

Sailing Instructions
2014 Red Flannels Regatta
Sponsored by Lightning Fleet 5
Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club
September 20-21, 2014

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the Lightning Class, and by these sailing instructions

2. Entries

Eligible yachts may be entered by completing the registration procedure with the organizing authority.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board that is the window of the CCYC clubhouse on the South wall next to the west door.

4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day they will take effect or when posted immediately after the competitors' meeting on Saturday morning. Change to the schedule of racing for Sunday will be posted by 1800 on Saturday.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee boat at the dock.

5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one when lowered) means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made no less than sixty minutes after the AP is lowered.

6. Schedule of Races

Saturday, September 20, 2014

0800-0930 Registration

0930 Skippers Meeting

1100 Warning gun for first race. More races to follow

Sunday, September 21, 2014

1000 Warning gun for Sunday's racing,

The number of races each day is at the discretion of the Race Committee.

No Race will start later than 1400 on Sunday

7. The Course

7.1 The course will be windward leeward. The number of legs, along with the approximate compass heading to the first mark will be displayed from a course board displayed on the Race Committee boat.

7.2 Conditions permitting/requiring, a windward offset mark and a leeward gate will be set.

7.3 The Race Committee may give a "1 minute courtesy signal" prior to the warning signal of any race.

8. Marks

Marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. Offset mark will be a ball, smaller than the tetrahedrons.

9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a yellow tetrahedron at the port end.

9.3 If more than one fleet is represented, fleets will start in the order in which their class flag is displayed from the Race Committee boat. The Lightning class flag will have a white background with Lightning class emblem. The J-70 class flag will be code flag J.

10. Change of Course after the Start

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. For the first change of course, the new mark will be a different color from the original mark (orange). When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark, may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a nearby tetrahedron.

12. Time Limit

The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first yacht in each section. Yachts not finishing within thirty minutes of the first finisher in their section will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35.

13. Protests

13.1 A yacht intending to file a protest shall, after finishing or retiring, notify the race committee on the water of the sail number of the protested yacht.

13.2 A yacht that has retired may notify the race committee on Channel 72 ashore, if unable to do so on the water.

13.3 Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within one hour of the time the race committee's official docking time.

13.4 Protest committees will be assembled from competitors in the other participating fleets.

14. Scoring

14.1 Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A Scoring A2.

14.2 Each boat finishing in a race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored points equal to her finishing place, as follows: first boat scores 1 point, second boat scores 2 points, and so on. "DNC", "DNS", "DNF", and "RAF" score points equal to one more, and "OCS", "DNE", "BFD,", and "DSQ" score points equal to two more than the greatest number of boats eligible to start in any race of the series. "RDG" scores points equal to the finishing position awarded her after a hearing for request for redress.

14.3 Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races.

14.4 If more than 5 races are completed, the worst finish will not be scored. The boat with the lowest total score wins.

15. Penalty Provisions

15.1 RRS Rule 44.1 and 44.2 will be in effect.

15.2 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed as follows: a) When an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is a One-Turn Penalty instead of two. b) Rule 44.1 is further changed as follows: A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing in the zone around a mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty..

16. Radio Communication

The race committee shall attempt to make relevant information about its plans available to all competitors on VHF channel 72. Other than this, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats *while in the racing area*. This also applies to mobile telephones.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.