (JPYC)
Chicago, Illinois (USA)

NOTICE OF RACE

In a time when large rafts of boats and screaming tent parties are just not in the cards, the Organizing Authorities are cognizant of how important the Labor Day weekend is to the sailing community. This race is intended to honor the Tri-State tradition, beginning and ending in Chicago, with night racing and mark roundings in Michigan and Indiana.

1) RULES

a) The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
b) In case of conflict between this NOR and Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail.
c) The following prescriptions of the US Sailing national authority will not apply:
   1) 63.2
   2) 63.4
d) The following additional rules will apply:
   1) US Coast Guard safety requirements and US Sailing Offshore Safety Equipment Requirements, revision 2020.0. The Costal requirements apply, with the following modifications:
      (i) Sections 2.3.5, 3.2.2, 3.6.6, 3.21, shall apply.
      (ii) Sections 3.16.2, 3.6.2, 3.6.4, 4.2 and 4.3.2 are strongly encouraged, but not required.
   2) 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 physical distancing procedures whenever possible;
      (ii) Wear face coverings during racing; and
      (iii) Adhere to the following crew limits: 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.
   3) 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 1(d)(3) 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."
   4) Registered boats shall not operate a drone at any time

e) Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
   1) RRS 55: Add "Bilge water, bodily fluids and biodegradable sail stops are not trash under this rule.
   2) RRS 61.2(e): Add to last sentence: "and at least one phone number for the protestor representative shall be provided".
   3) RRS 61.3: The word "delivered" means *either*:
      (i) Hand delivery of the protest to the OA's main office.
      (ii) Digital delivery of a photograph of the protest via email within the time limit, followed by hand delivery of the protest to the OA upon arrival at the hearing.
   4) RRS 62.1(a)is modified such that courtesy broadcasts, or a failure to make a courtesy broadcast, are not considered grounds for redress.

2) ADVERTISING

a) There are no restrictions regarding advertising on racing boats.

3) ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

a) The regatta is open to all boats meeting the following requirements:
   1) Boats 25 feet or longer, meeting the safety requirements of Rule (1)(d) and eligible in a Handicap or One Design class set forth below.

b) Handicap classes:
   1) Boats having a Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) certificate, which uses the LMPHRF rating system and minimum of 4 entries. The fleet may be comprised of the following classes.
   2) Spinnaker Classes - boats that may deploy while racing one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4.
   3) Non-Spinnaker Classes – boats that may not deploy spinnakers or gennakers.
   4) PHRF Boats will be assigned into sections by handicap. The final handicap section breaks will be in the SIs.

c) 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.
   1) One-design classes with a minimum of 3 entries.
   2) If there are less than the minimum number of required entries for a class, the OA will assign those boats into appropriate handicap classes.
   3) 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.
   4) Petitions shall be made no later than August 31, 2020.
   5) The OA's decision will be final and not subject to protest or appeal.

d) More than one class may be starting at the same time.

4) FEES

a) The entry fee for all boats is $40.00.

5) SCHEDULE

a) Registration opens August 21, 2020 and closes at 2400 hours, September 1, 2020.
b) All sections will start on Friday, September 4, after 1900 hours. Section breaks / one design classes and starting times will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

6) MEASUREMENT

a) Measurement and weigh-ins will not be conducted by the OA.
b) A boat shall comply with RRS 78.1 (Compliance with Class Rules or Rating Certificate), as modified below:

1) All boats competing in this Race in a Handicap section must have a valid 2020 LMPHRF certificate, and race in full compliance with that certificate. All Races will be scored using each boat's LMPHRF general purpose rating.
2) Boats racing in one-design classes offered by the Organizing Authorities are exempt from the requirement in Section 6(b)(1). Such boats must comply with the following rules:
   (i) 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.
   (ii) 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.
   (iii) Beneteau 40.7s must comply with Beneteau First 40.7 North American One Design Class Rules.
   (iv) All other one design classes must comply with their respective class rules.

7) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

a) Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1200 hours on September 2, 2020 at www.yachtscoring.com

8) VENUE AND COURSES

a) The Racing area for all classes will be the waters of Lake Michigan
b) The starting area will be due east of Monroe Harbor
c) The course to be sailed will be set forth in the sailing instructions, as may be amended from time to time.
d) The intention of the Organizing Authorities is to start the race due east of Monroe Harbor, proceed to a drop mark near New Buffalo, MI to be rounded to starboard, proceed to the weather mark off Michigan City, IN to be rounded to starboard, and to finish at the Clemson Shoals buoy. A detailed course description with latitude and longitude will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9) SCORING

a) For Handicap Sections, time on time scoring will be used, using the following formula: LMPHRF TOT Rating = 650/550 + LMPHRF Long Distance Time on Distance Rating.
b) The OA may assign boats racing in a One Design class a common handicap rating to facilitate fleet scoring.

10) 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 is not available to all boats.
b) Commercial pay services, e.g. XM Radio, SailFlow, and PredictWind, are considered to be available to all boats.
c) Social media services, e.g., Instagram, Twitter are considered to be available to all boats.

11) 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.

12) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

a) Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race).
b) Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

c) 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.
d) By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13) INSURANCE

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

14) FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Organizing Authorities	**Regatta Chairs**
Columbia Yacht Club 111 N. Lake Shore Drive Chicago, IL 60601	Holly Kawula Walter Kawula regattachair@colyc.org
Jackson Park Yacht Club 6400 South Promontory Drive Chicago, IL 60659	Janet Hansen race@jacksonparkyachtclub.org

15) 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 and waive the right to credit or acknowledgement in conjunction with their identity, Recordings or Statements, and acknowledge they shall have no right to inspect or approve any use of their identity, Recordings or Statements.

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   2) Single-handed entrants meeting the safety requirement of Rule (1)(d) and eligible in a Handicap or One Design class set for below must be experienced sailors, and must provide evidence of experience, including a documented single-handed passage of at least 50 miles.

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Amendment #2

The following shall replace section (5)(b) SCHEDULE:

b) Single- and Double-Handed sections will start on Friday September 4 at 1850 CDT. All other sections will start on Friday, September 4, after 1900 CDT. Section breaks / one design classes and starting times will be provided in the Sailing Instructions