



2024 NOTICE OF RACES

ROOKIE REGATTA SERIES

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

June 29 – September 14, 2024

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 <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2021-2024/>), except for RRS 63.2, which will not apply, and RRS 52, which is modified to allow 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.





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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.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board for this Series is located at <https://chicagosailracing.org/rookie2024>.
- 3.2 All boats must carry a fixed VHF radio or a handheld VHF radio capable of communicating on US Marine Frequencies.
- 3.3 To facilitate learning, boats may provide advice and/or coaching to each other via VHF radio, cell phone, or any other communication mechanism while racing. This changes RRS 41.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 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://chicagosailracing.org/rookie2024>. Registration will open by May 15, 2024.
- 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 needs to register only once during the sailing season.





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- 4.4 It is recommended, but not required, that each boat have a valid 2024 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 2024 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).
- 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 to carry additional safety equipment. If so, these additional requirements will be listed in an amendment to this NOR.
- 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 Any boat in which an owner was the person-in-charge or owner of a boat with an overall length of 22 feet or longer that participated in more than four (4) CASRA weekend races in the past year will not be eligible for entry.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee for this Series is \$50. This fee must be paid online at <https://chicagosailracing.org/rookie2024>.





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5.2 This Entry Fee is refundable, subject to a \$10 administration fee, but any boat seeking a refund must do so by June 28, 2024.

6. SCHEDULE & VENUE

6.1 For all events, the warning signal will be at 1255 Central Daylight Time (CDT) and the start line will open at 1300 CDT.

6.2 The venue for these races will be the waters of Lake Michigan, with specific starting areas and courses outlined in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

Date	OA	Approximate Starting Area
Sat. June 29	CYC	Waters East of Monroe Harbor
Sat. July 6	JPYC	Waters East of Monroe Harbor
Sun. July 28	CCYC	Waters East of Montrose Harbor
Sat. August 17	COLYC	Waters East of Monroe Harbor
Sat. August 24	BPYC	Waters East of 31st Street Harbor
Sun. August 25	JPYC	Waters East of Monroe Harbor
Sat. September 14	CYC	Waters East of Belmont Harbor





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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	41° 52.40' N, 87° 32.70' W
Harrison-Dever Crib	41° 55.00' N, 87° 34.20' W
Wilson Ave. Crib	41° 58.00' N, 87° 35.50' W
68 th St. Crib	41° 47.18' N, 87° 31.80' W
Clemson Shoal Buoy ("4")	41° 48.41' N, 87° 32.08' W

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.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point System described in Appendix A of the 2021-2024 RRS will apply.
- 9.2 A boat violating any item in Section 4 will not be scored.





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- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 Time-on-time (ToT) scoring will be applied using the following formulas:
- Time Correction Factor will be $650 / (550 + \text{NSHCP Rating})$
 - Corrected Time equals Time Correction Factor multiplied by the 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 \$300,000 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 grant 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 <https://www.chicagosailracing.org/rookie> or email rookie@chicagosailracing.org for additional information and/or to ask any questions about this Series.

Links to additional resources are available at <https://chicagosailracing.org/resources>

