



HELLY HANSEN SAILING WORLD REGATTA SERIES CHICAGO

*Including:
Youth Keelboat Series*

Chicago Yacht Club
Chicago, IL
June 5-7, 2026

<https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series/>

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is Sailing World in conjunction with the Chicago Yacht Club (CYC). Chicago Yacht Club is the host Club and will provide race management assisted by Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 In addition to other rules changed in this document, the following rules are changed:

1.2.1 RRS 60.4 (a) adds, "(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."

1.2.2 RRS 60.5(c) adds, "(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single Disqualification."

1.2.3 RRS 61.3 adds, "or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."

1.2.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or...

1.3 All US One Design Class Rules apply with the following exceptions:

(a) [DP] For the J70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.

(b) For the J/88 Class: competitors are required to declare all sails to be carried during the event, including class tag numbers, through the OA, before the close of registration. Any subsequent changes to sails carried must be in compliance with Class Rule 5.3.2.

(c) For the J/111 Class: Class Rule J.3 applies.

(d) For the J/105 Class: J105 Class Rule 7.10 shall not apply to the OA-approved coach boat.

1.4 The ORC Rules (found at www.orc.org/rules) will apply for ORC classes.

1.5 The Midwest PHRF (MWPHRF) rules will apply for MWPHRF handicap sections.

1.6 The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble of Part 5, Section B and 63.1(b) shall not apply.

1.7 Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules. Competitors should be aware that the race committee may display Flag "Y" in accordance with RRS 40.

1.8 [DP] Competitor boats shall not fly drones, which includes support boats, unless authorized by *Sailing World*.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located on the regatta website, prior to the event.

2.2 Separate Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available for the Distance Race, ILCA/Laser, and DragonForce Racing Circles.



3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located online: <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-chicago/>.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the SIs.

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The following are eligible to enter:

(a) Classes invited by the OA,

(b) boats in good standing and current members of a one-design class association whose class is invited by the OA,

(c) Level class, determined by OA,

(d) Boats with a valid ORC rating certificate,

(e) Boats with a valid MWPHRF. See MWPHRF.org.

4.2 Entries shall be completed online at <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-chicago/>

4.3 A minimum of eight boats is required for a class to remain eligible for one-design, level, or rated class. The OA reserves the right to modify the minimum number of entries in a class. The OA reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion. To enter the event, the helmsman of the boat shall be a member in good standing of the class association.

4.4 RRS 76.3 is deleted.

4.5 Invited one design classes include: Beneteau 36.7, Beneteau 40.7, DragonForce, Etchells, GL52, J/70, J/24, J/105, J/109, J/111, J/88, ILCA/Lasers, L30, Level 35, Lightning, Melges 15, Rhodes 19, Sonars, Tartan Ten, VxOne, and Viper 640.

4.6 ORC Spinnaker Class is open to any boat of 20 feet LOA or greater that holds a valid ORC certificate which must be on file by May 15, 2026. If a certificate is needed go to <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/>. A boat sailing under ORC shall be assigned to a division and class according to its rating and at the discretion of the organizing authority. All decisions of the OA regarding class assignments shall be final.

4.7 Due to the number of classes anticipated at this event, classes may be started together but scored separately.

4.8 The Distance Racing division (Saturday and Sunday only, 1 race per day) is open to Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker boats of 20 feet LOA or greater that holds a valid ORC or MWPHRF Certificate.

4.9 Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than May 23. Fees for new and incomplete entries after May 15 will increase by \$75.00, this includes any unpaid entries.

4.10 A representative of each eligible boat shall register with race management in person at the Chicago Yacht Club during the allotted registration time. All skipper and crew waivers must be completed.

4.11 Waiver of liability: As part of the entry process, all skippers and crew waivers must be completed and submitted before registration to be a valid entry. Crew names shall be identified by the close of registration.

4.12 In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability online prior to racing on that boat.

4.13 For Entries to be valid, all registration items must be completed including but not limited to online crew waiver submission, paid fees, rating certificates submitted, etc. All incomplete registrations will be rejected from the regatta if incomplete on or after 1900 on Thursday, June 4.



4.14 When a boat signs up, if appropriate, designated as a subclass for **Youth Team** (under 21 years of age), and Mixed + (≥50% female). Awards will be given to one-design classes with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

REGISTRATION DETAIL	DATE
Early Entry Opens for All Classes	November 1, 2025
Last call for Early Bird Entry Discount - All Classes	2359hrs on May 15
One Design Class formation (6 boats)	2359hrs on May 23
Online Entry Closes	2359hrs on June 3
Registration	1700 - 1900 on June 4
Distance Race Registration	1700-1900 on June 5 0730 - 0900 on June 6

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee will be based on the LOA as follows:

LOA	Early Entry Fees	Entry Fees after 5/15/25
Youth Keelboat Series - Sonar	\$250	\$325
Single-handed	\$150	\$225
Up to 19'	\$235	\$310
19' - 24'	\$295	\$370
25' - 30'	\$310	\$385
31' - 39'	\$340	\$415
40' and over	\$385	\$460
Distance Race (2-Day)	\$175	\$250
Remote Control (Sat)	\$25	\$35



5.2 The entry fee includes the costs for race management, access to CYC, race facilities, and docking from Thursday, June 4 - Monday, June 8. Email Chicago Yacht Club directly with docking requests - dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org.

5.3 Entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA. An entry is not valid until the entry form and fees are accepted by the organizing authority. To withdraw your entry, please email regattas@sailingworld.com no later than Monday, June 1. In the event that the regatta is canceled, all entry fees will be credited in full.

5.4 The Regattas Socials are open to sailors, members, and guests for events on Thursday to Sunday. The Regatta Social Pass fee is inclusive of Friday light bites and drinks, Saturday Party, dinner buffet and live music. Social passes may be purchased in advance on the race website.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, boom stickers, and/or flags.

6.3 At the discretion of the OA, bow numbers may also be required for some classes. If required, they will be provided and shall be placed on both sides of the boat's bow with the front edge of the forward number no more than 12 inches from the bow stem.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 One-design and ORC classes are scheduled for buoy racing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with the exception of the Sonars. The Sonars will race on Saturday and Sunday for the Blockhead youth keelboat race. As many races will be sailed as are viable on each scheduled day of racing.

7.2 The Distance Race is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday - one race per day.

7.3 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1055 each day for buoy racing. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1025 each day for distance racing.

7.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday, June 7.

7.5 Post race socials are scheduled for 5:30pm on Friday - Sunday at Chicago Yacht Club. Additional social activities include Friday light bites and Cocktail Contest, Saturday Live Music and Dinner.

8. MEASUREMENT/WEIGH-IN

8.1 A boat in a handicap section shall have a valid rating certificate on file no later than May 30.

8.2 Measurement is not required, but each boat shall submit proof of holding a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by her class.

8.3 Neither the OA nor CYC shall be responsible for conducting or administrating weigh-ins or measurements. Local or national class association representatives shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins and/or measurement if needed.

9. VENUE

Racing will take place in the open waters of Lake Michigan in the vicinity of the Chicago lakefront. Specific locations will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle, or a variation of these point to point utilizing government marks. The number of racing areas, specific locations, and courses to be sailed will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.



11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix T- ARBITRATION will apply.

11.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT will apply.

12. SCORING

12.1 RRS Appendix A.2.1 is changed as follows: Each boat's series score shall be the total of her scores for all races. No race scores will be excluded.

12.2 One race will constitute a series.

12.3 Boats entered under MWPHRF will be scored using time-on-time (TOT) scoring. Boats entered under ORC will be scored using time-on-time (TOT) 5-Band.

13. BERTHING

13.1 CYC will provide docking to competitors from Thursday, June 4 - Monday, June 8 if all registration and fees are complete. All visiting boats requesting docking must email dockmaster@chicagoyachtclub.org by June 1, 2026 indicating which station (Monroe or Belmont) they are requesting docking in addition to their boat's details.

13.2 Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club at Montrose Harbor will provide space for ILCA dinghies competing in the Regatta.

13.3 Additional berthing to that included in the entry fee may be available subject to availability at standard rates for visiting Yachtsmen.

13.4 [DP] Competitors shall only store their boats and trailers as directed by CYC Staff. Only boat trailer parking will be provided during the regatta at CYC Belmont Harbor. All vehicles near Belmont and Montrose Harbors shall be parked in the paid public lot.

13.5 Support boat berthing may be available subject to availability at standard rates for visiting Yachtsmen. Support boats can also make arrangements with the Chicago Harbor system through [Dockwa](#).

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA and CYC 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.

14.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

14.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

15. 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. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.



16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top-three finishers of each qualifying class.

16.2 Class Trophy: Boats in classes participating in three or more events of the Series will qualify for the **Sailing World Regatta Series Class Champion award**, which will be based on cumulative race scores from three events:

- (a) The same boat must be used in all three events
- (b) The helmsperson must be the same for all three events
- (c) A boat's series score will be the total of her points in her three best events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her three best events will be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event.

16.3 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Junior Team (under 21 years of age), and top Mixed Plus Team (≥50% female) to any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

17. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

REGATTA CONTACT

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