Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
Chicago Yacht Club
Monroe Station, Chicago, IL
August 7-9, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Chicago Yacht Club Regatta Association is the Organizing Authority for the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta. Chicago Yacht Club is the host.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing.*

2.2 Appendices T and V1 shall apply.

2.3 The Offshore Rating Rule (ORR) will apply for handicap sections.

2.4 Class Rules – Boats racing in an approved One Design Section shall be subject to their Class Rules. If there is a difference between a Class Rule, this Notice of Race (NOR) or the Sailing Instructions (SI), the more restrictive rule shall apply.

2.5 Bow numbers may be provided by the OA depending on fleet size.

2.6 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).

2.7 Competitors using any Chicago Yacht Club facilities, including docks, must follow House and Ground Rules In Effect Due to Covid-19.

2.8 Crew substitutions or changes must be made online prior to the start of racing each day.

2.9 Violations of Section 2.6, 2.7, and 2.8 of this Notice of Race shall not be protestable by a competitor but may be protested by the Race Committee or Organizing Authority.

3 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The person-in-charge shall be a member of their national authority. The U.S. national authority is US Sailing.

4.2 The regatta is open to any sailboat of 29 feet LOA or greater that holds either a current Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) handicap certificate or is a member of a one-design racing fleet recognized by the organizing authority. A boat sailing under ORR will be assigned to a section according to rating and other factors at the discretion of the organizing authority.

4.3 A minimum of five bona fide entries must be received by August 1, 2020 for a one design section to be recognized. If this requirement is not met, the organizing authority will assign these boats to an appropriate ORR section, in which case a valid ORR certificate shall be furnished no later than August 1, 2020.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form found on the Chicago Yacht Club website at https://www.vervecup.com and paying the required fee by August 1 , 2020.

4.5 An entrant may participate in the Verve Distance Race by marking the entry form accordingly. No additional entry fee will apply. A Verve Distance Race competitor will be scored DNC for that day's Verve Cup Offshore Regatta races.

4.6 An entire one-design section may compete in the Verve Cup Distance Race if the fleet captain informs the organizing authority of its decision no later than July 31, 2020. The Verve Cup Distance Race results will be scored as part of that section's Verve Cup Offshore Regatta results, but no boat within that section will be eligible for the overall Verve Cup Trophy.

4.7 Entrants shall maintain an accumulative crew list with email addresses. A protest for this requirement may only be initiated by the Race Committee and an accurate crew list presented any time before a hearing, at the time of hearing or at the time of appeal shall exonerate the boat.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fee is $5 a foot.

A boat's LOA should be rounded to the lower whole number (e.g. 35' 8" = 35') to determine fees. There will be no social fee.

5.2 Your entry fee includes:

- ➢ Entry to the Verve Cup Offshore Regatta
- ➢ Docking at the Chicago Yacht Club during the Regatta
- ➢ Trophies

5.3 An administrative fee of $25 will apply to cancellations. There will be no refunds after August 5, 2020.

6 SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 6
1000-1900 Competitor Registration -on line only
Friday, August 7
1055 First warning (all circles)
Saturday, August 8
1055 First warning (all circles)
Sunday, August 9
1055 First warning (all circles)
1400 No warning after this time

7 MEASUREMENT

Each boat competing in a handicap section shall provide a valid ORR certificate no later than 1800 August 1, 2020.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available on or before August 5, 2020 at the Chicago Yacht Club website at https://www.vervecup.com.

8.2 Racing Area Assignment, Section Breaks, Starting Order and Flag Assignments will be published in Addendum B to the Sailing Instructions no later than 100 August 5, 2020.

9 VENUE

9.1 Regatta harbor is Monroe Harbor which is located at 400 E Monroe Drive, Chicago, IL 60603.

9.2 Addendum A to the Sailing Instructions will show the location of the racing areas.

10 SCORING

10.1 Boats entered under ORR will be scored using that rule, all other boats will be scored without handicap. ORR scoring shall be in accordance with the ORR handicap certificate in effect on August 6. ORR scoring will be calculated using time-on-time (TOT) scoring utilizing the ORR 50% windward/50% leeward rating for downwind finishes and the 60% windward/40% leeward rating for upwind finishes.

10.2 A boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. No score will be discarded.This changes rule A2.

10.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta. This changes rule A2.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded by section. The Verve Cup will be awarded as an overall prize to the winner of the section with the tightest competition determined by formula.

11.2 Corinthian prizes will be awarded to classes that have the Corinthian division included in their respective class rules and the winning boat conforms to that rule.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

14 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.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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