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## 2026 100 BOATS ON A BEER CAN Sponsored by Quantum Sails

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

Tuesday, August 4, 2026 & Wednesday, August 5, 2026

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*The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.*

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028 edition, as adopted by U.S. Sailing ("RRS").
- 1.2. All rules listed in the 2026 100 Boats on a Beer Can Notice of Race (NOR) or any of its amendments will apply.
- 1.3. [NP] All competitors shall follow governmental regulations and all the OAs rules and regulations regarding health, safety and infectious disease control.



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## 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be published via the Series website, accessible via [www.chicagosailracing.org/100boats](http://www.chicagosailracing.org/100boats) no later than 1200 hours on the day each Race is scheduled to begin. As a courtesy, skippers of entered yachts may be sent information via e-mail and/or text regarding amendments, and the Race Committee may broadcast information regarding these amendments via VHF 78. Failure to receive these communications shall not be grounds for redress.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to Competitors will be published on the race's website, accessible via <https://casra.railmeets.com/regattas/2026-100boats>. Courtesy notification of Notices may be sent via e-mail and/or text message to all entered competitors.
- 3.2. The Race Committee may provide courtesy broadcasts during each race via VHF channel 78. These broadcasts are intended to assist all boats in understanding how the race is being conducted.
- 3.3. Failure to make courtesy notifications or failure of a boat to receive courtesy notifications are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore for racing on Tuesday, August 4th will be displayed at Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, Burnham Park Yacht Club, and Jackson Park Yacht Club. Signals made ashore for racing on Wednesday, August 5th will be displayed at Chicago Yacht Club - Monroe Station and Columbia Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When the postponement signal, i.e. AP flag, is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 75 minutes after removal unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned.



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4.3. Information provided via signals made ashore will also be sent via email and/or text message to skippers of all entered yachts. The Race Committee will provide courtesy broadcasts on VHF channel 78 to assist sailors in understanding when the race(s) will begin. Failure to receive emails, text messages, or VHF broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The warning signals for all races in the Series are scheduled for 1845 hours, with the starts for all races in the Series scheduled for 1850 hours.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

Boats need not fly class flags. For the starting sequences, the Race Committee will use the numerical "1" (one) pennant to represent the class signal for all competitors.

### 7. RACING AREAS

7.1. All Races will be conducted in the waters of Lake Michigan. Starting areas for each race will be as follows:

North: 41°56.50' N, 87° 36.85' W (CASRA Area B)  
Appx. 090°T, 0.9 NMi from Belmont Harbor Light

Central: 41°52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W (CASRA Area E)  
Appx. 128°T, 0.9 NMi from Chicago Harbor Light

South: 41°49.00' N, 87° 34.00' W  
Appx. 122°T, 1.8 NMi from entrance of 31st St. Harbor  
Appx. 001°T, 2.0 NMi from North end of Casino Pier



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- 7.2. The Race Committee may elect to move the starting area for any or all Races. Should it do so, the signal boat will fly code flag “L” and move to the new starting area.

### 8. CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

- 8.1. On Tuesday, August 4th, when arriving at the starting area, boats should approach the Race Committee boat(s), hail their sail number, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee.
- 8.2. On Wednesday, August 5th, when arriving at the starting area, boats should check in with the “check-in” boat flying code flag “L”, which will be stationed approximately 500 yards west of the starting line, so as not to interfere with pre-start maneuvers of competitors.
- 8.3. If a boat withdraws or retires from a race, it must notify the Race Committee via VHF channel 78.

### 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The table below in SI Appendices A & B outline the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



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### 10. THE START

10.1. On Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, boats may choose to start at either the North, Central, or South starting areas.

10.1.1. Starts in all three areas will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange floating mark.

10.1.2. It is the intent of the Race Committee to start all boats in a given starting area in a single sequence.

10.1.3. The Race Committee may set a guard mark. If so, boats shall not pass between the guard mark and the signal boat.

10.2. On Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, all boats will start in the Central Starting Area.

10.2.1. It is the intent of the Race Committee to start all boats in a single starting sequence.

10.2.2. The starting line will consist of three signal boats: the port end line boat, the mid-line signal boat, and the starboard end line boat.

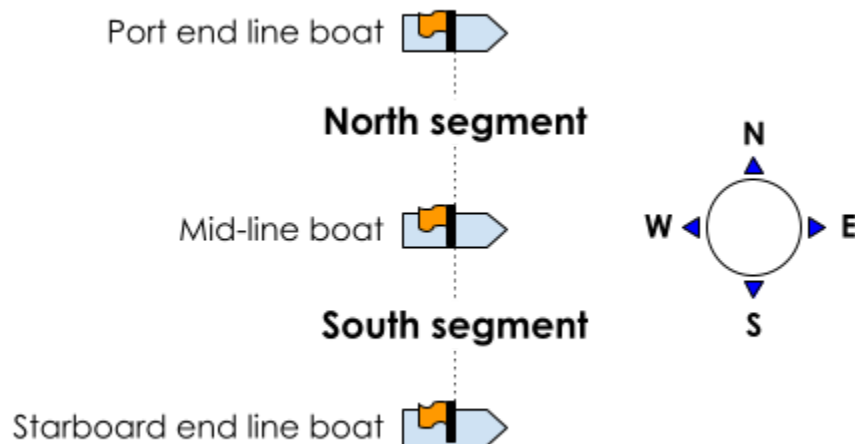
10.2.3. The starting line will be two line segments: The "North" line segment between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line signal boat and the "South" segment between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line signal boat.

10.2.4. Each section and class will be assigned either the "North" or "South" line segments as their starting line. Boats that do not start from their assigned line segment will be scored DNS. Line assignments will be posted with section and class assignments for the Wednesday race.



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### **Approximate diagram of Wednesday Night Starting line.**

*The actual starting line may not align in a true North/South direction.*

- 10.2.5. The Race Committee may set guard marks of the port-end, mid-line, and starboard-end line boats. If so, boats shall not pass between the guard mark and the respective signal boat.
- 10.3. On Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, any boat starting more than 10 minutes after its start will be scored DNS.
- 10.4. On Wednesday, August 5th, 2026, any boat starting more than 20 minutes after its start will be scored DNS.
- 10.5. Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail any OCS boats by sail number via VHF channel 78. Failure to make or head such hails will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.
- 10.6. If the "R" code flag is flown from the signal boat no spinnakers shall be set or sailed during the race.



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### 11. MARKS

The following marks will be used. Coordinates listed are approximate locations.

|                     |                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Four Mile Crib      | 41°52.40' N, 87° 32.70' W                                                                                                                  |
| Orange Mark         | 41°53.80' N, 87° 33.60' W<br>(inflatable orange tetrahedron)                                                                               |
| Orange Gate         | 41°53.80' N, 87° 33.80' W<br>Appx. 0.5 NMi East of Central Starting Area.<br>(two inflatable orange tetrahedrons, oriented North to South) |
| Harrison-Dever Crib | 41° 55.00' N, 87° 34.30' W                                                                                                                 |

The area around the water intake cribs and all guard marks for that crib are considered to be an obstruction. Boats shall treat them as such and shall not sail between a crib and its guard marks.

### 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. Finishes for all Races will be at the Central Starting Area: 41°52.80' N, 87° 34.46' W (CASRA Area E) Appx. 128°T, 0.9 NMi from Chicago Harbor Light
- 12.2. For the Tuesday race, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an orange floating mark. The orange mark should be left to the port side.
- 12.3. For the Wednesday race, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on another signal boat. The signal boat displaying the



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orange flag should be left to the port side and the boat displaying the blue flag to starboard.

- 12.4. The Race Committee may set a guard mark. If so, boats shall not pass between the guard mark and the signal boat.

### 13. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for all races shall be 2100 hours.

### 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. A Boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Race Committee of the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested immediately after finishing and shall receive specific acknowledgement.
- 14.2. Protest and requests for redress shall be filed with the Race Committee by 1200 hours on Thursday, August 6th, 2026. Protests shall be submitted via the Race website accessible via <https://casra.railmeets.com/regattas/2026-100boats>.
- 14.3. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted on the Race website.
- 14.4. Protests and redress hearings will be scheduled by the Organizing Authorities.

### 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken one more rule of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. This changes RRS 44.1.



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### 16. SECTION BREAKS AND SCORING

- 16.1. All boats racing will be scored using handicaps assigned by the Organizing Authorities as per section 8 in the Notice of Race.
- 16.2. For all Races conducted on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, boats will only be scored against boats starting in the same starting area.
- 16.3. Section breaks will be assigned for scoring purposes and may be set after the completion of each Race.
- 16.4. Races and the Series will be scored as per section 11 of the Notice of Race.

### 17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded as described in the Notice of Race.
- 17.2. Prizes will be awarded at the party immediately after each race. Details for the after-race parties will be listed in the social event schedule.

### 18. THANKS

Thanks to our sponsor Quantum Sails and thanks to all sailors for joining us for the Eight Annual 100 Boats on a Beer Can sponsored by Quantum Sails!



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## APPENDIX A

### COURSES For Tuesday, August 4th, 2026

On Tuesday, August 4th, 2026, boats may elect to start at either the North Area, the Central Area, or the South Area.

For all races, the Race Committee will choose between a long or a short course. The designated course will be displayed on a white placard aboard the race committee boat. The Race Committee will also broadcast information regarding the course via VHF channel 78. Failure to receive these communications shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

| North Course - Long |                |                      |              | Approx. 6.5 NMi    |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                     | Mark           | Approximate Location |              | Notes              |
| Start               | North Area     | 41°56.50' N          | 87°36.85' W  |                    |
|                     | Four-Mile Crib | 41°52.40' N          | 87°32.70' W  | Leave to Starboard |
| Finish              | Central Area   | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W |                    |

| North Course - Short |              |                      |              | Approx. 4.8 NMi        |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|
|                      | Mark         | Approximate Location |              | Notes                  |
| Start                | North Area   | 41°56.50' N          | 87°36.85' W  |                        |
|                      | Orange Gate  | 41°52.80' N          | 87°33.80' W  | Pass thru East to West |
| Finish               | Central Area | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W |                        |



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## CENTRAL AREA COURSES For Tuesday, August 4th, 2026

| Central Course - Long |                     |                      |              | Approx. 6.4 NMi    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                       | Mark                | Approximate Location |              | Notes              |
| Start                 | Central Area        | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W |                    |
|                       | Harrison-Dever Crib | 41°55.00' N          | 87°34.30' W  | Leave to Starboard |
|                       | Four-Mile Crib      | 41°52.40' N          | 87°32.70' W  | Leave to Starboard |
| Finish                | Central Area        | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W |                    |

| Central Course - Short |                     |                      |              | Approx. 4.9 NMi        |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|
|                        | Mark                | Approximate Location |              | Notes                  |
| Start                  | Central Area        | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W |                        |
|                        | Harrison-Dever Crib | 41°55.00' N          | 87°34.30' W  | Leave to Starboard     |
|                        | Orange Gate         | 41°52.80' N          | 87°33.80' W  | Pass thru East to West |
| Finish                 | Central Area        | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W |                        |



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### SOUTH AREA COURSES For Tuesday, August 4th, 2026

| South Course - Long |                |                      |             | Approx. 4.9 NMi              |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
|                     | Mark           | Approximate Location |             | Notes                        |
| Start               | South Area     | 41°49.00' N          | 87°34.00' W | 2.0 NMi North of Casino Pier |
|                     | Four-Mile Crib | 41°52.40' N          | 87°32.70' W | Leave to Port                |
| Finish              | Central Area   | 41°52.80' N          | 87°34.46' W |                              |

| South Course - Short |              |                      |              | Approx. 4.3 NMi              |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
|                      | Mark         | Approximate Location |              | Notes                        |
| Start                | South Area   | 41°49.00' N          | 87°34.00' W  | 2.0 NMi North of Casino Pier |
|                      | Orange Gate  | 41°52.80' N          | 87°33.80' W  | Pass thru East to West       |
| Finish               | Central Area | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W |                              |



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## APPENDIX B

### COURSES For Wednesday, August 5th, 2026

| 100 Boats Course - Long |                     |                      |              | Approx. 6.0 NMi                  |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
|                         | Mark                | Approximate Location |              | Notes                            |
| Start                   | Central Area        | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W |                                  |
|                         | Four-Mile Crib      | 41°52.40' N          | 87°32.70' W  | Leave to Port                    |
|                         | Harrison-Dever Crib | 41°55.00' N          | 87°34.30' W  | Leave to Port                    |
| Finish                  | Central Area        | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W | Boat with Blue Flag to Starboard |

| 100 Boats Course - Short |                |                      |              | Approx. 4.1 NMi                  |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
|                          | Mark           | Approximate Location |              | Notes                            |
| Start                    | Central Area   | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W |                                  |
|                          | Four-Mile Crib | 41°52.40' N          | 87°32.70' W  | Leave to Port                    |
|                          | Orange Mark    | 41°53.80' N          | 87°33.60' W  | Leave to Port                    |
| Finish                   | Central Area   | 41°52.80' N          | 87° 34.46' W | Boat with Blue Flag to Starboard |