



**2018 SKYWAY YACHT WORKS
MORF OPEN
BUOY COURSE
SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2018
NOTICE OF RACE**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The organizing authority of the MORF Open is the Midwest Open Racing Fleet of Chicago
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by
 - 1.2.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS)
 - 1.2.2 This Notice of Race (NOR)
 - 1.2.3 The Sailing Instructions (SI's)
 - 1.2.4 The prescriptions of US SAILING except as changed by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions
- 1.3 Boats will be scored under the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet rating system. Boats should have current PHRF Certificates.
- 1.4 Competing boats shall meet US Coast Guard safety requirements and comply with US Sailing Near Shore safety requirements.
- 1.5 Alteration of Rules.

The following racing rules are changed. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

 - 1.5.1 "A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series."
 - 1.5.2 Courtesy broadcasts are not considered to be grounds for Redress according to RRS 62.1(a).

2. FLEETS AND CLASSES RACING.

- 2.1. The fleet will sail under the Lake Michigan Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (LMPHRF) which uses the LMPHRF rating system. The fleet will be comprised of the following classes.
 - 2.1.1. Spinnaker Classes – boats that carry one or more spinnakers as defined in RRS rule 50.4
 - 2.1.2. Non-Spinnaker Classes – boats that do not carry spinnakers or gennakers.
 - 2.1.3. Fleet Sections will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. All boats racing should have a current, valid Rating Certificate issued by the fleet handicapping authority of the classes within which they are competing. If not MORF is a recognized handicapping authority by US Sailing and an assign a rating.
- 3.2. LMPHRF boats will initially be divided into 3 spinnaker sections and one jib and main sections.

4. FEES

- 4.1. Eligible boats shall complete online registration and payment via credit card or prior to September 15, 2018 using the following link:
<http://morfracing.net/wpmocha/schedule-results/race-sign-up>

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS

- 5.1. Saturday, September 15 1100 Warning Signal
- 5.2. Sunday, September 16 1100 Warning Signal
1600 Regatta awards and party at Columbia Yacht Club Tent Deck

5.3. Two races are scheduled for Saturday and one on Sunday. See regatta venue and courses below.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. Sailing Instructions will be available online before 2000 on September 22, 2018. The sailing instructions will be available at the Official Notice Board on the MORF homepage at <http://morfracing.org/index.jsp>

7. REGATTA VENUE AND COURSES

7.1. The racing will be at SA 7 (41 51 17N, 87 33 41W), approximately 1.5 miles at a heading of 205 from the Four Mile Crib). The closed courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward, trapezoid, beer trapezoid or olympic courses. The SA 7 Circle marks will be used. The location of the racing area, marks and courses can be found on pages 12-19 of the MORF 2018 Race Schedule and Sailing Instructions (MORF Race Book)at http://morfracing.org/meta/racebook/MORFacebook_web_version.pdf.

7.2. Courses will also be in the sailing instructions.

8. SCORING

8.1 The low point scoring system will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total score (based on finishing place) of all her races. There will be no discards.

9. SOCIAL

9.1 Sunday, September 24 Awards party, free beer and a la carte food will be provided. The party will be held on the tent deck of Columbia Yacht Club at 1600.

10. DOCKING

10.1. There will be a limited amount of complimentary dockage available at Columbia Yacht Club from 1500 hours September 16. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted alongside at least 2-3 deep.

11. PRIZES

11.11. There shall be prizes for the top three finishers in each section. For sections with fewer than four boats, only the first place overall finisher may be awarded a prize.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official) 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. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. INSURANCE

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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On the Water

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