



**Spooktacular Regatta
Chicago Yacht Club (OA)
Belmont Station
October 31 - November 1, 2026**

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Rules in the Notice of Race.
- 1.2 In addition to other rules changed in this document, the following rules are changed:
 - 1. RRS 60.4 (a) adds, "(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."
 - 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."
 - 3. RRS 61.3 adds, "or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board online.
- 2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with coaches via VHF radio on a channel announced at the competitors meeting.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before the competitors' meeting on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to sailing instructions may also be made on the water: Oral changes may be given on the water using the following methods:
 - a) Oral changes will be made via VHF to coaches and via hailing competitors within hailing distance of the signal boat.
 - b) Any changes affecting future races in the series will be posted once ashore.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the south yardarm of the flagpole on the CYC Belmont Patio.

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- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Saturday, October 31 (Daylight Time)
0845 - Registration and Rigging Begins
0915 - Competitors' Meeting
1015 - First Warning
After Racing - Snacks and Social
Sunday, November 1 (Standard Time)
0900 - Competitors' Meeting
0930 - First Warning
1300 - No warning after this time
After Racing - Snacks and Awards

6. CLASS FLAGS

See Addendum A

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the open waters of Lake Michigan off the east entrance of Belmont Harbor or inside the walls of Belmont Harbor.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are depicted in Addendum B.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be inflatable marks, robotic marks, or a combination thereof.
9.2 Routine movement of robotic marks will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 27.2, 61.1(a), and 61.4(b)(1). Routine movement includes marks maintaining the intended location and returning to station after having been moved by a boat. (Note Rule 31 still applies).
9.3 An offset may or may not be set at the discretion of the Race Committee.
9.4 If one mark of a gate is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Appendix U Audible-Signal Racing System.
10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
10.3 A boat whose class warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, defined as the area extending approximately 50 feet to windward, leeward, and either end of the starting line.
10.4 [NP] If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will display flag x-ray and attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail or the

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order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress for request. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

- 10.5 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 Marks may be moved as necessary to maintain a course configuration or change course length, but no mark shall be moved when any boat is on the leg that it terminates. No change of course signals are required. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark per the course diagrams in Addendum B.
- 12.2 At the Race Committee's discretion, one or more boats that are well behind may be scored as finished in place to conserve time.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk in the Member Barge. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Signal Boat has returned to the dock.
- 13.3 A list of protests received may be posted on the online notice board and a Protest Notice Board near the Protest Desk or communicated orally to protested competitors on land. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing at CYC Belmont.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 For all classes, one (1) race shall constitute a regatta.
- 14.2 The Opti and ILCA classes will use the low point scoring system of Appendix A, except that in the Opti and ILCA classes a boat's series score shall be the total of all her scores when fewer than six races have been sailed.
- 14.3 The 420 Class will use the ISSA scoring system as outlined in ISSA PR 9A, with no scores excluded.
- 14.4 Race Committee intends to run as many races as practical.

15. [NP] [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS AND CHECK-IN/CHECK OUT

- 15.1 Boats equipped with daggerboards shall tether them to the boat.
- 15.2 All competitors must carry a towline. Opti towlines must have a bowline loop at the untethered end.
- 15.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Coaches may report retirements via VHF on behalf of their sailors.
- 15.4 Competitors who require assistance should blow a whistle, wave a paddle, or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who, in its opinion, require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)(1).

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16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1 [DP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and S.I.s. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 16.2 Each Opti shall have a secure loop at the end of its bowline. This rule does not apply to the 420 fleet.

17. [NP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1 Team leaders, coaches, and other support persons are permitted to be in the race areas where boats are racing to assist with coaching the back 50% of the Opti Green fleet but shall keep clear at all other times while racing.
- 17.2 Each coach/support boat is required to carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all relevant channels.
- 17.3 Each Coach/Support Personnel shall comply with a request from the Race Committee to promote safety and regatta assistance.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded as outlined in the Notice of Race.

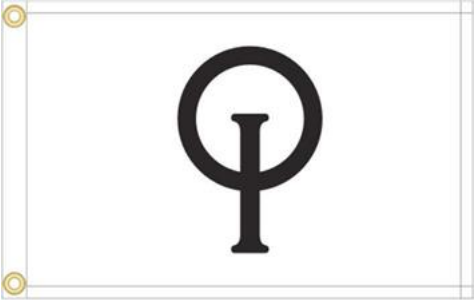
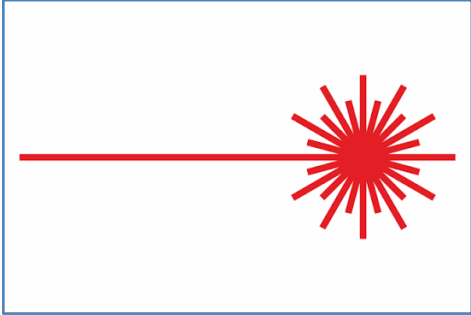
19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA shall not be liable for any personal injury, illness, death or damage whatsoever to persons or property, which may occur during or arise out of or in connection with this regatta.

20. PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

- 20.1 As a condition to participating in the regatta, competitors and their parents or legal guardians grant the OA and its agents, employees, sponsors, and volunteers and assign the irrevocable right and permission to use basic competitor information, photographs and video footage taken of themselves and their competing boat, without notification, for use or distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. Competitors agree to release, defend, and hold harmless OA, all associated yacht clubs, and their respective agents, employees, sponsors, officers, members, volunteers, committees, and assigns from and against any claims, damages, or liability arising from or related to the use of such photographs and video footage.

Addendum A - Class Flags

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Picture</u>
Opti RWB	Opti Class Flag	
Opti Green	Green Class Flag	
420	420 Class Flag	
ILCA	Laser Class Flag	

Addendum B - Courses

W2: Start - 1 - 1a - Finish

W3: Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - Upwind Finish

W4: Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - Finish

W5: Start - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - 2S/2P - Upwind Finish

T1: Start - 1 - 1a - R- Finish

T2: Start - 1 - 1a - R- 2S/2P - 1 - 1a - R- Finish

*An offset may or may not be set at the discretion of the Race Committee

**Opti Green Fleet will have a separate mark 1 to round creating a shorter course

