



2026 RHODES 19 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority:

**THE CHICAGO CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
and Chicago Rhodes 19 Fleet 12**

Chicago, Illinois, USA
August 18 to August 21, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (the 'RRS').

1.2 RRS 60.2(a) (1) is amended by deleting the phrase "if her hull length is longer than 6 meters". A protesting boat needs to display a red flag.

1.3 The Rhodes 19 Class Rule RE 32.03 is changed as follows:

One U.S.C.G. approved PFD of Type I, II, or III per crewmember

One U.S.C.G. approved PFD of Type 4 (Throwable)

1.4 The Rhodes 19 Class Rule RC 27.00 is changed as follows:

[DP] Each boat shall carry an operable VHF radio.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on the North wall of the club's main assembly area.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and make courtesy broadcasts with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.4 [DP] From the time a boat leaves the dock until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, all forms of wireless device usage are prohibited.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagstaff facing the waterfront of the clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Race Schedule

Tuesday, August 18	1400 hrs.	Practice Race
Wednesday, August 19	1100 hrs.	Up to a maximum of four races

Thursday, August 20	1030 hrs	Up to a maximum of four races
Friday, August 21	1030 hrs	Up to a maximum of three races

6.2 The total number of races scheduled is 11. Fewer races may be sailed if, in the judgement to the Race Committee, conditions are not suitable.

6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 1400hrs.

7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag is the Rhodes 19 class insignia.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area is upon the open waters of Lake Michigan, approximately one mile due East of the Montrose Point light.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram in Addendum A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course, the approximate compass bearing of the first leg, and the distance to the first mark

9.3 If an offset mark is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.

9.4 If a gate mark is missing, boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.

10 MARKS

10.1 The starting mark will be a yellow mark;

10.2 The windward mark (W) and the windward offset mark will be orange marks.

10.3 The leeward gate (LG) will be orange marks

10.4 The finish mark (F) will be a white mark.

10.5 Marks may be either tetrahedrons or automated Mark Set Bots (MSBs) at the discretion of the Race Committee. Routine movement of the MSBs will not be grounds for redress; this includes minor re-adjustments,

marks returning to station after being pushed away by a competitor, and collisions with MSBs that are not active marks of the course, presuming these collisions don't cause damage. This changes RRS 61.1 and RRS 61.4.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2 A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

12.2 An offset mark, if used, will not be set on a changed leg of the course.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 COURSE A: The finish line is the same as the start, between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the signal boat and a floating yellow tetrahedron or yellow MarkSet Bot. When finishing, the signal boat will be to port, and the mark to starboard.

13.2 COURSE B: The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the signal boat, and a floating white mark. When finishing, the signal boat will be to starboard, and the mark to port.

13.3 COURSE C: The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the port side of the signal boat, and the windward mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS V1 of Appendix V applies.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit:	30 minutes
Race Time Limit:	2 hours
Finishing Window:	30 minutes

15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is one hour after the race committee signal boat returns to her mooring. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available at the registration desk.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17 SCORING

17.1 In accordance with Rhodes 19 Class Rule B 10.00, the regatta will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point Scoring System.

17.2 One score shall be excluded if five or more races have been completed.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [DP] Before the start of the first race of the day, and after any postponement ashore, competitors are requested to sail past the stern of the signal boat and hail their sail numbers to check in.

18.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on channel 72 at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

[DP] Substitution of competitors or equipment is not allowed without prior written approval of the judges.

20 BERTHING

20.1 [DP] Boats shall be floated by 1700 hours Tuesday, August 18.

20.2 Boats shall be kept in mooring areas designated by the harbor master while in the harbor.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the judges.

22 PRIZES

The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:

National Championship Trophy – awarded to the overall winner

Cressy Trophy – awarded to the overall 2nd place finisher

President's Trophy – awarded each year by the Class President to the class member who has made significant contributions to the Rhodes 19 class

Don Quixote Trophy – awarded to the highest finishing competitor who has never finished in the top five in any previous National Regatta

Novice Trophy – awarded to the highest finishing competitor who has never competed in the event previously

Robert Jensen Masters Trophy – awarded to the highest finishing skipper over sixty years of age

Corinthian Trophy – awarded to the highest finishing amateur skipper under 25 years of age

Travel Trophy – awarded to the competitor who has traveled the farthest with the greatest effort to attend the regatta

Wet Bottom Trophy – awarded to the top finisher who is sailing with bottom paint

Fleet Trophy – presented to the fleet with the best record for its top finishers.

23 RISK STATEMENT

23.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds

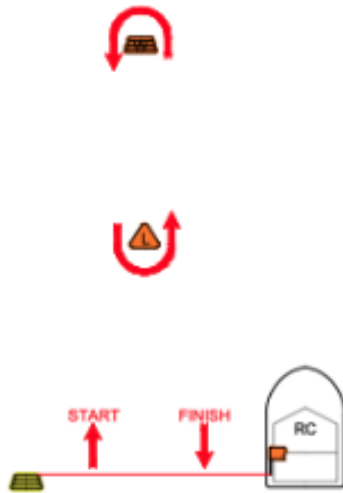
and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport** of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury or death.

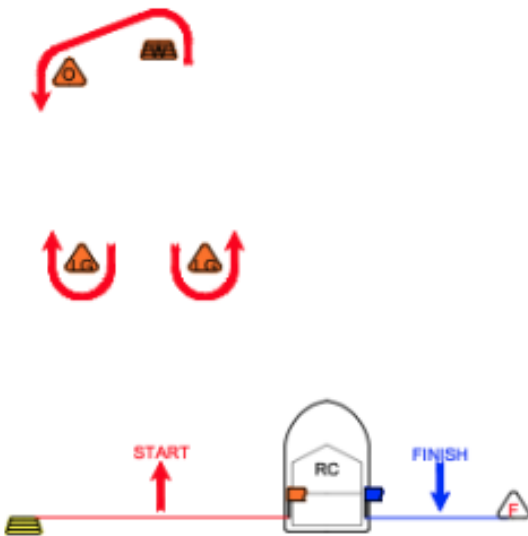
ADDENDUM A

COURSE A



WL 2- START, W, FINISH
WL 4- START, W, L, W, FINISH
FINISH LINE WILL BE THE SAME AS THE
START LINE ON ALL A COURSES

COURSE B



WL 2- START, W, O, FINISH
WL 4- START, W, O, LG, W, O, FINISH

COURSE C



WL 3- START, W, O, LG, FINISH
WL 5- START, W, O, LG, W, O, LG, FINISH