

Belmont Yacht Club
THERE AND BACK
CHICAGO, IL – AUGUST 5, 2017
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Belmont Yacht Club Race Committee (BYCRC) shall represent the Belmont Yacht Club as the Organizing Authority.

2. DATE OF START

The Belmont Yacht Club There and Back Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017. The Attention Signal is scheduled at 07:50 Central Daylight Time (CDT), based on GPS time. The Attention Signal is 10 minutes before the start.

3. RULES

The Race shall be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions may be changed by an Additional Sailing Instruction.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Prior to the race, notices to competitors shall be posted at the check-in area aboard the John B. Mack II, north of B dock, north end of Belmont Harbor. As a courtesy, we will post at the club web site (<http://www.belmontyc.org/tnb>).

Any change in or addendum to the SIs shall be in the form of an Additional Sailing Instruction (ASI) issued by the BYC Race Committee. Any ASIs shall be posted before 20:00 CDT on the evening before the scheduled start.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the John B. Mack II, north of B dock, north end of Belmont Harbor. The Race Committee shall attempt courtesy broadcasts on VHF Channel 69. In the event of a Postponement on shore, no starting signal shall be made earlier than sixty (60) minutes following the lowering of the signal.

6. STARTING PROCEDURES

The Starting Sequence signals will be made in accordance with RRS. The Attention Signal shall be ten (10) minutes before the start. The starting sequence is:

Minutes before Start	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Meaning
10	F flag	Several short	Attention signal
5	B flag	One	Warning signal
4	P flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	P flag down	One long	End of pre-start
0	B flag down	One	Start

The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the Belmont Shoal Buoy, RN. The B flag will be used for the start. No boat shall start later than 30 minutes after the start.

WARNING – Depth around the Belmont Shoal Buoy, RN, may be shallow. Keep appropriate distance. Other marks of the course are navigation aids and cribs. Keep appropriate distance.

7. FINISH LINE

The Finish Line shall be between the Belmont Shoal buoy and Belmont Harbor light. Contestants will finish themselves by noting the boat ahead, the boat behind and the time. All finish forms must be turned in to the check-in area within 90 minutes of the finish. Call-ins are accepted at 773.818.8634.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

See Attachment A for the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. A shortened course for the Long course at the start or during the race is also described in Attachment A.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Lake Michigan from Wilmette to 68th Street Crib.

10. TIME LIMIT

If no boat finishes by 20:00 CDT on August 5, 2017, the race will be abandoned.

Any boat not finishing by 20:00 CDT on August 5, 2017, will be scored TLE (finishers + 2).

11. WITHDRAWAL

Boats that withdraw from the Race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by calling 773.818.8634.

12. SCORING

All boats will use PHRF ratings.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on paid entries prior to July 27, 2017, for Single Handed and Double Handed in both short course and full course Divisions as follows:

1 to 4 boats	1 Award
5 to 9	2 Awards
More than 10	3 Awards

Attachment A

There are 2 courses offered for There & Back as indicated by the sailors on their applications. Both courses will start east of the entrance to Belmont Harbor between a boat displaying an orange (F) flag and the RN Belmont Buoy.

THE LONG COURSE, approximately 45 nm, will start as indicated above and leave "4," FI R 6s Bell (Grosse Pointe outer buoy) to starboard, then leave Wilson, Dever and Four Mile Crib to starboard, leave the Clemson Shoal buoy to starboard and round the 68th Street Crib to starboard. From 68th Street Crib, leave Clemson, Four Mile Crib and Dever Crib to port and then cross the finish line as described in SI #7 above. (See drawing on next page.)

An S flag, a radio call, and/or a text or cell phone contact will indicate a shortened course. **Please note:** This amends RRS 32. In the event of a shortened course, the course will be varied to round "4," FI R 6s Bell (Grosse Pointe outer buoy), then take Wilson Crib to starboard (last turn mark) and finish as described in #7. A Shortened course will be indicated by one of the two methods listed below:

- An S flag flying at the Start
- or-
- After the start, if a shortened course becomes necessary, the race committee will broadcast such notice on VHF Channel 69. The Race Committee will also attempt text and/or cell phone contact.

THE SHORT COURSE will be one of the 3 courses listed below. The short course will be signaled by the indicated flag flying at the start.

FLAG 1 The short course 1, approximately 25 nm, will start as described above, "4," FI R 6s Bell (Grosse Pointe outer buoy), then take Wilson Crib to starboard (last turn mark) and finish as described in SI #7.

FLAG 2 The short course 2, approximately 20 nm, will start as described above, then round Wilson Crib to starboard, leave Dever and Four Mile Crib to starboard, and round Clemson Shoal buoy to starboard. From Clemson, leave Four Mile Crib and Dever Crib to port and then cross the finish line as described in SI #7 above.

FLAG 3 The short course 3, approximately 14 nm, will start as described above, then round Wilson Crib to starboard, leave Dever to starboard and round Four Mile Crib to starboard (last turn mark) and finish as described in SI #7.

LONG COURSE DRAWING

