



Offshore One-Design Fleets -

Welcome to the Chicago Yacht Club Racing Yacht Fleet (RYF) Saturday Series. We are excited to provide this opportunity for your fleet to participate in our pilot program on the CYC Belmont Circle.

Attached please find the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The RYF Committee has spent many hours revising them to include the offshore one-design fleets, addressing the issue of boats from other harbors and simplifying the procedures, including the addition of yachtscoring for entries, scoring and notices. Their website should be open for entries on Wednesday, May 18th. I believe the objective of providing superior quality competition, with two or three races per day, with an online entry/scoring system, has been accomplished and we thank all involved for their many hours and efforts. It will be a fun summer!

Please note that we have scheduled a Skippers Meeting for Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 at our Belmont Station - sorry for the late notice, but we do expect participation from everyone so we can review the ground rules for playing friendly with all the fleets.

I point out to the offshore boats that protests and redress requests are typically heard immediately following racing, no longer requiring you to come back downtown during your busy work week. The procedures are spelled out in the NOR/SIs and please note that when necessary, other convenient times can be arranged, but that will not be the norm.

We also remind you that racing is open to all boats in your fleet, including those that are not members of CYC. We encourage them to come participate in the races, along with joining in the camaraderie and fleet gatherings after each race day. They will be afforded the opportunity to utilize our Belmont Station on race days, including (when available and with notice) dockage at Belmont for those boats from distant harbors. Details will be discussed at the Skippers Meeting.

Please remember that our first race day, Saturday, May 21st, will be multiple (6-8) short races and a great opportunity to get in some starting and crew practice! The Beneteau 36.7 Fleet has graciously donated a keg of beer for all to enjoy and we anticipate a videographer to be out on the racecourse to reflect on some of the fun.

We look forward to your participating in the 2011 season on the Belmont RYF Circle.

Yours Truly,

Mark D. Norris
Chicago Yacht Club
Offshore Fleet Chairman

PS: I have also attached a copy of a new Long Distance race series being held this year for those boats in your fleet that typically may not participate in the windward/leeward events, but might enjoy getting out on a race course once in a while. Please forward this information to them. They are welcome to contact me directly (mnorris343@gmail.com) for additional information.